



2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021  
Week 2 Term 3

Kia orana tatou katoatoa,

Naumai haere mai ngā whanau hou ki te Kura o Winiri. Welcome to the new families at Windley School. It has been a very organized start to the term. We had a whole school show of a traditional fairy tale on the first day, Pōwhiri on the second day, as well as Ki-o-rahi and Netball with Brandon Intermediate on Thursday. The senior classes have continued to work with the Epro 8 technology kits and the rest of us have our usual reading, writing and maths to fit in between all these. No wonder our students are tired by the end of the week.

Thank you to all those who were keeping an eye on the school during the holidays. There was no tagging and no vandalism but, unfortunately, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at about 9pm, two teenage boys burgled our school and took a number of chromebooks (they left the chargers and cords). The police dusted for fingerprints etc. The chromebooks are unusable so are likely to be dumped somewhere. The damage done to the school while taking the chromebooks has to be repaired from the school funds. The insurance claim for the replacement of the chromebooks takes a long time to process. In the meantime, I appreciate your patience.

**If you know anything about the missing chromebooks please let the office know so we can report it to the police.**

Rhys McKinley  
PRINCIPAL

## STUDENT NEWS Epro 8 technology

As part of the technology curriculum, our senior students have been designing, creating and testing inventions they are making from the Epro 8 kits purchased by the Porirua East Kāhui Ako. Great collaborative learning and lots of fun.



## Cook Island language week

This week is Cook Island Language week. Mama Metu has been working hard to put some extra language activities in place for our students to participate in.

This year's theme for 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani – Cook Islands Language Week is 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna which means, connect me to the soil of my ancestors.

## STAFF NEWS

### Room 13 teacher

Windley School has appointed Nora Puia as our new Room 13 teacher. Nora has 8 years experience mostly in Early Childhood Kinda Care, Aotea and also did a teaching practicum at Windley School in 2013. We are very pleased with the appointment and look forward to Nora starting. Nora starts with us on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August and, in the meantime, Meena Bhasin, one of our regular relievers, will be relieving in Room 13.

### Caretaker

We also have a new part time caretaker. Welcome to Jono Gill, who has been appointed fixed term for a few hours each day. He has already fitted in with the way Windley works and was a student here for a short time when he was young.

### Teacher Only Day

The Ministry of Education has given all schools Teacher Only Days to use before the end of this year. These days are used for planning and professional development. We have one on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August**. Windley School is closed for instruction on this day so students do not come to school. I understand for many families this means making extra arrangements to have tamariki cared for. Thank you to all families for doing this so the Windley School staff can build their teaching skills so we become better teachers for your tamariki.

### Hampshire Street Gate

#### PB4L- Be safe

We are trying to keep this gate shut from 8.45am to 9.00am. We will close it again in the afternoon about 2.50pm until 3.10pm. This is so our students are safe and not sharing the driveway with moving cars. Please be patient.

### Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Beginning of Cook Island language week	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Teacher Only Day	School is closed for instruction.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Beginning Tongan language week	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Beginning Tuvaluan language week	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Last day of Term 3	3pm finish
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of Term 4	8.55am start