



21st October 2021
Week 1 Term 4

Faka alofa lahi atu,

This week is Vagahau Niue. We had a flag-raising and sang the National Anthem of Niue. By celebrating our Pacific nations, it allows us to focus on our own country, Aotearoa. In our country, we have large populations of all Pacific nations, which brings diversity and strengthens us as a Pacific nation also. Aotearoa has extra strong connections to Niue, Cook Islands and Tokelau. Next week is Tokelau language week. Again, our connections are strengthened through celebrating Pacific people in Aotearoa. By celebrating Pacific and Māori Language weeks, it builds our identity as a school.

Unfortunately, under COVID alert Level 2, these celebrations are limited to what we can do as a whole school. When the weather is very good we can gather outside to celebrate the work that has been done by the students but we are often at the mercy of the weather. Hopefully, we can post more photos etc on Facebook for people to see.

Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL

STUDENT NEWS

VAI awards

These students received VAI awards at the end of Term 3 for their Voice, Action and Identity. They had been working on Voice Action and Identity all term. We presented the VAI certificates to the students in their classrooms as we couldn't have a whole school assembly under COVID alert Level 2 restrictions.



Tuvalu Language week

Our juniors said and acted out several poems in Tuvalu as part of our learning. The seniors sang some songs and several students recited a prayer and danced. We are very grateful to Tevaka Lasi who brought along Henele Tekavei and Poni Vavai to help us open the week.



STAFF NEWS

Solomona Logologo is a bilingual tutor for our Tokelau students across the school. He supports the students with learning and engagement. He can also support Tokelau families who have children at Windley. Welcome to Windley School Solomona.

Room 1 teacher

Welcome back to Katrina Paterson. Katrina is the Room 1 teacher for Term 4. She has taught at Windley School before and knows many of the students already.



Teacher Aide

Welcome back to Shantey Kitiseni who is working in Rooms 11 and 16 to support the teachers and students. Shantey has worked at Windley School before and has children who attend here.



Teacher Only Day

There will be a Teacher Only Day on Friday 12th November which means the school will be closed that day. The teachers will be at school writing and moderating report writing for the end of year.

REMINDERS

Roads around Windley School

Please slow down when driving near the school, especially before and after school for the safety of the children.

Breakfast

Windley School provides breakfast for tamariki every morning from 7.30am to 8.30am. Come along and have some food. It is a great way to start the day.

COVID Alert Level 2

Please wear a mask and report to the office when you enter school. We have spare masks if you need them. Please drop off and pick up your children at the gate or in the carpark. Try and use phone contact rather than person to person where you can. Let's hope we move to Level 1 soon.

Facebook Page

Windley School has a closed group Facebook page that you can find by searching "Windley School – Official". There are several pages that appear to be by Windley School but there is only one official page. Please feel free to request that you be included in the group and one of our administrators will add you. **As it is a Facebook guideline that children under the age of 13 should not have their own page, we do not accept requests from anyone younger than this. Please let your children know this.**

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Notes
18 th - 22 nd October	Niue language week	
Monday 25 th October	Labour Day	Holiday. School Closed
12 th November	Teacher Only Day	School is closed for instruction
22 nd November	Board of Trustees Meeting	5pm in staffroom
Friday 10 th December	Last day of Term 4 for students	3pm finish