



14th December 2021

Hola,

Thank you to the school community for co-operating this year through all our lockdowns etc. It has been very frustrating for everyone. I am very proud of our students and whānau the way you all have managed to stay focused in teaching and learning. One of the biggest changes have been the way we celebrate special occasions without whānau.

We will post as many photos as we can when we have special occasions. One special occasion was Daymond Tauakume's farewell. Daymond has been at Windley School for almost 20 years. During that time he started as caretaker and developed into a confident teacher aide and Poly Club tutor. He has been a great friend and support for students, staff and families. He has guided many students along their path to success. The whole community will miss him and his work. We will miss him as well. He is not going far, just to Brandon Intermediate where he will continue to guide students and still be part of our community.

Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL

Staff News

We also farewelled Gina Pearson, Repeka Kome and Ida Cloete.

Gina Has been with us for 4 years and has taught across the whole school at every year group. Gina has been in charge of technology and has been a big part of our Chromebooks In Homes scheme. She has been a successful Reading Recovery teacher as well. Thank you, Gina, for all the work you have done for teachers, students and families. Gina is going to Maraeroa School and will be missed.

Repeka has been with us for only one year but her influence on our students has been noticed. The students in her class have been so responsible about their learning and management of themselves that they almost run their learning themselves. Windley School wishes you well, Repeka.

Ida came from South Africa almost two years ago. She has grown in her teaching practice a lot since coming here and has embraced the Windley School culture and our ways of doing things. She has always been a positive influence on our staff and students. Her love of learning will be missed. She is moving to Lichfield School north of Tokoroa.

Welcome to Tania de Bazin. Tania is a very experienced teacher and has had lots of responsibilities in her last school. She has moved to Wellington from Auckland where she was teaching at Rutherford School. She comes highly recommended. She will be teaching Year 3 and 4 students in Room 2. I am sure she will make contact with you to introduce herself.

Student News

Vaccination passes

We are intending to have a whole-school trip to the Waikanae Pools on Thursday 10th February 2022. However, we have been made aware that everyone over the age of 12 years and 3 months is required to be fully vaccinated and to have their Vaccine Pass available when visiting the pools. This is a requirement now at many of the places our students will be wanting to visit throughout the year so it would be appreciated if you could make sure your child has their Vaccine Pass so they are able to participate.

Celebrations

There have been so many special occasions in the last week for students at Windley School. These occasions have been captured on our Facebook page. We are still having student assemblies split into juniors and seniors to try and keep low numbers and safe for our students. Therefore whānau were not invited to our celebrations this week. It seemed a bit weird not having whānau to share these celebrations but go to our Facebook page to view them.

VAI awards from last week



Voice: Everyone has a voice that can change the way things are.

Action: Learners make a difference

Identity: Know who you are. Be who you are. Show who you are.

Chromebooks

When a student has their own chromebook they don't have to share. They also get to use it at home and school. It has become increasingly important to be able to do their learning at home as well as at school. If you are a Pacific Islander then you may be able to get a free chromebook. If you can not get it free, the school can get you a chromebook for about \$4 per week for 3 years. Come and see Yvonne in the office from 25th January 2022 to discuss about how you can do this.

Facebook Page

Don't forget to join our school Facebook page (if you haven't already) so you can keep up to date with what is happening around our school. Just search "Windley School – official" and one of our Administrators will add you to the group.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Notes
2 nd February 2022	Start of school year	8.55am start