



Windley School

E tipu nga rakau iti

27th July 2022
Week 1 Term 3

Kia orana koutou katoatoa,

It was good to see our new whanau being welcomed on Monday. The tamariki remembered what our tikanga is around powhiri and expectations. Thank you to our student leaders and kaiako who organized and managed the whole powhiri process. I am so proud of our whole-school events, especially our powhiri. All the students have returned wanting to show their teachers that they are ready to learn and be successfully at school.

Thank you to the Windley School community for looking after the school over the holidays. There were none of the usual incidents during this time, which tells me of a community that cares about what happens around the school. Thanks again for your support and help. I am looking forward to working with you and your children to have a successful term.

Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL

STUDENT NEWS

VAI awards



Here are the Voice, Action and Identity students from the end of Term 2. These students are working hard to do better every chance they get.

Health and Safety

Windley School wants to help keep our health system from being overloaded and to decrease the spread of flu and other winter illnesses we;

- Wash hands regularly with soap
- Sanitize regularly
- Support students who wear masks
- All staff are offered the flu jab for free
- Discourage adults entering our class unless wearing a mask
- Ask all adults to report to the office to collect students (instead of going straight to the classroom)
- All wear masks at interviews
- Send all students home if they are unwell

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

The end of last term was very exciting as all students were taken to the Porirua Pools for a PB4L celebration. All students contributed by being;

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible

All classes are focusing on re-enforcing the expectations through PB4L lessons. This helps our new students and our old students to be aware of school expectations. Please continue to support our expectations by mentioning them at home and perhaps discussing what being Safe, Respectful and Responsible at home means.

WHĀNAU NEWS

The Year 7 and 8 students will be learning about puberty. This is a reminder that there is a consultation meeting all whanau who have Year 7 and 8 students in the Windley School staffroom tonight at 5pm.

Absences

Please contact the school if your child is away for any reason. Free phone 0800115053.

Free Chromebooks

It is a huge home learning advantage for Year 5-8 students if they have their own chromebook.

- They don't have to wait for their turn to use a chromebook.
- They can continue their learning wherever they are.
- They can go on the internet for information and research at home and at school.
- They can connect to the latest news.
- They can access classroom learning and work on class assignments with other chromebook users.
- They can chat to each other while working.

Your child may be able to get a free chromebook!!

Contact Yvonne in the office on 2377095 or 0800115053 (free phone) if there is, at least, one member of your household who is Pasifika to see if you qualify for a free chromebook through Whanau Ora.

You can also buy a chromebook and very low weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. Please contact the office to discuss this option.

STAFF NEWS

Helen Walls has resigned as from the beginning of this term. Helen has been with Windley School long before I arrived. She has been the main driver for some of our literacy programmes, especially in our junior school. She has been a great motivator for Windley staff in learning literacy knowledge and skills. Helen has been recognized for her literacy work by Massey University and is leading their literacy professional development for schools. Congratulations Helen and thank you for all you have done for our staff and students.

There has been a large number of staff absences already this term and there have been very few relievers available. To avoid splitting classes we have applied for several of our very experienced teacher assistants to become Limited Authorities to Teach. This means for a limited time they will be able to relieve for teachers who are sick or isolating. I am very confident that this is a much better option than splitting up students to be placed in other classes. I am thankful to Ana Sione, Shantey Kitiseni, and Caleb Davis for accepting this opportunity to help Windley School out.

Calendar of events

Date	Description
Friday 29 th July	Play house Theatre presents – The Emperor's New Clothes
Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th August	Cook Island Language week
Monday 1 st August	Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom
Thursday 4 th August	Room 2 trip to Pataka
Monday 29 th August	Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom
Monday 5 th -Friday 9 th September	Tongan Language week
Monday 12 th -Friday 16 th September	Māori Language week
Monday 26 th -Friday 30 th September	Tuvalu Language week
Monday 26 th September	Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom
Friday 30 th September	Last day of term 3 – 3pm finish