



6th August 2022

Week 2 Term 3

Kia orana koutou katoatoa,

This week is Cook Island language week so all classes have been busy doing language activities. The theme for the week is 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te oneone o tōku ui tupuna, which means "connect me to the soil of my ancestors". We had māmā Metu, Liz Tuara, drummers, and Kaitara and Matairangi Charlie running the opening ceremony. Having our staff and students taking these types of responsibilities raises the status of our Cook Island students as they are the experts and teachers that we can learn from. Meitaki maata koutou.



Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL

STUDENT NEWS

Primary School Leadership awards

Congratulations to Mataio Sopoaga and Seraia-Lee Ikenasio for being chosen as great examples of our graduate profile VAI and leaders in the school. They will be recognized by the mayor Anita Baker for their skills and work they have done for their school. These students are potential community, city or possibly country leaders.

Health and Safety

The Ministry of Education have some health advice for us below:

Follow this guidance to help keep children and whānau stay healthy during the winter months.

- Provide children with **healthy and nutritious food** to eat. Healthy eating supports immunity and helps our bodies to work well and feel good.
- Support **children to get enough sleep**. Sleep is important for restoring energy, maintaining mental and physically wellbeing, learning, and aiding healthy growth and development.
- Encourage and **create opportunities for children to be active**. Being active at home, at school, at play during the weekends and in the community helps children maintain good health and wellbeing.
- It is a good idea to **encourage children to play outdoors** – they just need to be **dressed warmly** during the winter months!
- Being outdoors helps to boost children's immune systems through exposure to fresh air and enables them to make vitamin D from exposure to the sun.

VAI - Voice, Action and Identity

Many of the students have come back to school and are already working hard to be the best they can be. This week we have lots of students showing that they have a voice to change the way things are. They can make a difference by the actions they take. They know who they are and show who they are.



WHĀNAU NEWS

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 with very low weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. Please contact the office to discuss this option.

STAFF NEWS

Anau Kupa will be the Acting Principal for Windley School in Term 4 while the Board is going through the process of appointing a new Principal. Anau is the ideal person to take on this position as she knows our students, staff and whānau and they know her. She also knows Windley School's systems and processes in depth. She is a highly skilled organizer and manager of Windley School and has done this many times before when I have been away. She has great support from the Senior Leadership Team and staff. I know you will give her your support while Windley School is going through the appointment process. Thank you Anau for accepting the Board's offer of Acting Principal.

BOARD NEWS

Thank you to the current Windley School Board of Trustees John Wolff, Eunice Sio, Kim Willis, Foliga Fiso, Mel Gill, and Helaina Waters. They have successfully governed Windley School for many years and have worked as a great team making some very important decisions for the school over the years. The Board elections are on 7th September.

Calendar of events

Date	Description
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 September	Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th September	Tuvalu Language week
Friday 30 th September	Last day of term 3. 3pm finish