



5th September 2022

Week 7 Term 3

Bula vinaka,

Our attendance rate is averaging 78% at the moment. On any day 58-65 students are away. This is the equivalent of two to three classes every day. There are many reasons for this - sickness, tangi, appointments etc. There are 13 students who attend less than 50% of the time. I have noticed many of the students who are away often return to school and become disengaged with the learning because the rest of the class have moved on with their learning and their friendships and moved on socially and emotionally.

Our students are very good at including returning students but, for many students with high absences, it gets harder and harder to return to school and engage with learning and with their teacher and friends. Just getting up and coming to school becomes very difficult.

There is no one way of getting students to attend school but I know when I ask the regular attending students, the main reasons they attend are because

- I don't know, I just want to do it
- I like playing with my friends
- mum said

Whatever the reason your child comes to school, we are privileged to have them here. Windley School is a safe place for your child to learn.

Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL

STUDENT NEWS

I am always impressed with the way our students can play several full-length games in the same space without any issues. When our field is too wet and boggy to play on, we have all the students playing on the concrete areas. The amount of co-operation it takes to have several games operating on these concrete areas is huge. It shows that our students of all ages manage themselves so they can play their game and others can play their own games in the same space. Our students are a good example of what can happen when co-operation works. Everyone gets to play and have fun.

VAI Assembly

In preparation for Tongan Language Week the Senior Polyclub has been learning a Tongan song. On Friday at assembly, they performed it for the rest of the school.

Here are the Voice, Action and Identity students who received awards at Friday's assembly. These students are working hard to do better every chance they get.



Positive Behaviour for Learning PB4L

The school expectations are

- Kia Tūpato/be safe
- Kia whakaute/be respectful
- Kia Takohanga/be responsible

Each fortnight we have a focus for PB4L. This fortnight is, keep to task by staying focused. All classes teach what this looks like, sounds like, what behaviours promote this focus. After the lesson the teacher rewards and gives positive feedback around this focus. At the end of the fortnight Windley School has a PB4L assembly to promote the focus and give certificates to students who have been demonstrating the focus well. Ask your child about the expectations and what that might look like, sound like, and feel like at home. Each home may have different ways of showing the expectations.

Chromebooks

Year 4s can now get chromebooks to start learning how to use them so they have the necessary skills when they move to Year 5. You can purchase one for as little as \$4 a week. If you are Pasifika, you might be able to get one for free! See Yvonne in the office to find out how you can get one.

WHĀNAU NEWS

Windley School is having two whānau afternoons - Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st September 3pm -5pm. The whānau afternoons are for you and your whānau to wander through your tamariki's classes to see what they have been learning. Check out the displays, take a few photos, and chat with the teacher. No appointments needed. Come along. Besides looking through the classes, there will be;

- Sausage sizzle/Kai for all whānau sponsored by Kāpura, the people who supply our healthy lunches
- Softball games and skills by Kelly Sport
- Whānau will go into the draw for petrol, meat and toy hamper raffles if you turn up
- Quiet corner in the hall for tamariki to have some time to relax
- Short movies for the tamariki to watch
- Childcare by our support staff
- Duffy book giveaways

On the same afternoons there will be a mobile vaccination clinic set up by the Library. Again, there is no appointment necessary. Just walk in.

School lunches

Windley School wants you to complete the survey below. It is about improving the free school lunches that the students get every day. Windley School is finding that the students are not eating the free lunches so we want the Ministry of Education to change the lunches to something the students will eat.

Please copy and paste the following url into your computer's browser to complete the survey.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSct_mBL08Eo3gdQNFa70taomone-WQxlnXDDDFwJ8ZWGBXS_w/viewform

BOARD NEWS

There is a bi-election coming up. Nominations for this close on 14th September. The next board meeting is on Monday 26th September at 5pm in the staff room.

Calendar of events

Date	Description
Monday 5 th - Friday 9 th September	Tongan Language week. Windley School will actually be starting on Friday 2 nd September.
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th September	Māori Language week. Each class to teach a Te Reo activity and then rotate the next day to learn another Te Reo activity with another teacher.
Tuesday 20 th and Wednesday 21 st September	Whānau afternoon and Pop-up vaccination centre. Both will be at Windley School 3pm -5pm.
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