



Windley School

E tipu nga rakau iti

17th October 2022

Term 4 Week 1

Fakaalofa lahi atu ki a mutolu oti

Vagahau Niue/ It is Niue Language Week

E te whānau, nau mai hoki mai ki te kura o Winiri. Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to our new families. I hope you all had an amazing time with your children during the break. Our teachers have been busy gearing up for Term 4 to ensure our students get the best start when they return to school. It is important that students get the best learning so they can grow up to be successful V.A.I students.

Last term we bid farewell to the Principal Rhys McKinley, leaving after serving this school since Term 4, 2013. Mr McKinley is a confident and calm leader that carried out his day to day business with professionalism and commitment to ensure effective outcomes for all. He worked flexibly and adapted across all settings, at school, community and across the Kahui Ako. He was a strong advocate for students, whānau and the community. An excellent mediator in helping to bring people together to realize their full potential. He was dedicated and committed to the school. We wish him all the best and wellness on his next venture.

Anau Kupa

ACTING PRINCIPAL



STUDENT NEWS

Groups who come to Windley School are always impressed with your child's manners and gratitude towards the people who take them. This is something that others comment on when we attend events outside school as well. This makes our staff feel so proud of being part of the Windley School whanau. Thank you to the families who have good manners as their expectations. It really shows when Windley School goes to an event or hosts groups at school.

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.



Sunhats

Please ensure your children bring their sunhats to school every day in Term 4.

STAFF NEWS

Matiu Somerville (Teacher Aide/Tutor) starts this term. He comes fresh out of school and is excited about working with students and staff. He will be supporting te reo Māori across the school and teacher aide work with our students.



Windley School staff have a strong culture of support and help. They have each other's backs and work hard to make sure the tamariki are at the centre of everything. This makes it easy for staff to stay focused on their purpose. The staff work together to make sure every child has the opportunity to learn about the world and to grow their social skills. Thank you to all staff for the efforts you put into our tamariki.

WHĀNAU NEWS

Thank you to all whanau who send their children to school every day. One of Windley School's goals for the rest of this year is getting all whanau sending tamariki to school every day. When tamariki are here at school every day they get to play and learn together with their friends. When tamariki are at school every day they get into the habit of learning to read, write and do math. Coming to school every day means that they can build strong relationships with their teacher, friends and classmates. Please send your child to school so they can access learning and social skills they will need for life.

Contact freephone **0800 115 053** when your child is absent.

Last term we had two whānau evenings. This was the first time we had opened Windley School without restrictions. It was encouraging to see 60 of our wānau coming through the classes to view and discuss their child's learning. It was also great to see the students playing volleyball, lining up for sausage sizzles and some even getting their booster vaccinations. I hope everyone enjoyed the book giveaways and the raffles (if you won).

Thanks to the staff who supported this event on the night. Many people contributed to the success.

BOARD NEWS

Kia orana

Ko Sheryl Brown toku ingoa.

I am a parent of 5 adult children and Nan of 5. I have 33 years of experience in education as a teacher. My current role being Learning Support Coordinator in Porirua East. It is a privilege to be co-opted onto the Board of Trustees as Board Chair of Windley School for the next 12 months. I have served on several Boards of Trustees as a Staff Representative (2 Primary Schools), co-opted as a Māori Parent Representative (St Patrick's College) and Parent Representative as Board Chair at Upper Hutt School.



I would like to acknowledge John Wolff and Eunice Sio Patu for their work on the board. John Wolff was Chairperson of Windley School for several years and made a huge commitment and contribution to meetings ensuring students received the resources and education to help them achieve excellent results. Eunice served one term on the board, and during her time on the board she was a strong advocate for students and whanau making sure they received the best possible education.

Calendar of events

Date	Description
Monday 17th October	First day of term 4
Monday 17th – Friday 21st October	Niue Language Week
Monday 24th October	Labour Day holiday. School is closed
Monday 24th - 29th October	Tokelau Language Week
Monday 31st October	BOT meeting
Friday 11th November	Year 8 Porirua College Transition
Friday 9th December	V.A.I Trophy/Final Assembly
Friday 9th December	School Reports Home
Wednesday 14th December	Last day of School.