



Windy Ridge School Newsletter

April 6th 2016

Week 10 Term 1

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Hola a todos, Kumusta, Annyeonghaseyo, Ni Hao, Konichiwa, Namaste, Zdravstvuyte, Ciao, Hallo, Bonjour, Salut, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Kia Ora Koutou

Feijoa Day - this Thursday

"Kiwi Living" (TV1) is filming a segment to be screened in the next few months about growing feijoa plants as a hedge. They have asked us to participate in this event and will be coming to film some students planting the hedge on Thursday 7 April. It is a marvellous opportunity for a small group of our students, who will no doubt be excited to see themselves on television. As an added bonus, we receive a beautiful new feijoa hedge for our school. We will let everyone know when the segment will be aired.

Maths evening - Next Wednesday evening 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Next Wednesday evening we have planned a special evening to share information about maths and how you can help your child at home with their maths learning. There will be a short presentation and an opportunity to play some games which you can then take away to play at home with your children. We will send home a reminder notice early next week and encourage you to attend.

Reports

Reports are being written at the moment, to go home in the last week of term. Year 4-6 students will receive a Data Report. This report gives you some basic assessment data related to reading, writing and mathematics. It shows results in a range of tests indicating a general picture of where your child is placed at this stage. Please keep in mind that test results are only one point of data that is used to determine your child's working level, as children often perform differently in the more supported classroom programme.

Some of the children in Years 1-3 will receive a report this term as they have reached an anniversary reporting milestone. This is in line with the National Standards checkpoints set at 20, 40, 60, 80, 100 and 120 weeks since enrolment. Annually, your child will receive one achievement report, issued in the term of their birthday, and one progress report, issued six months before their anniversary report. If your child does not receive reports in term 1 and term 3, then they will receive them in terms 2 and 4.

I wish to acknowledge the time and effort that our teachers put into completing the assessments and judgements required for these reports, ensuring that they are a positive and fair reflection of the students learning at a point in time.

Staffing Notes

Mrs Turner had been away for a few weeks recovering from urgent surgery and is likely to be away for a while longer. We wish her all the best and a speedy recovery. Big thanks to Mrs Cameron-Smith for covering in her absence whenever possible.

We have advertised some teaching positions to cover roll growth in the school and will be interviewing soon in order to make appointments before the end of the term.

School holidays

Don't Forget - Term 1 ends at the end of NEXT Week - Friday 15th April.
Term Two starts back on Monday May 2nd.

As always, thank you for your on-going support of our school

Brenda McPherson.

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Reminders:

- **Lost Property:** Please come and check our huge lost property pile in the health room, we will also be displaying the clothes outside the hall on Friday morning during assembly. We will be donating the left over clothing to Women's Refuge in the holidays.

Weetbix Tryathlon & Shore to Shore:

- Congratulations to all of our students who competed in these events on the weekend and thank you to the parents who got up very early to support them.

School Terms 2016

- Term 1 Tuesday 2nd February - Friday 15th April
- Term 2 Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July
- Term 3 Monday 25th July - Friday 23rd September
- Term 4 Monday 10th October - Wednesday 14th December (tbc)

School holidays during the term:

- Queen's Birthday - Mon 6 Jun
- Labour Day - Mon 24 Oct

Upcoming Events:

- **BoT Meeting** Term 2 Tuesday 24 May 7.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome to attend.

PTA news

- **CAKE DAY** - Remember your \$1 for cake day this Friday for a special treat a morning tea. Room 12 will be supplying the cakes etc.
MEETING - We have a meeting next Thursday 14th April at 7pm in the staff room, so please come along to chat about what's coming up for fundraising next term. We would love to see you there.

Community news

- **'INNOVATE' Holiday Programme Monday 18th April**, Children Year 0-6, Greenhithe Playcentre Get your school holidays off to a great start by joining us for a day of innovation, creativity and fun drama. Know that your children are safe, well looked after and having loads fun at our Drama Holiday Programme. Read about the programme and register online www.tenfeet.co.nz
- **Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari - Autumn School Holiday Promotion - Saturday 16th April - Sunday 1st May.** "Kids Go Free" & Photo Competition www.sanctuarymountain.co.nz
- **Paradise Ice Skating - Active Zone Glenfield 14th April to 1st May from 7pm**
- **Harbourside Kids Holiday Programme - 18th to 22nd and 25th-29th April, 48 Esmonde Rd, 5-12.** www.hskids.co.nz
- **Adventure Holiday Camp - Adventure 4-day Camp - Sailing, Fishing, Tramping, and heaps more. 8-13 yrs 26th-29th April \$375 pick up and drop off points, North Shore, Central Auckland and Papakura** Planned and run by teachers, OSCAR available. Enrol online at www.edventure.co.nz or ph 021 0224 1576.
- **Children's Art Workshops, Ponsonby - Places limited, booking essential.**
For bookings or more information: www.youngartart.co.nz or anna@youngartart.co.nz
- **Allstar Cheerleaders Holiday Programme - Monday 18th - Friday 23rd April, All Star LEGACY Gym, 62B Diana Drive, Glenfield, \$40/day or \$150 for the week. Aftercare available for \$10/day** office@allstarcheerleaders.co.nz
- **"The Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshop is back! It runs from 10am-4pm Tuesday 26 - Thurs 28th April.** Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day! Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment.