



Windy Ridge School Newsletter

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Week 1 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

Nau mai, haere mai, Welcome back everyone! We had a great powhiri on our first day to welcome all our new families and students. *Congratulations to JP, Chase S, Motuhi, Emily C, Maycee R and Zenita A for their leadership with Kapa haka at the powhiri.* I hope you have had a relaxing and rewarding family time, and are recharged in preparation for what is shaping up to be a very busy year! Teachers have been working hard over the holidays planning exciting and engaging programmes for your children. More information about the term 1 programmes will come to you in the next few weeks.

Staffing Structure for 2016 - We continue to have three teams led by three experienced and capable team leaders; Mrs Brown (Tui team - Room 11, 12, 13) Mrs Micheel (Fantail team - Room 1, 2, 3, 4) and Mrs Harries (Falcon team - Room 8, 9 and 10). While any issues should always be directed to your class teacher first, the team leaders are there to support the teachers and the learning that happens in the team. Mrs Millard and Ms Maxwell have significant responsibility in the school for a variety of tasks, and will be in classrooms all around the school in a range of release roles.

Assemblies - We will be running assemblies this year on **Friday mornings fortnightly at 9.450am**. I will be leading assemblies along with student leaders, and classes will be presenting items on a rostered basis. We will endeavour to give you some warning about presentations and certificates so parents can attend if their child is involved. **Our first assembly is on Friday 12th February.** I would also like to invite parents to meet me for coffee and hear from you about how we are doing. Parents meeting in the staffroom at 9.15am prior to assembly for those who can make it! It is a good way for new parents to meet other parents in the school, have a tea or coffee and find out more about the school.

Road Safety - Just a reminder to all families that **none of the school carparks are to be used for dropping off and collecting students from school**, and driveways are not to be used as footpaths. We have two supervised crossings and ask that you be good role models for our children by using the crossings correctly. Listen for the students to call 'Signs out - Check - Clear - Cross now' before moving on to the crossing. Thanks.

Sports, Drama, Music, Cultural groups...

In the next few weeks we will be sending home some information booklets outlining the sporting and extra-curricular opportunities for students this year. These will explain what is offered, associated costs, timing and commitment expectations. Hopefully this will answer many of the questions you may already have.

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

Brenda McPherson,

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Road Patrol Supervisors - Urgent! Urgent! Urgent!

I am currently in the process of putting together the Road Patrol Roster for Term 1. We do have a lot of students who have offered their services and been trained by Constable Steve Harwood for this responsible and important role. However, we are always on the look out for parents who are able to help supervise the patrols. These are run five days a week, the front gate at 8.25 to 9.00 and again from 2.55 to 3.20 and the back gate

from 2.55 to 3.20. This is a great opportunity for parents to help support the school in a valuable way. Parents from the junior and middle schools are welcome and even encouraged to have a go at this role. New and returning volunteers, please email jmaxwell@windyridge.school.nz to let me know if and when you are available. All training provided. Fluent English not a prerequisite.

Reminders:

- **Attendance** - Please ensure that your children arrive at school on time and that we are aware of their absence by 9.00am each day. We do follow up lateness and absence as we are required to report on both to the Ministry of Education and the Board of Trustees.
- **Sunhats** are compulsory for all students this term.
- **Banking day** is Thursday - please send ASB envelopes to the office.
- **Ez Lunch** available all days of the week now. Please go to ezlunch.co.nz to register and order. More information available at the office.
- **PTA Facebook** - Information about our fabulous PTA is available online on **Facebook**. Search 'Windy Ridge School PTA' for the page and join up for updates and information about events and news.
- **WINDY RIDGE PARENTS Facebook** - We have a closed Facebook page for Windy Ridge parents - you need to request to be part of this page. Search - Windy Ridge Parents. It is a valuable page for reminders, information, and general WRS stuff.

Upcoming Events:

- **Basketball** - We have registered two Windy Ridge teams for term 1
 - (a) A year 3/4 team which will be playing on Wednesday nights
 - (b) A year 5/6 team which will be playing on Thursday nightsThis year we are joining the Breakers Junior league so games will be held at the breakers training gym in Atlas place, Mairangi Bay. The season starts in early March and runs over term 1 & 2. **If you have a child that would be keen to play please contact the office and leave your name and contact details. (there is a post regarding this on the WRS fb page)**
- **Meet the Teacher evening** - Wednesday 17th February (week 3) More information to come soon.
- **BoT Meeting** Tuesday 22nd Feb 7.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome to attend.

PTA news

STOP PRESS: ???Trivia Night??? Saturday 27th February, 2016 7.30 - till late. Get a team together or come along on your own and join a team. Tickets (\$20 each) available from the office. Come and have fun!

Community news

- Albert Park Lantern Festival 18-21 February
- Families in Parks at Windy Ridge School - Friday 26th February
- Movies in Parks at Windy Ridge School "Hook" - Friday 5th March 8.00 - 10.00
- **Shore Dance: Birkenhead Dance Studio**

Enrolments now open for Term 1 - Dance classes available in ballet, jazz, contemporary and Tap. Preschoolers to adults. Our studios are located at 17 Enterprise Street, Birkenhead. Please visit our website for more information: www.shoredance.co.nz or class (027) 424 2444

Soccer Registrations

Forrest Hill Milford AFC have opened their registrations for 2016 and would like to welcome all returning and new football (soccer) players to register at www.forresthillafc.co.nz. Our trials start early February with all details online. We cater for all players, from young to old and all skill levels. We also offer specialised training for goalkeepers in recognition of the importance of that position to any team. Based at Becroft Park in Forrest Hill we are centrally located with easy access off the Northern Motorway.

Rugby Registrations

Glenfield Rugby Club will be carrying out junior rugby registrations at their clubrooms Kaipatiki Park on the following dates: Wednesday 10th February 5 - 7 pm, Wednesday 17th February 5 - 7 pm, Saturday 20th February 10 - 12 am. Further information is available by contacting Colin Ross on 027 249 3452