



## Windy Ridge School Newsletter

April 13<sup>th</sup> 2016

Week 11 Term 1

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School Bank Account: ASB 12 3072 033 4812 00

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

### Maths evening - TONIGHT 6.30pm

We look forward to seeing you tonight at the Maths evening. We have been preparing a series of activities to share with you that you can play them at home with your children.

### Staffing

At the end of this term we farewell Mrs Turner, one of our fantastic Fantail team teachers.

We are obviously very sad to see her go as she has been an important part of our school and a valued colleague.

However we respect her decision and understand that it is driven by family and personal reasons, and we wish her and her family all the very best.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Angela Hall to the team, and she will be working with Mrs Cameron-Smith in Room 2 for the remainder of the year. Mrs Hall is well known to our school and students, having been a regular reliever in our classrooms. Because of this we anticipate a very smooth transition for both the staff and students.

We are also in the process of appointing a new teacher to join us from next term to teach in the Junior team also, to accommodate the new students enrolled for the term.

### School Donations and Trip Fees

We are sending home letters this week to families with information about school donations, swimming and camp fees. We are using a new system in the office to track and generate invoices, so please accept our apologies if we have not recorded a payment you have already made - just contact the office and we will ensure this is tidied up for you. We offer a discount of \$20 per School Donation for those who chose to pay before the end of May. Please note that school donations are not compulsory and we certainly appreciate that it is a choice.

### Swimming - term 2

Notices were sent home last week for the Tui team swimming lessons starting next term. The first session is in the first week back on the Friday. We would appreciate the payment for these lessons before the first session.

Payments can be made at the office or online directly into the school bank account.

### 'Kiwi Living'

We had a great day last Thursday when the team from Kiwi Living came to film a segment for their show. The 5 students who participated were a credit to themselves and their families. We look forward to the feijoa harvest in the future. The show is set to air on TV1 on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

### Holiday Reminders

Please remember you are welcome to use the school grounds and playgrounds during the holiday period. It is a lovely place to come and play, ride bikes and meet up with friends. We ask parents and adults to keep children out of the buildings, (even if they are unlocked) as we have cleaning and maintenance projects booked for this time and teachers are also in school to complete their planning and preparation for the following term.

One major project is the refurbishment of our Wilson School satellite rooms (by the Hall). This project will be running through the holidays and most of the next term, and the area will be fenced off clearly. Please ensure that children stay well away from the area for safety reasons.

If you see any misbehaviour or damage to the school, please contact the Glenfield Police (ph 4438039)

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

Brenda McPherson.

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### 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.
- **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](http://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'.

### School Terms 2016

Term 1 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Term 4 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (tbc)

### School holidays during the term:

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

### Upcoming Events:

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

### PTA news

- **MEETING** - Tomorrow night Thursday 14 April at 7pm in the school staff room/office we will be holding our PTA meeting to get together to talk about what's on next term. We would love you to come along!
- **ROOM 12 CAKE DAY** - Thank you so much to everyone in and associated with Room 12 for providing yummy treats for morning tea/cake day last Friday! We made a profit of \$179! Awesome! Well Done.
- **DISCO** - We had an awesome disco a couple of weeks ago and everyone got right into it which is so great! Just wanted to let everyone know we made a profit of \$1506.00, Amazing!!!
- **NEXT TERM** - Just to give you all the heads up on next term, we have our annual "Whittakers Chocolate boxes" to sell as well as lots of other fun fundraising stuff going on so keep your ears out on what's happening!
- **MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE** - The PTA is looking for donations to make up some Gift Baskets for our Mother's Day Raffle, anything would be greatly appreciated. Please hand in to the office, or you can contact Simone 021 128 3425.

### Community news

- **Little Champions Holiday Programme** - Beach Haven Multi-Sport Holiday Programme, [www.littlechampions.org.nz](http://www.littlechampions.org.nz)
- **Art Classes for Children** - Holiday workshops April 18-21 & 26-28, Visual Arts Studios, Faculty of Education, University of Auckland, Epsom. For a brochure or further information phone 623 8858 or email [c.gunnell@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.gunnell@auckland.ac.nz).
- **Children's Clothing & Toy SWAP** - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-11.30am Beach Haven Community House, 130 Beach Haven Road. Please drop your clothing & toys to either the Beach Haven House (open 9-3pm) or Birkdale House (open 9-6pm) to receive your tickets to swap items 1 week prior to the swap. Email [houses@birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz](mailto:houses@birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz) for more information.
- **Drama Holiday Programme with Collette Lochore** - Little Actors ages 5-10yrs [www.eliettesmusicacademy.com](http://www.eliettesmusicacademy.com) or 021 667 6333 for more information