



## Windy Ridge School Newsletter

March 16<sup>th</sup> 2015

Week 7 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

### Traffic Safety Reminders

It is important that everyone understands and follows the rules around carparks and pedestrian crossings. These rules are in place to keep your children safe, and we need your support in making this happen.

#### Pedestrian crossings

- School patrols operate twice daily to ensure that school children get to and from school safely
- As motorists you **must slow down as you approach and stop** if one or both signs are extended onto the road
- All pedestrians should obey the commands of the patrols - even the adults!

#### School Carparks

- **We do not have a car park for parents to drop off and pick up students.**
- The carpark on Seaview Rd is only for mobility taxis to use and for Wilson School staff to use.
- The carpark from Valleyview Rd is for staff only. Please do not drop off or pick up your child in this carpark.

### Easter holiday - Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup>

NZ Schools are closed for three days over the Easter holiday this year. It is mandated by the Ministry of Education, and common practice when the holiday does not fall within a normal school holiday period. School will close at 3pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and re-opens again at 8.30am on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. (AND Daylight Savings ends on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.)

### Assembly next week on Thursday not Friday

Because of the Easter holiday we will have our normal Friday assembly on Thursday morning instead.

### Shore to Shore Fun Run - REMINDER

Don't forget to register for the Fun Run on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. It is a great day and everyone has lots of fun. You can register online at [www.shoretoshore.co.nz](http://www.shoretoshore.co.nz) Registrations close on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Last year we had 65 runners representing our school, and currently we have only 4 registrations for this year.

### Sports - Netball

Last year a group of interested parents and staff met to form the Sports Committee, set up to expand the range of sports available to our children. So far this year we have got basketball going and hockey in the process. The next team sport to be organised will be Netball. There will be a notice coming home in the next few days about this, and we will post it on the website and facebook page also. We are really pleased with the number of children we have involved in sports and interest groups so far this year, and encourage you to support your child in participating.

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.
- **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](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:

- Easter Weekend : Fri 25 Mar - Tues 29 Mar (school resumes on Wed 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Queen's Birthday - Mon 6 Jun
- Labour Day - Mon 24 Oct

### Upcoming Events:

- **BoT Meeting** Tuesday 22 March 7.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome to attend.

### PTA news

- **AMERICAN HOT DOGS - THIS FRIDAY!!**  
Remember to get your orders in for your lunch of American Hot Dogs this Friday 18 March 2016. If you didn't get an order form it's okay there are some in the office. Remember \$3 per hot dog, get your order in or you will miss out!
- **HOSE DAY - THIS FRIDAY!!**  
We have a fire truck coming this Friday afternoon at 2.15pm to spray water over the kids and a bit of a celebration of coming to the end of summer! Bring your togs and towel! It's going to be a fun afternoon. Parents are welcome to come and watch or even join in if you are game!
- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - CHAIRPERSON AND TREASURER REPORT.**  
We had a great annual general meeting last Thursday night, where we talked about how the year had been, along with what we can do this year to get closer to the goal of monies to replacement of the junior playground. Please see attached a copy of the Chairperson Report and the Treasurers Report for your information.
- **WHAT ELSE IS ON THIS TERM YOU ASK?**  
Friday 1 April 6.00pm-8.00pm - Disco  
Friday 8 April - Cake Day Room 13  
Thursday 14 April - PTA Meeting at 7pm in the staffroom  
Look out for information coming out closer to the dates.

### Community news

- **ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS**  
Come along to Junior Fitness Training Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Meet on Field 3 (closest field to Kaipatiki Road by the big black shed) To kick the season off, we are starting with some fitness training to get us all ready for rugby. We will also be taking registrations!! Any queries please do not hesitate to contact Kelly on 021 455-725 or Nicole on 027 467-2072
- **Bubble Dome** - As the holidays approach fast spaces are filling up in our Technology Workshops. Get in now with your bookings at [www.bubbledome.co.nz](http://www.bubbledome.co.nz) If you would like to find out more about how Minecraft is good for your children from an educational point of view check out this amazing educational wiki. [minecraftedu.com](http://minecraftedu.com)