



## Windy Ridge School Newsletter

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015

Week 8 Term 1

[www.windyridge.school.nz](http://www.windyridge.school.nz)

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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

### Out of School Hours - Use of school grounds

We are very lucky to have such a beautiful environment in which our school sits. The grounds are lovely and well-cared for by Mr Taylor. We like seeing families up here at school enjoying the playgrounds and fields. We also appreciate the security that comes with families being in the school on afternoons and in weekends.

However we are concerned about the number of young children in the school grounds unsupervised by an adult during these non-school times. The concern extends to weekends as we have had a number of incidents when minor damage has been done to the school by young children on site and unsupervised by an adult. We are also worried about children getting hurt during these times when there is no one here to help them.

The staff are not able to supervise children on site before 8.30am or after school as they have considerable responsibilities that need to be sorted in this time; planning and assessment, preparation of resources for lessons, professional meetings both at school and at other venues.

We have Before and After School care available at school and you can book your child in to this by speaking to Steven (0212987926).

Please be aware that there is no supervision of children on site at school outside of 8.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday, and as a family you will need to ensure that your children are supervised and safe.

### Fantail team Parent Interviews

Next week some parents are meeting with their child's teacher for the initial report, received after 6-8 weeks at school. You will have received a notice if your child is getting this report. The interviews can be booked online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using the code **j5hj** or you can phone the office to have us help you make the booking.

### Ka Hikitia Project

A reminder to the families that received a notice about the Ka Hikitia project that we have a meeting tonight at 6.30pm in the staffroom. You will have received a letter if your child is involved in this group.

### Sports

The basketball teams are up and going and really enjoying their competition and training sessions with the Breakers. The hockey team is sorted and more information will come out soon about this to those families involved. Netball is our next sport and if your child is keen to be involved we need to have the return slip back by tomorrow. The notice is available at the office and on the school website.

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

Happy Easter everyone. We will see you back on Wednesday next week.

As always, thank you for your on-going support of our school  
Brenda McPherson.  
[principal@windyridge.school.nz](mailto:principal@windyridge.school.nz)

### 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 24 May 7.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome to attend.

### PTA news

- **Cake Day** - Tomorrow Room 13 are bringing cakes to sell, don't forget to bring a \$1 coin to buy a cake. Thanks
- **Disco** - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, Heroes & Villains - come dressed as your favourite hero, heroine or villain, tickets and food can be ordered from the office.

### Community News

- **Beginners Yoga Class** Thursdays 9.30am at Birkdale Community Hall, 136 Birkdale Rd  
Any queries phone Simone 021 128 3425
- **Hillcrest Lions Charity Garage Sale**, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 7am at Glenfield
- "Mothers Helpers is offering women with Antenatal or Postnatal Depression/Anxiety a 10 week recovery course starting beginning of term 2. If you have pre-school children and have depression/anxiety we would like to help you. Most mothers that attend have their depressive symptoms resolve as a result of the course. Learn how to holistically recover from depression/anxiety while gaining support and friendship with other mothers. Contact us ASAP: [info@mothershelpers.co.nz](mailto:info@mothershelpers.co.nz) to put your name down or if you'd like more information or phone 0800-002-717."
- **Bear Friends Forever (bff) Adventureland & Café Holiday Programme** - Can't think of what to do with your children for the next school holidays. Enrol them with us and your worries are over. We have lots of fun and educational things to keep them busy. So if you think this will work for you, check out our timetable now at [www.bffadventureland.co.nz/holiday-programme](http://www.bffadventureland.co.nz/holiday-programme) or call now for more information. Ph: 838-4466, email: [info@bff.co.nz](mailto:info@bff.co.nz), 201 Lincoln Road, Henderson.
- **Conscious Kids** hosts 100% nature-based Holiday Programs during April in Albany and Long Bay. An antidote for technology, Kids get the opportunity to have unstructured play in the bush and beach. Come get muddy, climb a tree and just play! Visit for more information and bookings: [www.consciouskids.co.nz](http://www.consciouskids.co.nz) OR Harriet 021733868 [info@consciouskids.co.nz](mailto:info@consciouskids.co.nz)