



## Windy Ridge School Newsletter

May 4th 2016

Week 1 Term 2

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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

### Welcome to term 2

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday break. We extend a special welcome to the new families that joined our school this term and were welcomed in the powhiri on Monday morning.

Our Inquiry focus question for this term is 'What Do We Need?' Each team will be looking at different contexts or topics, depending on the age and understanding of their students, but we are all asking ourselves this question to discover what we need as individuals and communities to be safe, healthy and successful.

### Keeping Ourselves Safe: Information for parents/whānau

This term the whole school will be taking part in the Keeping Ourselves Safe health programme, supported by Constable Harwood, our Police Education Officer.

Keeping Ourselves Safe [KOS] is a comprehensive child protection programme in which students learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

How parents/whānau can support KOS

Parents and whānau are strongly encouraged to support KOS by:

- reinforcing classroom lessons and whole-school activities that promote positive behaviours
- encourage an environment in which children are empowered to speak up about concerns.
- encouraging other parents/whānau to attend parent events before the classroom lessons start
- supporting your child with the home-based activities that are included in the KOS programme.

We are holding a parent information session next week for all parents who want to know more about the programme before it starts in week 3. Information will be sent home for those unable to come along.

We encourage you to join us on **WEDNESDAY next week at 9am** in the Staffroom.

Later in the term we will also have a Parents meeting from NetSafe to talk about internet and digital safety for your children, supporting other lessons they will cover in the KOS programme.

### Staffing

We welcome Mrs Hall and Mrs Seaton to the Fantail team. Both are familiar faces, but it is lovely to have them here more permanently. Mrs Turner is back with us, in a different role, and can be found supporting Ms Weston in her move to Room 7. Mrs Seaton is in Room 4 and Mrs Hall is in Room 2. We are currently searching for a new teacher for the Junior team. Staffing new positions in Auckland is becoming increasingly difficult, and has been identified by the Ministry as an urgent resourcing issue.

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

Brenda McPherson.

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### School Terms 2016

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

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? Board of Trustees Elections: Nominations are invited for the election of 6 parent representatives to the board of trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself.

The timeline for the Board elections is:

6 May - call for nominations

20 May - nominations close 12 noon

25 May - voting papers sent out

3 June - voting closes 12 noon

9 June - votes counted 10 June - New Board takes office

### 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 recommended 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'.

### Upcoming Events:

- Tui Team Swimming - starts THIS Friday
- KOS - Parents workshop - Wednesday 11 May 9am
- **BoT Meeting** Tuesday 24 May 7.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome to attend.
- NetSafe - Internet Safety - Parents Meeting - Thursday 2 June @ 6.30pm

### PTA news:

- **Mums Day Raffle** - Remember to get your tickets and monies back into the office by the end of the week so you can be in to WIN. The tickets will be drawn on Monday now due to assembly being changed. Also if you have something you would like to donate to the prize packs please bring it in to the office that would be most appreciated!
- **Chocolates** - The kids will be bringing home a box of Whittakers Chunky Bars for to sell to your neighbours, friends, workmates etc. They will be coming home at the end of next week so just wanted to give you all the heads up to look out for them.
- **Cake Day** - Room 8, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at morning tea

### Community news

- Health & Wellness Expo, Mission Hall, Glenfield Community Centre, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10am-1pm. A free one-stop shop showcasing services available to cater for the needs of local families with children aged 0 - 5 years.
- The Parent Place - Parenting Course happening in Glenfield next Thursday evening (May 12<sup>th</sup>) for Parents/Caregivers of Tweens & Teens aged 12 years old to 18 years old. Bookings can be made online at: <http://www.theparentingplace.com/event/tweens-and-teens-toolbox-course-in-glenfield-120516/>
- 'Young at Art Children's after school Art Classes commence in Beach Haven Community house this week for children aged 5 yrs+ and 9 yrs+. FREE trials available. For more information or to book please contact: [www.youngatart.co.nz](http://www.youngatart.co.nz), email: [anna@youngatart.co.nz](mailto:anna@youngatart.co.nz) or phone 0297 712 923. Bookings essential as places are limited.'