



Windy Ridge School Newsletter

February 24th 2015

Week 4 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

INTEREST GROUPS INFORMATION BOOKLET

There is a booklet of information about the Interest Groups offered at our school that has been sent home tonight with this newsletter. It is also available on the school website and posted on the school fb page. We have included the information that we think is most important to give families a chance to make informed decisions about what activities their children might participate in. Please note that while most of the activities offered in school are free to join, Drama and Music lessons have a fee to participate.

Gardening Working Bee - This FRIDAY

We are delighted to have 5 volunteers provided to us this Friday to support our school with a project. Group M and Media Works have chosen to donate a day's work with all their staff to assist schools on the North Shore. We would love some parents or family members to come along on the day and also help out as the task is quite large. Our project is to weed and mulch the Wetlands garden behind the Hall. Because it is mainly grasses it is very hard to get children to help as they don't discriminate between the grasses and the weeds, and everything gets pulled out! If you are able to help out at some point in the day, please let the office know so we make sure we have enough tools etc for the day.

Thankyou

Thank you to the many people that attended the Collaborative Learning Environment presentation last week, prior to the Meet the Teacher evening. It was an excellent first step in our ongoing development of this style of teaching and learning in our school, and we appreciate your support.

For those unable to attend the evening, the presentation PowerPoint will be available soon on the school website and also on the parents Facebook page.

On the evening classroom teachers had handouts for parents and forms to complete to provide us with extra information about your child. These will be sent home to you and we would appreciate them being returned. Please remember that if you have a concern regarding your child, the classroom teacher is always your first contact. You will find a list of teacher email contacts on the school website, and we encourage you to make contact if you have a query or concern you wish to discuss.

Mathletics and Reading Eggs - Presentation on Wednesday 2 March @ 6.30pm

We have organised a parents evening next Wednesday night for you to come along and hear more about these two programmes, available to you this year to support class learning and provide meaningful home learning activities. Wayne Marr from 3P Learning will be there to answer your questions and demonstrate how the programmes work.

Friday Night - Families in Parks - Here at WRS - starts at 5pm. Come along and have a fun family afternoon with games and activities provided.

One of our WRS families is looking for rental accommodation options. If you hear of a three bedroom home in the area available for rent, please pass on the information to the Office and we will let them know. Thanks in advance for your help.

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 to register and order. More information available at the office. See Windy Ridge Facebook page for promotion next week.
- **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 2nd February - Friday 15th April
 - Term 2 Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July
 - Term 3 Monday 25th July - Friday 23rd September
 - Term 4 Monday 10th October - Wednesday 14th December (tbc)
- **School holidays during the term:**
 - Easter Weekend : Fri 25 Mar - Tues 29 Mar (school resumes on Wed 30th)
 - Queen's Birthday - Mon 6 Jun
 - Labour Day - Mon 24 Oct

Upcoming Events:

- **BoT Meeting** Tuesday 29 March 7.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome to attend.

PTA news

- **Trivia Night** - this Saturday 27th, don't forget to get your tickets from the office.

Community news

- **Movies in Parks at WRS - "Hook"** - Saturday 5th March at 8pm.
- We are looking for someone to join our small friendly team in Glenfield. Excellent keyboard skills and a good basic knowledge of accounts is required for this interesting data entry role. Initially 2 days per week (school hours) with room to do more days if needed. Most school holidays off. Contact us now - kathy@accountingbureau.co.nz OR phone 444 0144.
- **ABE'S Bagels Teddy Bears Picnic** **Date:** Sunday, 28th February
Location: Western Springs Lakeside **Time:** 10am - 3pm
Features: Stage shows by childrens favourite characters, Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan, Tinkerbell, Magician Alan Watson as well as Kung Fu Panda - Po.
The Fairy Grotto returns with an entourage of fairies and pixies amongst the trees.
Bouncy castles, giant slides, farm animals, face painting and much much more!
Cost: FREE
- **Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! Come and join Marrzipan!** We run awesome drama classes which focus on key life skills in the school hall on Wednesday lunchtimes! We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All children receive an end of term progress report too, along with a certificate to remind them they are awesome! Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. Contact Alisha on 0212570372 or email alisha@marrzipandrama.co.nz.