



Windy Ridge School Newsletter

"Striving for excellence while valuing effort."

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Kia ora koutou. Hello Everyone.

Yes I am leaving

By now you should have received the notice from Nicky Primrose regarding the fact that I will be leaving during the last week of Term 2. Even though I haven't been at Windy Ridge as long as I intended to be, I would like to stress how much I have thoroughly enjoyed leading Windy Ridge School during my time here. It has been a great privilege to be able to work with such a hard working group of teachers and support staff who are committed to making your child(ren)'s schooling both academically valuable and memorable. With the support of the Board of Trustees and the fore-mentioned people I feel we have re-established a school we can all be proud of. I am confident that the Board will make a very careful and considered appointment that will ensure the school continues to become stronger. The only reason I am leaving is because I was offered an opportunity to advance my career in a way that doesn't happen every day. So even though I am looking forward to my upcoming challenge, rest assured I will be focused right up to my last day, on ensuring our students get the best opportunities they can.

Helping your child succeed at school

This week I am continuing to share some strategies that parents may like to try, or to reinforce some strategies you may have already implemented in your homes in order for you to help your child succeed at school.

Be involved with the school

Every school depends on informed and active parents. You have valuable skills and experience that your school needs. You and your child will benefit from your knowledge of what goes on at school and why. Even if you cannot be actively involved your children will be more successful if you

- Talk about the value of hard work and the importance of education.
- Talk about what is happening at school.
- Read school newsletters, reports and notes.
- Attend school meetings.

Share your own experiences and goals

Children admire their parents and strive to measure up to them. If your children know you have ideas and goals, and are working to achieve them, they will try to do the same.

To be continued...

Adapted from Principals Digest

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received recognition at last week's assembly for being role models and setting high standards in effort/ attitude and or behaviour; *Clare T R2, Ali Akbar R2, Jessica P R5, Amber W R5, Nicholas R7, Joshua G R7, Britney R9, Chelsea R9, Zaira R10, Tony C R10, Khushaal R11, Marina R11, David A R12, and Ellice R12.*

Note of Caution

It has come to my attention that over the past few weeks we have had a couple of incidents where parents have approached children to tell them off about how they have been behaving with their own children. Please be aware that if the behaviour happens at school there are procedures to follow so the school can deal with it. Please contact a teacher or Deputy Principal so the behaviours can be followed up. **It is not appropriate to approach children directly.** Just think how you would feel if your child was approached by an upset parent of another child!! Staff is more than happy to deal with any concerns you may have- just let us know.

End of Term Details

School will be finishing at 3pm on Thursday 1 April and Term 2 begins at 8.55 on Monday 19 April.

School Fees

Just another reminder that if you pay in full, or set up a regular payment schedule by the end of next week, there will be a discount. Time is running out to the end of this term so be in soon to take up this offer.

Bible in Schools

As normal the 'Bible in School' group will be putting on an Easter concert on Thursday 1 April at 1.30pm. This will be for the whole school and not just for the classes who normally have Bible in School classes available to them during the year. If you **DO NOT** want your child(ren) to take part please make sure their class teacher and/or the office is notified prior to next Thursday.

Nomination Forms for upcoming Board of Trustees Elections

Please keep an eye out in your letterboxes for the nomination forms for the upcoming elections if you are interested in standing. The close of nominations occurs on Friday 23 April. Have a lovely week everyone

Kind regards

Janine Irvine
Principal

PTA News

- **Disco "Under the Sea"** - Friday 26 March from 5.30-7.30pm. Please place your food orders at the office by tomorrow Thurs 25th.
- **Reminder** - we will be selling Ice Blocks from the Lunchroom tomorrow Thursday for \$1 each.
- **Easter Raffle** - all tickets and money must be in by this Friday as the raffle will be drawn at the Disco. Come and see the wonderful basket of goodies you could win, on display in the office foyer.

Community News

- **Allstar Cheerleader Holiday Programme.** Always wanted to give cheerleading a go? Now is your chance! The Allstar Cheerleaders are offering a 'cheer' holiday programme during the second week of the April school holidays at our local North Shore Gym, open to all ages and abilities. Please see your school office for a brochure with more information or phone Nicky on 021 528 955 or Anne on 027 325 548.
- **Glenfield Rovers AFC** - holiday programme. Phone Shelley on 027 4834 284 for more info,
- **YMCA** holiday programme. Visit www.nzymca.com to see the programme or request a brochure.
- North Shore Soccer Camp - Takapuna Grammar. Phone 449 2795 or 021 067 6700.
- Beach Haven Discovery Pack is looking for new members. Lots of fun, games & activities. Phone Christien on 418 1734 or 027 663 6782 for more details.
- SPCA - holiday programme about caring for animals. Phone Kathy on 256 7300 ext 827.