



Windy Ridge School Newsletter

"Striving for excellence while valuing effort."

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Kia ora koutou. Hello Everyone.

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.

Establish realistic, consistent family rules

Children learn security and responsibility through stable routines, consistent limits and high expectations. They may test the limits over and over again in order to find out what they can depend on.

Encourage your children to think about the future

Resilient children have a sense of the future. All children need realistic goals and the satisfaction of meeting some of their goals. They grow through helping to make decisions and learning that decisions have consequences. If you are looking forward to next month, next year, your children also learn to plan hopefully.

I hope these suggestions have been helpful.

Adapted from Principals Digest

Community Surveys

Thank you to all the families who have returned their community survey forms already. We value your feedback and it is important that we can consider different points of view as the school continues to move forward.

School Website

Please note that all the important dates have been added to the term 2 calendar on our website. So it is a great place to visit if you want to be pre warned of up coming events. Please be aware however, that sometimes dates can change due to a multiple of reasons. If they do we will attempt to inform you as soon as possible.

Communication between School and Home

We are again struggling with the age-old problem of how to get messages home from school via your children. We just can't seem to find a sure fire way of connecting with all our families in a consistent manner. As I have mentioned in the past if you are reading this message we are probably preaching to the converted, but if you have any innovative ideas of how to improve this in a cost effective and reasonable way, we would love to hear from you.

Soapbox Derby

Come and watch the Soapbox Derby team on **Saturday 10 April** (rain-day Sunday 11 April) do their "thing" in Kaipatiki Road, Glenfield, starting at 8am. Our drivers are Sam, Venjan, Jamie and Yun, the reserve drivers are Stacey and Saphron, and the pit crew is Hayley.

National Standards Meeting

If you would like to hear some information regarding the concerns held by educationalists surrounding National Standards, you may be interested in attending a meeting at Target Road School tonight at 7pm where Professor Martin Thrupp, Emeritus Professor Warwick Ellery and Principal Louis Guy will be discussing why parents should be concerned about the government's 'National Standards'.

It is always important to gather views from both sides of any argument in order to be able to make an informed and considered decision on any matter.

End of Term Details

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

Bible in Schools

As normal the 'Bible in Schools' group will be putting on an Easter concert tomorrow 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 tomorrow.

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 Easter break everyone

Kind regards

Janine Irvine
Principal

PTA News

- **Disco "Under The Sea"** - What a fun night everyone had, so lovely to see so many of you having a great time.
- **Easter Raffle** - Congratulations to M Tuazon 1st prize, Simon Rao 2nd prize, Julian Murray 3rd and Crystal-Rose O'Flaherty who received the special draw prize.
- **Reminder** - We are still selling Ice Blocks for \$1 from the lunch room tomorrow Thursday.
- **Cake Day** - Room 12 raised \$64.90 - well done!
- **Free Tickets to the Circus** - Circus Aotearoa have given us 4 tickets to their show in Devonport for Easter Weekend only. Contact the office if your family is interested.

Community News

- **School Dental Clinic** - from 6-16 April the Glenfield Intermediate School Clinic will be open for any emergencies. Please contact them on 444 6160.
- **Beach Haven Sports Centre** - holiday programme. Ph 483 7664 or pick up a form from the school office.
- **Auckland Museum** - with autumn here and the temperature dropping, it's about time to explore the fabulous Auckland Museum. Throughout autumn Aucklanders will receive free entry to the museum with proof of residence. Of course, kids are always free. School activities include BioBlitz, Crochet Sea Garden & the *Dangerous Museum for Boys & Girls*.