



Windy Ridge School Newsletter

"Striving for excellence while valuing effort."

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Kia ora koutou. Hello Everyone.

I read this article recently and I found it very thought provoking. Therefore I am going to include it over the next couple of weeks for your consideration.

Raising Moral Children

All of us, as parents, want to foster our children's moral development. Sometimes we are too narrowly focused on our children's happiness and believe that happiness and self-esteem are at the root of morality. We may be the first generation of parents in history who hold that belief. We think a child who feels good- and who feels good about him or herself- is more likely to be good. In the past, parents believed that suffering, burdens, and sacrifices were an important basis of morality; that through suffering children learned empathy. Nowadays many parents try to shield their children from problems, perhaps denying them the chance to grow through dealing with adversity. In many day to day ways, we can too easily place our children's happiness above their caring for others. Many parents let their children write off friends they find annoying. They fail to insist that they return phone calls from friends, or give credit to other children for their achievements, or reach out to friendless children in the playground.

Next week I will continue this article with things we should consider doing if we wish to raise moral children.

Adapted from the Principal's Digest

School Assembly

We have a school assembly tomorrow (May 13) at 2.15pm. Room 12 will be leading the assembly and I am sure they would like to share it with as many of you who are able to come.

Wheels Day

Congratulations to the organising committee of Ethan, Venjan, Charlotte, Yun, David, Joshua and Ms Maxwell for all their work getting this event to run so smoothly. It was obvious that all the children taking part had a great time and it was a brilliant way of launching the Travelwise programme in our school. Over the next few weeks you will be hearing some more about this programme that is focused on getting more children out of cars and walking or riding to school in a safe manner.

Photo Permission

As we are well into the second term we are assuming that if you have not returned a slip to say you do not want your child's photo published online or in the newsletter you are happy for it to be used if appropriate. **IF YOU ARE NOT HAPPY FOR THIS, PLEASE LET US KNOW A.S.A.P !!**, unless you know you have already returned the form.



The Wheels Day organising committee with Maxx - The Pukeko

Netball

WR 1 won their first grading game 13-4 vs St John last Wednesday night. It was a great first game and the whole team played well. Player of the Day was Leeah. ☺

Basketball

WR Rebels had a good win last Friday 14-4 vs Hauraki. It was good to see the team passing the ball around and playing as a team. Well done! ☺

Kind regards

Janine Irvine
Principal

PTA NEWS

- **Mothers Day Raffle** - Congratulations to Ilinga Ofa 1st Prize, Saskia Mansill 2nd Prize and Bowen Szpetnar 3rd Prize
- **Cadbury's Chocolate Fundraiser** - Your child will be bringing home a box of chocolates this week to sell, to raise funds for our new senior playground.
- **Wheels Day** - Thank you to everyone who brought in their coins, we raised a total of \$198.
- **Cake Day** - Room 11 will be having their cake day on Friday 21st May.

Community news

- Windy Ridge Playcentre Carboot Sale **Sat 15 May** (not 21st as mentioned last week!!) Call now to book a space for \$10 or come along on the day for heaps of fun! Starts at 8am.
- Glenfield Kindergarten has spaces available right now! 3 Mayfield Road, Glenfield. Phone 444 8473 or go for a visit.
- Shore Dance - phone Whitney on 027 424 2444 for more information.