



# Windy Ridge School Newsletter

*"Striving for excellence while valuing effort."*

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Kia ora koutou. Hello Everyone.

## Farewell

Even though I don't officially leave the school until next Monday 28 June, this is my last official newsletter. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to express my immense gratitude for being given the opportunity to lead Windy Ridge School for the past two and a half years. This school is special in so many ways and I will be sad to leave.

I would like to acknowledge the Board of Trustees members (both past and present) who have always been extremely supportive of me as Principal. I believe the school is in very good hands with the current Board and I know they have the skill and integrity to continue to govern the school successfully in the future. I would also like to thank Nicky Primrose personally for her professionalism and support in her role as Board Chairperson during my time at the school.

Now I would like to commend the quality of the staff at the school. I am continually impressed by the hardworking teachers and support staff who are committed to doing the best job they can for all the students and families in this school. I don't believe you could get a more genuine group of people if you tried and I have definitely appreciated their ongoing collegial support since 2008. Thank you to all of them.

The final two groups I would like to recognise are you, the families, and your wonderful and talented children. I know I may be biased but I think the group of children at Windy Ridge are second to none. This may be a small school but it has a huge heart and I truly believe that the next principal will take it into the future, nurturing and enhancing the special features that are unique to this school. My time here will always hold a special part in my heart.

So thank you and farewell !!

Warmest regards

Janine Irvine  
Principal

## Weed spraying

Mr Taylor will be weed spraying the field during the holidays so suggests that children keep off the grounds during those two weeks.

## NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees has great pleasure in announcing to the community that we have appointed a new Principal at Windy Ridge School. Mrs Brenda McPherson will commence the position of Principal in approximately week 3 of Term 3. Mrs McPherson has had numerous years' experience as a Deputy Principal, as well as acting Principal, in a large North Shore School and brings a wealth of knowledge to share with us at Windy Ridge. A formal assembly will be arranged to provide an opportunity for you to meet with Mrs McPherson as well as welcome her to the school.

Our current Deputy Principals, Ms Maxwell & Mrs Millard, will step in as acting Principals to cover the day to day management of school until Mrs McPherson begins.

The Board of Trustees would also like to thank Mrs Irvine for the outstanding job she has done as our Principal over the past few years and wish her well in her future role.

The school is holding a farewell assembly for Mrs Irvine at 1.30 pm on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> June. Parents and whanau are welcome to attend. This will be followed by an afternoon tea in the staffroom. Due to limited space and the nature of the occasion, we would respectfully ask that students and preschoolers not attend this function. Please contact the office with your RSVP if you anticipate attending.

## Netball

WR 2 won their game vs Kristin 13 - 3 last week. Player of the Day was Annie B-C. Well done team!

## Scholastic Book Orders

Orders need to be in by 9am TOMORROW for the 2-day Winter Sale Book orders.

## School holiday

The last day of this term will be Friday 2 July (school finishes at 3pm) and term 3 starts on Monday 19 July.

## PTA News

- Reminder - the holidays are coming up so buy your movie tickets from the school office now. Adult tickets are \$12 and child tickets \$8 each. You can order as many or as few as you like!
- Chocolate fundraising - urgent reminder: could all outstanding money please be returned to the office this week. Thank you!

## Community news

- Glenfield College 1 July @ 7pm "The Hilarious Hypnotist". \$20 per ticket. Ph Julie on 444 3730 for more information or purchase of tickets.
- School Holidays 2day/1 night camp for Yr4-6 children @ M=Camp Maynard, Albany. Contact Carolann on 443 2421 or e-mail [caz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:caz@xtra.co.nz) for further details.
- Rugby World Cup 2011 - Martin Snedden to talk in Devonport - 19 August. E-mail [pta@stleosschool.co.nz](mailto:pta@stleosschool.co.nz) for more information or tickets.
- "Powerful workshop for working mothers" contact Gabrielle on 478 2059 for more details.
- Affordable piano/keyboard lessons. Accelerated learning, customised lessons and child-friendly. Please contact Sarah on 442 4597/021 062 4589.
- Mairangi Players Inc "Gummy No More" - 2-10 July, Theatre Works, Recreation Drive, Birkenhead. Tickets \$12. Book now on 419 0415 or [bookings@mairangiplayers.co.nz](mailto:bookings@mairangiplayers.co.nz) Fun for the whole family!