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Newsletter Term 3 Week 6



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23 August 2023

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Kia ora, Hello, Kamusta, Hola a todos, As-salāmu, alaykum, Kumusta, Annyeonghaseyo, Ni Hao, Konichiwa, Namaste, Zdravstvuyte, Ciao, Cześć, Szia, Hallo, Bonjour, Salut, Shalom, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Talofa Lava, Malo e Leilei, Kia Orana, Kia Ora Koutou

He kokonga whare, e kitea;
He kokonga ngākau, e kore e kitea.

“A corner of a house may be seen and examined; not so the corners of the heart”

News from the Acting Principal

Kaizen

Kaizen is an effective approach that promotes continuous improvement, emphasizing the significance of incremental positive changes. This approach is based on cooperation and commitment, in contrast to radical or top-down changes that may cause disruptions. I mention this as a follow on from my comments in the last newsletter about the importance of persistence and 'pressing on.' On Thursday I attended the rippa rugby tournament where we had four teams. After the first game with one of the teams I suggested they worked on an aspect of their play in order to improve. One of the students asked if I thought they weren't any good? Ah, no. What I was suggesting was they should reflect on how they played the game and figure out one area they could improve upon and implement this in their next game.

Top athletes are top athletes, amongst other reasons, because they practice for hours and hours a day. They remain top athletes because they continue to work on their deliberate practice for hours and hours a day. While I am not for one minute suggesting our students should participate in such a regime, I am suggesting that being open to reflecting on where improvements can be made and then working to improve should be part of their training.

The same applies to schools. Good schools, wishing to become great schools, have at their core a commitment to continually improve through reflection, analysis and planning. More of this next week but for the moment, the notion of kaizen, working toward continuous improvement, should be part of everything we do.

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change good

John McGowan
Acting Principal

actingprincipal@windyridge.school.nz

COVID-19 Update

The government removed the COVID-19 isolation restrictions. It is now not compulsory to isolate for 7 days if you or your child has tested positive. The Ministry of Health do still recommend to stay at home for five days if you're unwell or have tested positive for COVID-19. For health advice, please visit [KidsHealth](#) or [Healthify](#), or call Healthline anytime on 0800 611 116 for free health advice or information, or your general practitioner (GP).

Daffodil Day/Bake Sale – Friday 25th August

To support Daffodil Day and the NZ Cancer society Windy Ridge will be wearing yellow (optional) and having a bake sale **this Friday**. Please wear **yellow** and bring along a **gold coin donation**. Children are welcome to purchase a piece of baking with their gold coin at morning on Friday. Thank you to team Kotare for your bake sale efforts.

School Cross Country – Friday 1 September

Next Friday Windy Ridge will be having our school Cross Country event. Parents and whanau are more than welcome to come along and support their tamariki on the day. Please note the times below are approximate and we will do our best to remain as close to those timings as possible. We encourage children to bring a change of clothes to school as they may get muddy or wet running the track.

The PTA will also be running a **sausage sizzle** during lunchtime at a cost of \$2 per sausage orders can be place online through Kindo from next Monday. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

The following times are APPROXIMATE only. Starting times are depend on weather conditions, the timing of previous races and who knows??!!

9:40am – Year 2 Girls

9:55am – Year 2 Boys

10:10 am – Year 0-1 Girls

10: 20 am – Year 0-1 Boys

Morning Tea Break 10.40am – 11am

11:10am – Year 6 Girls

11:20am – Year 6 Boys

11:30am –year 5 Girls

11:40am – year 5 Boys

11:50am – year 4 Girls

12.00pm – Year 4 Boys

12.10pm – Year 3 Girls

12.20pm – Year 3 Boys

Lunchtime 12.45pm – 1.45pm

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Keeping Ourselves Safe is a comprehensive child abuse prevention programme for schools. Its purpose is to:

- teach students a range of safe practices that they can use when interacting with other people, both online and face to face
- teach students how to recognise the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and encourage students who have been or are being abused to seek help
- prevent abuse by making parents and teachers more aware of their responsibilities to help students avoid abuse.

Windy Ridge Primary along with the support from Constable Steve Harwood will be teaching this programme in Term 4. To help support our whanau and community we will be hosting a **parent information meeting**. All parents and caregivers are welcomed and encouraged to come along. This is a great forum to ask questions or seek further clarification about the programme.

Please join us in the school staffroom on: Thursday 21 September 9am

Feel free to click onto the [Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent and Whanau Page](#) for more information

Have Your Say – Term 3 Policy Reviews

Like many other schools, we use the services of *School Docs* who design policies for many New Zealand schools; updating them to reflect current legislation. Periodically parents are asked to review certain policies. This term parents are invited to have their say around the following policies –

- [Learning Support](#)
- [Learning Support Coordination](#)
- [Identify Learning Support](#)
- [Gifted Learners](#)
- [Inclusive Education](#)
- [Māori Educational Success](#)

1. Visit the website <https://windyridge.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (windyridge) and password (WRS0629).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

PTA

Coming up in Term 3

Friday 25th August Kōtare Cake sale at morning tea. All money raised will go to Daffodil Day Please bring \$1 (or more) to purchase a sweet treat for this great cause.

Friday 1st September Sausage sizzle at lunchtime (cross country day)

Friday 15th September – Disco Back to the 80's Tickets \$5 per school aged child. Prizes for Best Dressed. Popcorn candy Bar American Hot Dogs for sale Doors open 6pm – 7.30pm

SAVE THE DATE: Adults only Beats by Bingo Night school Hall 27th October – more details to come.

Term 3 Events

Thursday 24 August – Board meeting 6.30pm

Friday 25 August – School Assembly – Team Kotare

Friday 25 August – Daffodil Day – Cake Day (morning tea)

Friday 1 September – School Cross Country & PTA Sausage Sizzle (lunchtime)



Road Safety Around Schools

A reminder to our school community to observe the 40 km max speed limits around schools and borrow a phrase being used by the Police at present – ‘speed limits are a maximum speed allowed, not a target’. Can we also ask parents, whānau, and friends to park safely and legally around our school at pick-up and drop-off times? We continue to see cars parked or stopping on yellow lines and at bus stops, or in the limited time zone areas at the back gate, all of which are clearly marked to be kept clear. This is about your child and our students’ safety.

Finally, we have noticed a number of cars carrying out u-turns or three-point turns in front of the school. **This is highly dangerous**, and compromises the safety of children on the crossing and the footpaths, as well as other traffic on the road. On Tuesday morning a driver almost hit one of our children while reversing as part of a three-point turn. Please consider the whole area in front of the school a **no-turning zone**. You can easily drive along to Tamahere Rd to complete your maneuver.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS



We now have 19 kids walking on the Capilano and Roberts Road walking school bus. We would love more.

What is a Walking School Bus? It's an organised group of children who walk to and from school along a designated route, under the supervision of adult volunteers. Children are 'picked up' and 'dropped off' at specific walking school bus 'bus stops'. Walking School Buses (WSBs) reduce the number of cars on the road, making our environment safer and cleaner, and they provide exercise for kids in a fun and social way.

Please contact Jane Brown jbrown@windyridge.school.nz if you are interested in joining an existing WSB, or are able to support Route A or B. [Walking School Bus website](#) [WSB-general-information](#)
Thank you for your support.

Route C (Roberts Road)

Kieren Streifler (route coordinator)

Route D (feeder route to Roberts Road)

Amelia Bone (route coordinator)

Tree View Avenue – we have had some interest in opening a route in this area, if you are interest in joining please contact jbrown@windyridge.school.nz



If you would like to support this programme would be happy to accept donations of canned fruit which the students enjoy having with their Weetbix.

- parent volunteers to help out in the morning – from 8.20 – 9.00 one morning a week. The role involves overseeing our student monitors and ensuring things go smoothly. Please leave your name and preferred day with the office.
- hungry children who'd like a nutritious breakfast to kickstart their day of learning and play
- if your child would like breakfast but is allergic to dairy milk, please send along a carton of their preferred non-dairy replacement which we can name and leave in the fridge for them.

Our breakfast consists of Weetbix supplied by Sanitarium and milk supplied by Fonterra, with or without fruit. This year we have set our club up in the kitchen of Te Mara (The Gardens) block of Te Whare Ako (our new block). Please let your children know that they are welcome any day.

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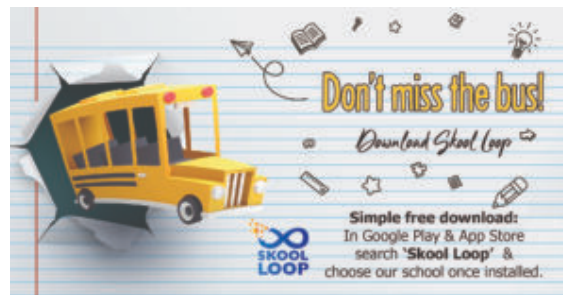


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School Term Dates 2023:

Term 3: Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September

Term 4: Monday 9 October – Monday 13 November (Teacher Only Day) – Last Day of the Year 20 December –

Public Holidays: Labour Day – Monday 23 October

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Ezra Holliday (Programme Manager)

027 270 1260

Community Notices



“Play Cricket with East Coast Bays Cricket

Registrations for the cricket season are now open.

Please register online at eastcoastbayscricket.co.nz

East Coast Bays Cricket is one of the largest clubs on Auckland’s North Shore, providing cricket for all ages and all levels.

The Club is focused on fun, teamwork and performance providing children of all skill levels a chance to learn the game in an enjoyable environment.

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The uniform comprises a club shirt, club shorts or trousers, and club cap. The Club has the clothing available for purchase and the full range will also be available on Muster Day, our annual start of season Cricket Day to be held on 15 October 2023 at Windsor Park.

The Club provides all playing equipment required, although you are welcome to use your own.

Please contact the Club for more information at ecbcclubmanager@gmail.com”



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Please make your submissions by **Monday 14 August**.
For more information go to:
akhaveyoursay.co.nz/localboardplans

Hearing: **Wednesday 9 August 6 PM**
Kaipātiki Local Board Office: 90 Bentley Avenue
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 SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH 9AM - 1PM
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