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Newsletter Term 3 Week 7



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30 August 2023

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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

Always Improving

The concept of kaizen (continually changing for the better being something good), referenced in the newsletter last week, is a practice that should be embedded in schools. The Education Review office (ERO) exhorts schools to scrutinise information and to be 'explicit and relentless' in the quest for improving outcomes for students. Students achieving their potential should be the focus of every school and every teacher should be supported to make this objective a reality.

As mentioned last week, this quest does not have to cause massive upheavals. Rather, adhering to the key features of kaizen, there should be:

- Improvements based on many small changes rather than the radical changes that might arise from other sources.
- Ideas for improvement come from the teachers and school employees themselves.
- Ideas come from the talents of the existing workforce, as opposed to using research, consultants or equipment, although outside experts should be used to assist in improving practice when the expertise does not currently reside within the school.
- That all employees should continually be seeking ways to improve their own performance.

Encouraging members of the staff to take ownership of change can help reinforce team working, thereby improving motivation. None of this is proverbial rocket science. It simply requires a culture where members of the school's team work in a reflective manner where improvement is something that happens in a trusting and supportive environment. This culture of self improvement applies to all walks of life. Even ancient principals should be looking to improve as there is clear evidence that there is abundant room for improvement. (Just ask my dearly beloved).

'The path to wisdom is paved with humility, openness to new ideas, and a willingness to challenge one's own beliefs.'

Socrates (470BC – 399BC)

Visit by the Minister of Education to Windy Ridge School

The Minister of Education will be making a visit to our school between 9.00 am and 10.00 am on Wednesday 6 September. While the visit is primarily to view the new building, I am sure it will also provide her with an opportunity to meet with members of the school's community. You are very welcome to attend the powhiri, to be held outside the new building at 9.00 am next Wednesday. The powhiri will be held in the hall if the weather is wet. If you would like to attend please contact Suzanne Boyce office@windyridge.school.nz in the office as this will be helpful for catering purposes.

New Reading Resources for Windy Ridge School

Last week we received the fantastic news that the school's Board of Trustees has agreed to provide significant additional funding support to go towards extra resourcing for Structured Literacy. This means that the school will be able to purchase a range of Senior Decodable Texts to help inspire and engage even the most reluctant of readers. The cost is \$9,500.

In addition, the funding has been granted by the Board to enable the school to have two members of staff trained as Structured Literacy Intervention Specialists to provide targeted Literacy learning

support to the students who need it. The cost is \$6,500.

This is a huge step forward for the school and an outstanding win for our students. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all staff who are on this learning journey to provide evidence based literacy teaching for our Tamariki. Without their efforts, and the financial backing and commitment of the Board of Trustees to support the school's move to Structured Literacy we would not be seeing the improved Literacy results we are seeing today.

Jude Tabuteau (Leader, Structured Literacy)

Library Reopens

We are extremely pleased to announce that after a very long hiatus our school library has been reinstated and is now open. We would like to express our gratitude to our school librarian Donna Wilson and our helper Keri Dempster for their tireless efforts to get our library back to its former glory and ready for our children to experience the joy that a library brings. The children will visit the library with their class during the week and begin issuing books to enjoy reading at home. The library will also be open during the lunch break a few times per week according to teacher availability.

Rippa Rugby Tournament 17 August at Kaipatiki Park

At Glenfield Rugby Club North Harbour Rugby hosted the rippa rugby tournament for local schools to enjoy. From our awesome school, Windy Ridge, we had Mack,Una,Trinity, Zara, Kale, Caleb, Josh, Iunita, Harley, Micah, Micayla,Neriah, Dahntay, Harry, Eden, Jody, Willa, Dahlia, Oscar,Yhaun, Alisha,Tomas,Liam, Kasey, Nikheel, Blake, Meila, Madison,Tiana, Issac, Bailey, Ronin, Parsa and adults: Miss.C, Mr McGowan, Miss Micayla's Mum, Ruth, Kieren, Rosey, Rebecca, Liam's Dad, Ronin's Mum and Mei.

There were a lot of people that we knew from other schools, out of school programmes and rugby teams. There was lots to explore like the tuck shop, the big field AND the playground.The interesting thing was that all the actual fields were FINE but getting TO the field was like trying to run though LAVA.The adult supporters really helped and some even helped with the teams. Mei helped with team yellow (yr 3&4). Miss Micayla's Mum helped with the Shreks (year 5&6 girls). Mr McGowan helped with the red team (yr 5&6 team #1) and Miss.C helped with the blue team (year 5&6 team #2).

Micayla said:I liked the first game because we won and had a great time.I didn't like not being able to eat the food until Miss C said.It was fun and we enjoyed playing the games.

Harry said:My favourite part of the day was out running everyone.I didn't really like having to wait between games.I want to have another tournament because I can learn more.

Una said:I liked the Tuckshop. I didn't like getting the facepaint done.It's fun and I like to skip

school!!Kasey said:I liked the last game because I scored six tries.I didn't like the fact that I got so many injuries.It's fun and I enjoy running around.

Reported by Zara and Mango.Intrepid student reporters

School Cross Country – Friday 1 September: A Reminder

On 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. 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**, \$2 per sausage and selling **Juicies**, \$2.50 per juice during lunchtime. Orders can be place online through Kindo. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

The following times are **APPROXIMATE** only. Starting times are dependent 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

Staffing News

We would like to welcome Ashneel Prasad to the Tui team commencing on Monday 9 October, first day of Term 4. Ash will be replacing Heidi Fegan. We are very sad to see Heidi leave but, we welcome her back in a relieving capacity and are excited to welcome Ash to our school community. Ash is returning to the community having taught at Glenfield Intermediate School before teaching in the Middle East during the pandemic.

Blue Light Lunchtime Disco – Wednesday 20 September

Celebrate the end of the term with a Blue Light Lunchtime Disco, sausage sizzle and Ice Block – bring a \$2 coin from home, hand it to your class teacher and join in the fun. Click on the link and help support our amazing PTA. [Blue Light Disco](#)

Lateness / Open Door Policy

We have noticed many children arriving late to school. Please ensure you arrive at school in time for your child to put their bag away and set themselves up for a positive start to the day – this helps set the day for great learning. At Windy Ridge we have an open door policy and encourage you to pop along in the mornings and touch base with the class teacher. Teachers will be in class from 8.30am and welcome a conversation with you. If you require a time to meet with your classroom teacher to discuss any concerns you may have – this is the perfect time to come along and make an appointment time or send your class teacher an email – class teachers will not be able to respond straight away as they are in class teaching, but they will respond in a timely manner.

Swimming – Term 4

Next term as part of the Health and PE Curriculum the Year 2-6 students will be attending swimming lessons at The Millennium Centre. In the lead up to these lessons, information and newsletters will be shared with you to assist us in our organisation – so please watch this space! Each child will receive six lessons, in small ability based groups over three weeks. We will be traveling to and from The Millennium via bus. The dates of the swimming lessons are listed below.

- Wednesday 11 October
- Friday 13 October
- Wednesday 18 October
- Friday 20 October
- Wednesday 25 October
- Friday 27 October – please note, your child's confirmed lesson times will be shared with you closer to Term 4

While the Year 0-1 children remain at school they will be receiving Health/PE based lessons specifically targeted at their ability.

Daffodil Day

Congratulations to the Windy Ridge community and Kotare team for your Daffodil Day Bake Sale and fundraising efforts. We raised an impressive total of \$512.05. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

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. **Reviews** 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 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

Wednesday 20 September – Blue Light Lunchtime Disco, sausage sizzle and ice block – bring a \$2 coin from home and hand it to your class teacher.

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

Term 3 Events

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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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 –

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