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Newsletter Term 3 Week 8



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6 September 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

My acting days are almost at an end as I leave Windy Ridge School on Friday at the conclusion of my contract. I am leaving before the end of the term as, before accepting the role at the school, we had booked for a trip to Europe so I deemed it prudent to have the contract finish this Friday. To do otherwise may have put the other contract in my life, the marriage contract, into some doubt.

It does seem rather amazing to me that I have only been at the school for eight weeks. As I get older I seem to find that time zooms by. Before I leave a few reflections are in order. Firstly, thank you to the Windy Ridge community as a whole for making me feel so welcome. I have thoroughly enjoyed my interactions with all stakeholders. They have been respectful and constructive and, I hope, of benefit to those whom I have been in contact with. Specifically, I acknowledge the support provided to me by the Board of Trustees who have given me the space to lead the school on a daily basis. Such support has been invaluable. Thank you. Members of the staff have been very generous towards me, never failing to laugh at my jokes and generally humouring me. (I think I need a lot of humouring). I have been impressed with the dedication of staff, particularly when we have been striving towards constant improvement.

Of course a school is a school because of children. They are the essential ingredient in any school. Naturally, things don't always run smoothly when it comes to children. Come to that, they don't always run smoothly with us adults either! With children there are ups and downs, as any parent will attest to. The children of Windy Ridge School have been wonderful to work with. Yes, the odd down but mostly lots of ups. I take away many wonderful memories of the children.

I wish to pay tribute to my fellow 'newbie', deputy principal Tracey Bullen, who started on the same day I did at Windy Ridge. We have learned together. I leave the school in the sure and certain knowledge that with Tracey at the helm from 11 September until the end of the term, the school is in very good hands indeed. I also know that Tracey will be supported by Suzanne and Carmen, in the office, Peter as 'Mr Everywhere', by the team leaders and by all members of the Windy Ridge School team.

'The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.' Chinese Proverb

Thanks for the ride.

John McGowan

Minister of Education Visits

Today we welcomed the Minister of Education, Hon Jan Tinetti, who visited the school to see the new building. Although she was late in arriving, your children did you and the school proud by being so patient and well behaved. Their behaviour during the powhiri was outstanding and set the scene for a successful visit. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this visit.



Epic!

Last week the field was slowly drying out but the grass remained long, thereby slowing down the drying process. Unfortunately the regular field mower contractor was not available until the weekend. Peter, the wonderful Windy Ridge caretaker, came to the rescue and mowed the entire field by hand. Although the mower he used is self propelled it is still a monumental task. Peter's achievements meant the field was available for the many frustrated children who had not had access to the field all term. Thank you, Peter, for going way more than the proverbial extra mile for the children of Windy Ridge School. You are a legend in your own lifetime not only for this feat but for all you do in such good spirit every day. "There are no traffic jams when you go the extra mile." Zig Ziglar

Joy

We need joy in our lives. While some things just have to be done and can be a bit of a grind, there are other activities that bring pure joy. Here are just some of the joyful things that have caught my attention that have happened at school in the past week.

- New life is a source of wonderment and joy and never has this been more true than in Kotare of late. The emergence of chicks from their eggs has become a school-wide phenomenon. Being live streamed has been a huge success. I would imagine viewership will be right up there with some of the most popular programmes on television. Thank you to Kotare for bringing the eggs before the chickens experience for us all.
- The fire pit in Piwakawaka where students got to roast marshmallows was, understandably, very well received by our younger students as was the visit by the fire truck and firemen earlier in the week.

- The cross country on Friday, mercifully held in spring like conditions, provided everybody with the opportunity to get some exercise whether it was walking or running. It was great to see many supporters at this event. Good luck to our cross country team for the inter school cross country on Friday.
- With the library re-opening, this very valuable asset has become a popular hub for students at lunchtimes.
- Garden to Table continues to flourish. What a great programme this is and what delicious food is created!
- The school is in very good hands. With my departure on Friday Luke has stepped up and he really does look the part. Tracey knows she can rely on him to represent the school with style. Thank you Luke.



Notice from Ministry of Education

Enrolment Schemes for Birkenhead and Glenfield Colleges

Should you wish to have a say on the proposed enrolment schemes for the colleges please click on the links below.

To manage medium-long term growth in the Auckland region, the Ministry of Education is planning to implement enrolment schemes. Enrolment Schemes involve zoning a school and putting in place a ballot process for out of zone enrolments.

Majority of schools in the Auckland region already have an enrolment scheme in place. We are now proposing enrolment schemes for Glenfield College and Birkenhead College. Because your school is in the local network of schools, your views are important in this process.

Below are links to the consultation survey for the proposed enrolment schemes.

<https://consultation.education.govt.nz/education/birkenhead-college-enrolment-scheme>

<https://consultation.education.govt.nz/education/glenfield-college-enrolment-scheme>

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

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.

Term 3 Events

Thursday 7 September – Team Tui Dance finals at 1.30pm

Friday 8 September – School Assembly – Team Tui

Friday 8 September – Cluster Cross Country Kaipatiki Park

Friday 15 September – PTA Disco

Thursday 21 September – Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting at 9am-10am in the staffroom

Wednesday 20th September – Blue Light lunchtime disco

Friday 21 September – School Sharing Assembly

Friday 21 September – last day of the term

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. 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 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.



Katoa, Ka Ora Draft Speed Management Plan for Auckland

Legislation requires safe speed limits around all schools by 2027

Auckland Transport (AT) is seeking public feedback on the draft Katoa, Ka Ora: Auckland speed management plan 2024-27.

Katoa, Ka Ora (KKO) means everyone alive, healthy, and well. As a Road to Zero partner, AT wants Auckland's roads to be free from deaths and serious injuries. Although speed is not the only factor in a crash, it determines whether someone is seriously injured or killed. No matter whether you drive, walk, cycle or use public transport, everyone deserves to get to where they are going safely.

<https://haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/kko>

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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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

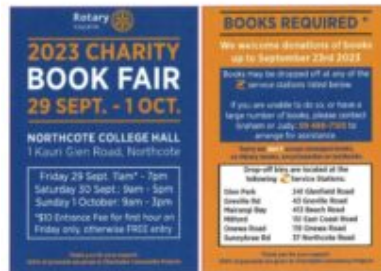
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Ezra Holliday (Programme Manager)

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Community Notices



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Friday 29 Sept. 9am - 7pm
Saturday 30 Sept. 9am - 5pm
Sunday 1 October 9am - 3pm
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BOOKS REQUIRED
We welcome donations of books up to September 28th 2023
Books may be dropped off at any of the service stations listed below.
If you are unable to do so, or have a large number of books, please contact Lyndee or Judy on 0800 7702 for arrange for assistance.
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Registrations for the cricket season are now open.

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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 ecbclubmanager@gmail.com"



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website- Northcote Softball Club

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akhaveyoursay.co.nz/localboardplans

Hearing: Wednesday 9 August 6 PM
 Kaipātiki Local Board Office: 90 Bentley Avenue
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 by emailing: Jacinda.Giveshe@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



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