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Newsletter Term 4 Week 7



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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

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takatini

“My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective”

News from the Acting Principal

Every time I head into a classroom – I feel like I am the lucky one. This week I spent some time over in team Kotare and checked out their Dioramas. They are amazing! So much effort, thought and incredible detail have gone into the environmental/animal themed pieces of art. If you haven't poked your head in yet, I highly recommend it.

I was fortunate enough to sample some of our cultural food at the ESOL shared lunch. Thank you to all the families who shared something special from their culture and to **Donna Walker** and **Tania Stephens** – our ESOLian team of teachers. A special mention has to go to **Alina** who performed an opening dance representing her Indian heritage and to **Zoe** and **YouSheng** who led us in a Karakia. I think one of my favourite dishes was the panikeke – round banana pancakes from Samoa. Thanks **Braxton** and mum **Sarah** for sharing those delightful treats.

Wilson School celebrated their learning this week with an end of year assembly. They performed two items, Whakarongo Mai and E rere taku and received a huge round of applause. Congratulations to **Thomas** who received a medal for outstanding effort to increase his independence. Thank you to **Ria**, **Rona** and your team for supporting our learners to be the best they can be.

What a great week of learning and celebrating, we haven't got long to go and I cannot wait to see what will be happening in our community next week! Until then have a great week everyone. Ka kite

Tracey Bullen





Sun Safety

In terms 1 & 4 every year we require all students to wear sunhats, if they do not have a hat we ask that they play in a shaded area. Please make sure they are named. There is suntan lotion available in all of the classrooms but we do recommend that you apply a layer before school as an added protection.

Lost Property

Unfortunately our lost property box on the deck of the hall is filling up with unclaimed items. We will be displaying these items on the hall steps over the next few weeks. If your child has misplaced an item of clothing please check their classroom first as items are kept there for a period of time before being moved to the lost property box.

Sports team photos

Please bring your sports uniform to school on Wednesday 29th November for your team photos.

2024 classes and enrolments.

We are in the process of looking at class placements for next year. If your child is not returning to Windy Ridge School next year please contact the office office@windyridge.school.nz. Alternatively, if you are planning on enrolling a younger sibling please contact Carmen at the school office. All this future planning helps us to plan and organise our staffing for the upcoming year.

Looking ahead to HERO 2024 and what you need to do before we stop using SEESAW

Next year Windy Ridge will be making the move to **HERO** – it will be our new online communication and sharing platform. This means that next year we will no longer be using SEESAW. Please find [information](#) attached on how you can download and save your child's work at home. We recommend choosing a few special posts to download and print. The last day for SEESAW access will be **Friday 15 December**. More information about HERO will be made available to you on our Whanāu Connect Day next year. **If your contact details (phone number or address) have changed – please notify the office, office@windyridge.school.nz as soon as possible please.**

Do you want to win a drift bike?

POSTER COMPETITION = North Harbour Blue Light Poster Competition, due 1st December – all entries to the school office.

Create a poster that promotes bike safety and what it looks like. There are **3 drift bikes up for grabs**, one for each area of the school (Year 0-2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6) [Click](#) on the link for more details and get creative. Wouldn't it be amazing if someone from Windy Ridge won the prize!

Junky Monkeys – Friday 24 November,

Kia ora e te whānau,

JUNKY MONKEYS is coming to Windy Ridge School school.

Junky Monkeys is a loose parts play programme that operates in schools, kura, and ECE centres around Tāmaki Makaurau. We bring a truck load of very clean JUNK (aka loose parts), for kids to PLAY, CREATE, and MAKE with.

Junky Monkeys exists to connect kids with NATURE, CREATIVITY, and PLAY by:

- spending time outdoors in nature
- opportunities to learn through play and experiential learning
- time and space to practise skills such as – problem solving, divergent and creative thinking, innovation, collaboration, and social and emotional skills
- hands on experience that creates dialogue around waste management
- feeling empowered by having choice and agency over how they spend their time playing

We are so grateful to be sharing the love of loose parts play with your tamariki, kaiako and community. Our dream is that this may kick start your own loose parts play journey so that kids have access to play and loose parts on a daily basis! 'We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.'

George Bernard Shaw

To find out more about us, head to our website –www.junkymonkeys.org. To find out more about why loose parts play is important head to our resources, or view snippets of our programmes on our YouTube channel.

Ngā mihi,

The Junky Monkeys team.

2024 Term Dates – pop these on your calendar

Term One: Thursday 1 February – Friday 12 April

Thursday 1 February – Whanāu Connect Day

Friday 2 February – First day of Instruction

– Powhiri – all whanāu and hoa welcome, 9am start

Tuesday 6 February – Waitangi Day, School Closed

Friday 29 March – Good Friday, School Closed

Monday 1 April – Easter Monday, School Closed

Tuesday 2 April – School Observed Easter Holiday, School Closed

Term Two: Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July

Monday 3 June – Kings Birthday, School Closed

Friday 28 June – Matariki, School Closed

Term Three: Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September

Term Four: Monday 14 October – Tuesday 17 December

Monday 28 October – Labour Day, School Closed

Term 4 Events 2023

Friday 24 November – Junky Monkeys / PTA sausage sizzle and juicy [PTA Sausage sizzle 24th Nov Junky Monkey](#)

Friday 29 November – Sports Team Photo

Friday 1 December – PTA Disco

Wednesday 6 December – Monitors Trip

Friday 8 December – Prize giving & Year 6 Graduation 11am – 12.30pm

Friday 15 December – Year 6 Party

Friday 15 December – Reports home

Wednesday 20 December – **SCHOOL CLOSED 12.30pm** – Last day of school



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.

Sushiday on every Thursday



Normal order cut off time is 9pm every Wednesday.

My Kindo App



Order on the go with the mykindo App

Sign up to **Kindo** online to order lunches with ezlunch, pay for school items like stationery or sports fees, purchase fundraising items such as Juicie Day and sausages sizzles. Term 3 menu

Have you downloaded the myKindo app? **Faster when you're on the go...**

No passwords are required! Simply login, then add your PIN or use Face ID or Touch ID.

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Community Notices



The school holidays are nearly upon us – keep the kids entertained by taking them to an action-packed game of basketball.

The BNZ Breakers have 8 Auckland games remaining this season and every single game promises plenty of fun, giveaways, and entertainment for the whole family. Choose the dates that suit you and get behind the BNZ Breakers. Tickets are on sale at www.ticketmaster.co.nz



New Mandarin class for kids in Glenfield!

Taught by a fully registered primary school teacher, this is a great opportunity for children to be culturally inspired by the Chinese language in a safe, interactive and positive learning environment. There will be a free trial lesson this Saturday from 3:15pm – 4:15pm in the Glenfield area. Please make contact by visiting my website www.mandarinheroes.com or e-mail mandarinheroes@gmail.com to secure a spot for your child!



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