



# Windy Ridge School

Kura Hiwi Hau

Kindness • Respect • Integrity • Resilience  
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## Newsletter Term 4 Week 8

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### Windy Ridge School Newsletter

29 November 2023

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[www.windyridge.school.nz](http://www.windyridge.school.nz)

**KINDO:** online school shop (click on KINDO to register)

### Manaakitanga, Manawaroa, Atawhai and Honore

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

Kia ora whānau – Other than the poorly timed weather, we had a great day on Friday with Junky Monkey. Our back bank came alive with pipes, blocks of wood, plastic and was immersed with imagination and play – what a great way to build inquisitive minds and problem solve. Over the past few weeks the Piwakawaka team have enjoyed Playball sessions. Playball offers a variety of sport and movement programs for boys and girls. All of the programs are taught in a fun-filled, energetic and positive environment – more fun and learning!



With the end of the year fast approaching I have been looking at my calendar and wondering, how will I fit this all in? If only we had the power to add an extra hour or two to the day. Please make sure you look at the up coming term dates and pop these on your calendar, as I am sure your diaries are looking just as busy with the festive season approaching. **Classes are open in the morning from 8.30am and after 3pm at the end of the day** for you to pop in, have a chat with the teacher or just enjoy the class environment and read the work on the walls. We would love to see you.

Have. great week everyone, pārekareka

Tracey Bullen

## **Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata: Period products in schools**

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Our school is participating in the **Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata** initiative, which provides free period products for ākonga in schools and kura. We are able to offer these products to students during school time and in the holiday period. Please contact us via email [office@windyridge.school.nz](mailto:office@windyridge.school.nz) or speak to the office so we can support your child with enough products to take home a during the summer holidays.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **2024/2025 Communication**

Your child's 2024 end of year report will be sent home on Friday 15 December. Along with the school report we will be enclosing our **"Student Mapping"** document. We ask that you fill in this form and bring it along with you to the **Whānau Connect Day on Thursday 1 February**. Student Mapping will help to bring consistency across the school as we want to gather as many of your stories and the stories of your children as possible. An email will be sent to you before the end of the year with all the Connection Day details.

### **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](mailto: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 by Friday morning**

Create a poster at 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!

## Book Week Congratulations

Congratulations to Eva, Isla and Thomas. These children won the Book Week dress up prize. They were able to choose a book from the Scholastic Book catalogue. Their books arrived this week – well done and happy reading.



### 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 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

**Tuesday 19 December** – 2024 Orientation

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

## sKids Before & Afterschool Care

Visit [www.sKids.co.nz/Windy\\_Ridge](http://www.sKids.co.nz/Windy_Ridge) to BOOK TODAY!

## Community Notices



**Free Coding Holiday Activity**

Summer 2023/24

Educational? Yes!  
Fun? Yes!  
Affordable? Yes! (it's free!)

Suitable for beginner to advanced coders.

Ages 9 & 10,  
11 & 12,  
13 & 14,  
15 to adult.

**SIGN UP NOW:**  
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Limited spots available

**CODINGNZ**



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**SUMMER SPECTACLE 2023 AND 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**TAKAPUNA** **BIRKENHEAD**

**18-20 DECEMBER 2023**

- Early Explorers (The Croods)
- Technological Time Warp
- Christmas Spectacular

**9-12 JANUARY 2024**

- Comic Crusaders
- Tesla's Tesla Takeover
- Guardians and Galaxies
- Avengers Assemble

**22-25 JANUARY 2024**

- Tales from Trolls
- Speedway 95 (Cars)
- Infinity Beyond (Toy Story)
- Island Escape

Book now at: [www.brickskidz.co.nz](http://www.brickskidz.co.nz) | [auckland-LND@brickskidz.co.nz](mailto:auckland-LND@brickskidz.co.nz)



**ECB CRICKET**

**School Holiday Programme**

18 - 20 DECEMBER 10AM-3PM WINDSOR PARK  
BOYS & GIRLS, YEARS 1-8 WELCOME

**\$60** FOR 1 DAY  
OR  
**\$160** FOR 3 DAYS

**REGISTER NOW!** [SASTODONTMPCRICKET.CO.NZ](http://SASTODONTMPCRICKET.CO.NZ) **EXCITING GAMES AND DRILLS!**





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](http://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](http://www.mandarinheroes.com) or e-mail [mandarinheroes@gmail.com](mailto:mandarinheroes@gmail.com) to secure a spot for your child!



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