



Windy Ridge School Newsletter

June 22nd 2016

Week 8 Term 2

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Hola a todos, Kumusta, Annyeonghaseyo, Ni Hao, Konichiwa, Namaste, Zdravstvuyte, Ciao, Hallo, Bonjour, Salut, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Kia Ora Koutou

Literacy Information Evening - TONIGHT 6.30pm in the Hall

Tonight we will be presenting another information evening for parents to find out how and what we teach your children; this time in writing. It is an opportunity for you to hear about how we teach and assess writing and related skills in the school, and to have a go at some of the games and activities we use in our classrooms to support this learning. The maths evening held in term 2 was very successful and we encourage you to attend this evening also. We will meet in the hall at 6.30pm and the presentation will finish by 7.30pm.

Please look for the notice that was sent home tonight with this newsletter.

Webpage - www.windyridge.school.nz

Our new website is now live! It has been set up by Cabul, who also set up our Online News site a few years ago where students' work has been published online for our whole school to see. As a result, they are now both combined as one very mobile friendly site that makes it easier for everyone in our school community to navigate and find anything about our school in one place. On the new website home page there are quick links to view the calendar, report an absence, order lunch, pay for school activities. Our new Cabul site also includes some new features to keep you more informed via email such as the School newsletter, Noticeboard and Alerts, plus you will be able to subscribe to "follow" your own child or children and receive an email as soon as they have their work published on the Online News. Lastly, each parent will now have their own login to view the Online News instead of using a Guest one. To log in, click on Online News. Your USERNAME is your EMAIL ADDRESS, and your temporary PASSWORD is your SURNAME (with a capital letter for the first letter of your surname). If you have any problems with your password, there is a "Lost your password" link below the login box that you can complete and be sent a link to reset your password. Have a read of the new "Parents Guide to this Site" page on the Online News to learn more about our new exciting website!

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning in the Classroom

Our school values are integral to the behaviour programme we run in the school. Hopefully your children can recite the four values: Respect, Resilience, Integrity and Kindness, as we reinforce them visually around the school, weekly in lessons and fortnightly in a special assembly. In order for quality learning to occur in the classroom there needs to be an environment where people feel respected, safe and challenged. This can only occur if there are a set of expected behaviours that support learning.

We talk about behaviours such as: persistence, active listening, problem solving, staying positive and not giving up, using an inside voice, taking turns in discussions and with resources, following instructions, working cooperatively, using kind words and always trying your best.

WIG DAY

Fantastic effort by both staff and students (and a few parents too!) We raised \$190.00 for the Child Cancer Foundation. Have a look on the Facebook page for some great photos.

As always, thank you for your on-going support of our school

Brenda McPherson.

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Reminders:

- **Ez Lunch** available every day. Please go to ezlunch.co.nz to register and order. More information available at the office.
- **WINDY RIDGE PARENTS Facebook** - We have a closed Facebook page for Windy Ridge parents - you need to request to be part of this page. Search - Windy Ridge Parents. It is a valuable page for reminders, information, and general WRS 'stuff'.

School Terms 2016

Term 2 Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July

Term 3 Monday 25th July - Friday 23rd September

Term 4 Monday 10th October - Wednesday 14th December (tbc)

School holidays during the term:

- Labour Day - Mon 24 Oct

Upcoming Events:

- Tui Team Swimming - every Friday
- **BoT Meeting** Tuesday 28th June 7.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome to attend.

PTA news

- **CHOCOLATES** - Please bring in your chocolate monies asap by this Friday 24 June so that we can start finalising all the bits and pieces. Remember you have to have returned your money to be in to win prizes!
- **DISCO** - We had an awesome night on Friday at our House Colour Disco. Thanks everyone for coming along and participating in a fun night! Everyone looked great! We made a profit of \$1520!!! Awesome stuff.

Community news

- We have a family that needs regular help with transporting their boys to and from school each day. They live in the Peach Rd/Powrie St area. If you are able to help on a regular basis please contact the school and we will put you in contact with them.
- 'Young At Art children's holiday Art workshops are now open for booking in Ponsonby. After school classes are available for Term 3 in Ponsonby, Orakei, Meadowbank, Beach Haven, Titirangi, Manukau and Beachlands *Free trials available to new term students. For more information or to book please check out www.youngatart.co.nz or email: anna@youngatart.co.nz'
- **Klay Master Term 3 After School Program**
Starting 27th July, this 9-week program runs every Wednesday from 3.30 - 4.30pm at the Glenfield Community Centre. Klay Master get kids using their hands, showing kids aged 5 - 12 years how to create art using colourful polymer clays. All materials provided and weekly masterpieces can be baked in a regular house-hold oven to finish. Bookings essential so if you are interested in joining the Term 3 program at the Glenfield Community Centre, contact Amanda: info@klaymaster.co.nz 021 148 3821 and for more information visit: www.klaymaster.co.nz
- **The Parenting Place Courses**
Middle Years (for parents/caregivers of children aged 6 to 12 years old) At Mairangi Arts Centre, 20 Hastings Rd. Mairangi Bay
7:30pm - 9:30pm for 6 weeks starting on Wed. Aug. 3rd. Bookings can be made through me aucklandnorth@theparentingplace.com or at the link below. For more information go to this link: <http://www.theparentingplace.com/event/middle-years-toolbox-course-in-mairangi-bay-030816/>
Building Awesome Whānau (for parents/caregivers of children aged 0 to 12 years old). At Greenhithe Community Trust, 12 Greenhithe Rd., Greenhithe, 7:30pm - 9:30pm for 6 weeks starting on Tues. Aug. 2nd. Bookings can be made through me aucklandnorth@theparentingplace.com or at the link below. For more information go to this link: <http://www.theparentingplace.com/event/building-awesome-whanau-toolbox-course-in-020816/>