

April 2019  
Falcon  
Term 2 Newsletter

Tena koutou katoa  
Hello Everyone

**Term 2 Overview**

**This term we are heading to the Chelsea Sugar Factory. We are planning to use this as an invitation for children to look at family or traditional recipes and bring one recipe to share with the team. We are hoping to create a collection of recipes to create a Falcon Recipe book to share with others at the end of the term.**

***Arrival in the Morning***

The school grounds are open to children from 8:30am. At this time, they are welcome to come into class, get ready for the day and catch up with their friends. We also welcome and encourage parents to come in and have a chat with us or have a look at your child's current learning. If you have any questions or concerns that might take more than a few moments, please ensure you email your teacher to make an appointment outside of school time. Our school day officially starts at 8:55am. At this time, we do the roll and expect all children to be in their classrooms ready to learn. If your child arrives later than 8:55am, they must first report to the school office and collect a late slip before coming into the classroom. Please note that on Friday mornings, all Windy Ridge teachers are in a meeting. These can run past 8:30 am, so please be mindful when planning your drop off routine for your child on that day as teachers may not be in class from 8:30am.

***End of the Day***

If for any reason you will be late collecting your child please phone the office.

**School Assemblies**

Windy Ridge runs school wide assemblies each fortnight on a Friday. These include opportunities for the children to share their learning and celebrate their successes. All whanau are welcome to attend these assemblies which begin at 9:45am in the school hall.

***Clothing***

Please name all clothes and shoes especially items often taken off throughout the school day. A spare set of clothes kept in their school bags is often a good idea throughout the winter months. Also, please have appropriate winter clothing for your kids as it often rains. A named raincoat and/or umbrella kept in their school bag.

***Wheelie Shoes***

We have a number of children who have wheelie shoes. Can you please choose a more sensible pair of shoes for your child to wear to school, and keep the wheelie shoes for after school and on weekends.

***Lunchboxes and Drink bottles***

While the school does have drinking taps, we highly encourage children to bring their own **named** water bottle to school each day. Our school is an enviro school, and so we encourage you as much as possible to send a litterless lunch. This can be done by having reusable containers for your child's snacks and sandwiches. Any rubbish will be sent back with your child in their lunch box.

***Personal Items and Toys***

As a play based environment, we have many toys for children to play with that will enhance their learning. As a result, we found children bringing their own toys from home, or taking toys from school home with them. Can you please help us monitor that toys brought home are not in fact school toys. Also, remind your children if they choose to bring toys to school that this is their choice and their responsibility. We do not encourage this.

***Communication***

**SeeSaw**

Seesaw is one way that we share your child's learning with you. It is a digital portfolio of some examples of your child's work. More information on this will be available in the coming weeks.

Please feel free to contact us if there is a question or situation you would like to discuss. Open lines of communication between the parent, learner and teachers are vital to us and help us in promoting a positive learning experience for everyone. If the matter requires more time we recommend making an appointment. **The Whanau teacher will always be the first port of call.**

***Loose Parts and other donations***

Things you may have and wish to donate, if you no longer need:

- Playing cards
- Board games
- Cardboard boxes
- Plastic bottle tops
- Ice block sticks, pipe cleaners, straws

Another way you can help is, if you have spare time in the week and would like to join us in our learning hub please speak to one of the teachers. We would love help with teaching children board games and card games. We would appreciate your time and support. We are looking forward to working with you and your child.

***Staffing***

As you may remember in Term 1 Mrs Hall was originally working part time with us, however, with Mrs Turner's change in roll she moved to a full time role for the remainder of the term. This term Mrs Hall will be at school Monday through Thursday and we will have Mrs Ogden in room 11 on Fridays. Mrs Ogden spends approximately half the week in Team Falcon as a release teacher throughout the various rooms, and the children are incredibly familiar with her as one of their teachers.

## Learning in Team Falcon

### Values and NZ Key Competencies

#### The Vision of the New Zealand Curriculum:

Young people who will be confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners.

Windy Ridge School promotes Positive Behaviour for Learning. We use these values to guide the behaviour of our students throughout the day. We also include our National Curriculum Key Competencies throughout our daily programme.

Our Values are	NZ Key Competencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect</li> <li>• Kindness</li> <li>• Integrity</li> <li>• Resilience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thinking</li> <li>• Using language symbols and text</li> <li>• Managing self</li> <li>• Relating to others</li> <li>• Participating and contribution</li> </ul>

### Passion Day

Based on our success of Passion Day, we would like to continue to provide these types of opportunities for our children on a Friday from 11:00 - 12:30 pm. If you are able to assist by taking a small group of children please sign up on the volunteer sign up web page using the link <https://volunteersignup.org/KBFYT>.

You might like to volunteer to run a session to teach children board games, card games, an art or craft, a sport, some gardening or perhaps you have an idea of your own you would like to share.



### Term Events:

Junky Monkey May 14th  
 Chelsea Sugar Factory Trip Room 9 and 10 May 22nd  
 Chelsea Sugar Factory Trip Room 11 and 12 May 23rd  
**(we already have many offers of parent help, we will confirm with you ASAP as we cannot take all the parents who have offered to come Thank you)**  
 Goal Setting Interviews May 20th, 21st  
 Kaipatiki Cluster Matariki Festival June 28th  
 An Evening with Dr. Kathryn Berkett at Glenfield College June  
 Glenfield's Got Talent June 22nd

Squash Tasters, Rippa Rugby Tournament, Netball and Hockey begins, Basketball continues.

### Home Learning

A fresh start to a new term might be a great time to reignite some excitement around home learning. Children are free to choose activities which work for them and for you as a family. **Children generally receive a reader on Friday and are expected to read it over the weekend** in order to familiarise themselves with the text, work out new vocabulary, and think about or discuss the ideas or topics presented in the text. As well as reading, children can choose a variety of other activities to include as part of their home learning program.

Some of the activities in our Home Learning Programme include:

- Time on Mathletics or Reading Eggs
- Time reading at home
- Service to the family or community ( laundry, set the table, helping neighbours etc)
- After school activities ( sports or arts lessons/practice etc)
- Independent inquiry at home

Please remind your children that the writing that they do to document the task they have done is an important skill in itself, and encourage your child to elaborate on the activity or task they have completed for home learning.

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