

October 2019  
Falcon  
Term 4 Newsletter

Tena koutou katoa  
Hello Everyone

Term Overview

We have a jam packed Term 4 coming up. Our inquiry will continue on from last term around water and how we are connected to the sea. There will be a trip to clean up a nearby green space/waterway (date tba) during the term. On Monday 21st October, the children will be involved in creating a mural for the school. We will have Athletics practice every Thursday. Photoday will be on November 4th.



**Arrival in the Morning**

The school grounds are open to children from 8:30am. 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 8:30am, 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**



**Term 4 means hot sunny days. All children are required to have a sunhat for any time they are outside.** Please name all clothes and shoes especially items often taken off throughout the school day.



**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**

Please ensure personal toys are left at home. In turn, if you see any unfamiliar toys at your house, can you please check with your child and return it to school if it is in fact a school toy.

**Communication**

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.**

**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.



## 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>

### Green Space Clean up

As a part of our Inquiry we will be learning about the ways that rubbish affects our environment, and how all waterways end up in the ocean. One of our activities will be to visit a green space to spend some time cleaning up rubbish around the area, and analysing the rubbish ie where it came from, considering how it impacts our oceans.

### Student Agency

The children are continuing to use personal timetables to help them with their time management. This term we are also going to be focusing on a variety of strategies that will help the children assess where they are at with their learning. We will be working with the children on both self-assessment and peer assessment strategies.

### Term Ahead:

Mural Art Day - October 21st  
Park/Beach clean up - Date TBA  
Photo Day - November 4  
Athletics Day - November 18  
Last Day - Dec 18th at 12:30pm

### Your Falcon Teachers

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### Home Learning

We have changed the format of our reading slightly to accommodate families. We noticed that children were struggling to fit in some time to read their journals during the weekend, so will be starting the week with children on Mondays with a new reader, and they will keep the book until the following Monday. This means children will still have a reader with them at home on the weekends to read with you, and we do encourage you to continue to fit in reading with your child when possible.

#### 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
- Code Avengers

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.

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

Jane D. Hull

