



Team Falcon

Term 3

Newsletter 2020

Tena koutou katoa
Hello Everyone

Whaowhia te kete mātauranga.
Fill the basket of knowledge.

The Team Falcon teachers would like to welcome back everyone for another exciting term. A special and warm welcome to Windy Ridge School, for our new families and Mr Jonathan Lambert, our new Principal.

The focus for our first three weeks of the term is on preparing the children for their **Student Led Conferences** which will be held in week 3 on Wednesday 5th August.

At the conferences, each Team Falcon learner will have the opportunity to showcase their learning, talk to you about their learning goals and take you on a tour of their learning environment.

Because these discussions are led by the students, we are able to offer more than one interview slot per time block. During each time slot there will be time with a teacher to support your child in their learning discussion.

Please go to the School Interviews website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz to make a booking for your conference this term. Enter the event code **y7mp4** & click on your whanau teacher's name to make a booking.

Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme



This term we will be taking our children through the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme.

This programme consists of a range of lessons to help children and young people learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

The focus areas the programme covers are:

- Confident me
- Safe or unsafe
- No excuse for abuse
- Why should I tell?
- What have I learnt?

Constable Steve Harwood will be coming in to talk to the children more about safe and unsafe situations.



- 20 July → First day of Term
- 30 July → International Day of Friendship
- 5 Aug → Student Led Conferences - school finishes at 1:30pm
- 14 Aug → Falcon to Host School Assembly
- 15-23 Aug → Conservation Week
- 28 Aug → Daffodil Day
- 14 Sept → STEM cell MOTAT coming
- 20-26 Sept → NZ Chinese language week
- 27 Sept → End of Term

Falcon Team Trip

Instead of leaving the school we have a team from MOTAT coming to Windy Ridge to do STEM cell work with the children

We have decided that this would be a fabulous way to extend their learning through play experiences and further fuel their interests in this area. Also by not leaving the school this is a cheaper option.

We have a confirmed date of Monday 14 September. Closer to the time we will let you know if we require parents to help out on the day.

How our Learning Through Play Environment works

Our environment allows children to grow self-regulated learning skills. Falcon Learners will practise hands-on learning in real life contexts as well as manipulate and play with loose parts to spark their imagination, explore their interests and problem solve. Authentic play is an essential part of your child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development and a valued mode of learning.

In our learning through play environment children are encouraged to test ideas, work through uncertainties, explore social interactions and make sense of the world around them. We aim to help your children to understand 'how they learn and to encourage them to be self reflective learners - transferable skills which will hold them in good stead for future learning.

Our learning environment is divided into two main areas, our 'Workshop Space' in Room 12 and our 'Learning Through Play Hub' located in Rooms 9,10,11 and the court area outside our block. We teach Literacy and Numeracy skills in our workshop space and our learners have the opportunity to practise these alongside their exploration through play in our hub.

Team Falcon teachers rotate the roles of workshop and hub teaching which means that your child will be taught by every teacher at some point during the term.

Donations/ Recyclable materials

Donations of the following *clean* recyclable materials are always welcome. Please take to Room 9.

- Small hammers
- Egg cartons
- Plastic/metal bottle caps
- SqueezeYoghurt caps
- Ribbon, wool, string
- Fabric
- Counters
- Shells
- Buttons
- Cardboard boxes, tubes
- Stickers
- Feathers
- Paper plates
- Paper cups
- Incomplete board games
- Complete board games
- Screws, nuts, bolts
- Plastic piping
- Old sheets
- Old clothes(dress ups)

Our School Values are	NZ Key Competencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect • Kindness • Integrity • Resilience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinking • Using language symbols and text
Active Learner Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing self
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Learners • Collaborative • Creative & Critical • Digitally Fluent • Engaged Citizens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relating to others • Participating and contributing

Parent Help

We are interested to hear from those parents who are able to help in the classroom or take some work to do at home.

We will always need help with

- Sharpening pencils
- Sorting/ tidying equipment
- Supporting children eg listen to them read



Most of you will be very familiar with Seesaw now as it was our means of providing online learning throughout lockdown. This term we will continue to support children to use Seesaw at school as a tool to explain their thinking and make it visible to you at home. We will be encouraging the children to start to reflect on their learning through adding captions and voice recordings to their journal entries.

Seesaw gives families an immediate and personalised window into our learning space and provides parents with an opportunity to comment on their child's learning. It becomes a wonderful record of your child's experiences and progress.

Our Team Library day is Friday

Your child will be able to return their library books and choose new library books weekly. The library is also open daily during both breaks.



Homework

Reading - 20 to 30 min a day either the book their workshop teacher has given them or one of their own books.

Other ideas

- Visit the library
- Find facts - books/internet
- Take notes
- Writing-whanau and friends
- Reading to siblings

Arrival in the Morning

We encourage you to arrive at 8.30am or shortly after. This will allow children to unpack their bag, catch up with friends and have a short play on the playground.



If you arrive at school before 8.30am wait in the shelter until the 8:30am bell.

Lunchbox Checklist:

- Healthy snacks
- Litter free
- Keep treats for after school



Lost Property

Please name all clothing, so it can be easily returned to the owner when left lying around. We already have unclaimed clothes in a box in Room 12.

A set of spare clothes is also a good idea for this time of the year.

Late Arrival / Early Pickups

If your child has arrived after 8:55am please report to the office to collect a **yellow card**.

If you are picking your child up before 3:00pm, please report to the office before collecting your child. You will be given an **orange slip** to confirm you are taking your child early.

Communication

Please feel free to contact us if you need to discuss anything. Open lines of communication between the parent, learner and teachers is vital to us. If the matter requires more time we recommend that you make an appointment. **The Whanau teacher will always be the first port of call.**

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