Te Kura o Winiri
WINDLEY SCHOOL
E Tipu Nga Rakau Iti

Friday 24 April 2026

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

After a dismal start to Term 2, it is wonderful to return to a sense of normality following the recent weather disruptions. A special welcome to our new students and their whānau, and a warm welcome back to all returning learners as we begin the term together.

This term, our learning focus continues to build around sustainability, environmental awareness, and kaitiakitanga across the kura, alongside Language Week activities.

- Our Year 1–2 students will be exploring the science of the water cycle and how this connects to the changing climate we are experiencing.
- Years 3–6 will continue their learning through WelFed, focusing on gardening, sustainability, and composting, and how these practices support long-term environmental wellbeing for future generations.
- Year 7–8 students will build on their water cycle inquiry and engage in a range of science experiments.

This week, learning across the school has also focused on ANZAC Day and historical understanding, including time, continuity, and change – exploring how and why the past is important to people today.

ANZAC Day is a significant day of remembrance in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia. It marks the Gallipoli landings in 1915 and honours all who have served in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. It is a time to reflect on sacrifice, courage, service, and peace, and to acknowledge the impact of war on soldiers, their whānau, and communities.

ANZAC Day will be observed on Monday 27 April, so there will be no school on this day. We encourage whānau to take time to reflect and acknowledge this important day.

Have a lovely long weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 28 April.

Ngā mihi,

Anau Kupa
Tumuaki

STUDENT NEWS

At Windley School, VAI (Voice, Action, Identity) is a core part of the school's vision, curriculum, and graduate profile. It describes the kind of learner every student is supported to become. **What VAI means…..**

Voice

- "Everyone has a voice that can change the way things are"
- Includes confidence, communication, and having the courage to express beliefs

Action

- Learners take initiative and make a difference
- It's about doing something with their learning—leading, contributing, and solving problems

Identity

- "Know who you are. Be who you are. Show who you are."
- Strong focus on culture, belonging, and personal confidence

How it fits at Windley School

- VAI is the **graduate profile**—what students should have when they leave school
- It sits at the heart of teaching, programmes, and school culture
- It aligns with their vision of nurturing students to grow strong and confident ("E Tipu ngā rakau iti")
- Programmes and classroom practice are designed to build student voice, leadership, and identity in real contexts

Together, VAI is about developing confident, capable, grounded learners who can contribute to their community and the wider world.

VAI AWARDS WEEK 1

VOICE/To korero
Everyone has a voice that can change the way things are.

Maliana Tuimauga
Logan Saunoa

ACTION/ Ngā mahi
Learners make a difference.

Enoch Tanoi
Cassidy Saengsourinh Thongduang
Denim Wairah-Laga
Braxton Pollock
Esther Renata-Jackson
Kohu Tuterangiwhaitiri
Waihania Edwards
Lucas-Dean
Mia Louez
Leinessa Faafoi
Atlantis Penaia Mata
April Evaga
Gabriel Renata
Asher Abadel

IDENTITY/Tuakiritanga
Know who you are, be who you are, show who you are.

Marcus Mulu

WHANAU NEWS

Attendance Data

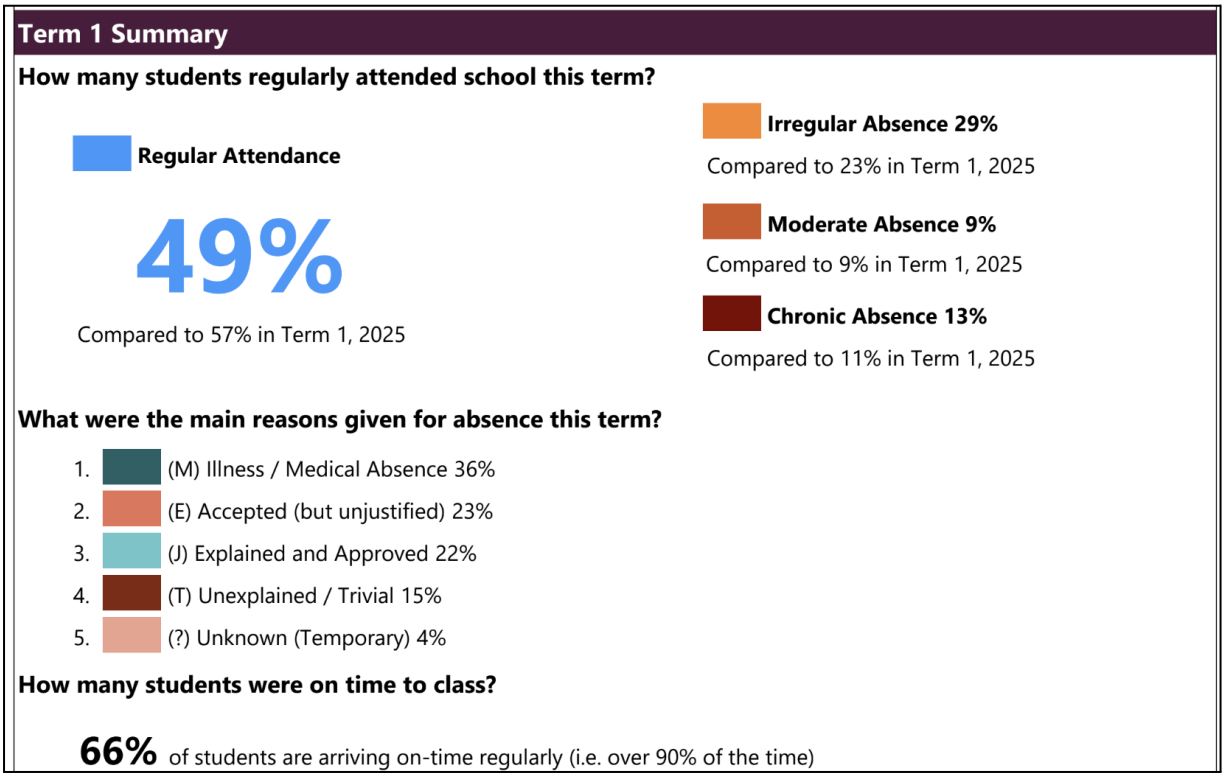
Our Term 1 attendance data, as provided by the Ministry of Education (MOE), shows that 49% of students are attending regularly. This means that just under half of our students are attending school more than 90% of the time, while over half are not currently meeting the threshold for regular attendance.

Attendance is essential for all students, and we continue to emphasise its importance for learning, progress, and wellbeing.

We recognise that there are valid reasons for some student absences; however, we are concerned by the decline in regular attendance compared to Term 1 2025, where 57% of students were recorded as attending regularly.

Every day at school matters. We know every student brings something valuable to our kura, and we want to see them here, learning, growing, and achieving together. Strong attendance is a shared effort between school and whānau, and small, consistent steps make a significant difference over time. We encourage everyone to aim for strong attendance each week so that no learning opportunities are missed and every student has the chance to thrive.

The latest attendance reports will be emailed. These reports outline your child's attendance so far. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me.



BOARD NEWS

Resignation and Casual Vacancy

We acknowledge the resignation of our parent representative, Helaina Walter, who has served on the Board for an outstanding 18 years.

Helaina has made a significant contribution to the governance of our school over this time. Her strong connection to our kura spans generations, with her children, and now her grandchildren, having attended. Her role in finance and community engagement has been highly valued and has strengthened both the financial stewardship and wider connections within our school community.

We thank Helaina sincerely for her service and wish her all the very best for the future.

Following her resignation, a casual vacancy has arisen on the Board. This vacancy has been publicly advertised on the school website (14 April 2026). (attached)

Sheryl Brown
Presiding Member for the Board

Tuesday 14 April, 2026

Windley School Board
Casual vacancy for a parent representative

Tēnā koutou,

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Presiding member (Sheryl Brown)
Windley School Board

146 Mungavin Avenue
Porirua 5024 or

sheryl.board@windley.school.nz

by: 12th May 2026