Te Kura o Winiri
WINDLEY SCHOOL
E Tipu Nga Rakau Iti

Friday 8 May, 2026

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Warm greetings to our students, whānau, staff, and wider community.

Over the last couple of weeks, our ākonga have been busy and engaged in a range of learning experiences across the school. There has been a strong focus on building routines, strengthening learning habits, and showing our school values in action each day.

Attendance Matters: Every Day Counts!
At Windley School, showing up isn't just about being in a classroom—it's about **shaping our tomorrow.** We've been tracking our attendance over the last three weeks, and the percentage results show a community that is working hard to be present and engaged.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	78	Closed	62	82	85
Week 2	Holiday	87	88	83	90
Week 3	85	89	82	87	

While the numbers look good, the real magic happens in the classroom. There is a direct link between consistent attendance and learning success. Here's how it works:

- Learning is like building a tower. Each lesson is a new block. When a student misses a day, they miss a block, making it harder to balance the new information that comes the next day.
- Students who attend regularly feel more confident. They don't have to spend energy "catching up" on what they missed, which allows them to dive straight into new challenges with their friends.
- School isn't just about books; it's about belonging. Being here every day strengthens friendships and teamwork skills that can't be learned from a textbook.

When students are here, they are building friendships, discovering new talents, and preparing for a bright future. A big thank you to all our parents and whānau for supporting your children in getting to school ready to learn.

Ngā mihi nui,

Anau Kupa
Tumuaki

STUDENT NEWS

VAI AWARDS WEEK 3

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

Heiva Pakitoa
Lopesi Futi
Andrew Tung
Ezekiel Taupe

ACTION/ Ngā mahi
Learners make a difference.

Prez Rua-Manuel
Ebony Nema
Raina Te Paiho-Williams
Azodia-leigh Niania-Tetana
Joshua Tuimauga
Sapphire-Ava Rose
Kycen Dolan
Manaaki Taui-Hauparoa
Kristi McGregore
Hirini Tipuna-Torea Karini
Jovan Nanai

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

Mercedeez Waaka-Kati
Chris Kameta

Sports & Activities Around the School
We've had a fantastic week of activity and participation across the school!
Recently, 15 of our Year 7 & 8 students took part in this year's exciting Mud Run held in Wainuiomata. It was a great opportunity for students to challenge themselves, show resilience, and most importantly—have fun together.

Cross Country Events
Our school cross country event was held this week. A small group of selected students will then go on to represent the school at the interschool cluster cross country next week at Porirua Park.

Please keep an eye out for a separate flyer with details for the students who have been selected to participate.

Service to School – Road Patrol Superhero Day/PALs
A special highlight was Road Patrol Superhero Day, held on Wednesday 6 May 2026 as part of Road Safety Week. This day acknowledges our dedicated road patrollers, who help keep students safe every day on their journey to and from school.

We also acknowledge our **PALs** (Year 7 & 8 students), who are easily recognised in their green vests as supportive leaders in the playground. Alongside our patrol team, they help create a safe, positive, and caring environment for all students.

WHANAU NEWS

Year 9 college enrolments (2027)

To the parents of Year 8 students, this is an important time to begin thinking about choosing a college for your child for 2027. Many colleges are now beginning to hold open days and information evenings, and we strongly encourage whānau to attend these.

Visiting colleges is an important part of supporting a smooth transition, helping students feel confident, informed, and prepared for their next step.

The general process for selecting a college includes:

- Attending open days and/or information evenings
- Reviewing enrolment zones and requirements
- Completing enrolment applications for your preferred college(s)
- Submitting applications before closing dates
- Receiving confirmation and transition information from the college

We encourage whānau to start these conversations early with your child and take every opportunity to explore what different colleges have to offer.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Next Friday is Pink Shirt Day. Students are encouraged to wear their best pink outfit to help us show support for kindness, inclusion, and standing up against bullying. It's a great opportunity for our school to celebrate positive relationships and look after one another.

We are fundraising for Pink Shirt Day, so please bring along a gold coin donation to help support the important work they do.

School Policies – School Docs

We encourage whānau to review our school policies on **School Docs**. This is an important way to stay informed about school procedures and expectations.

- Website: School Docs (search "School Docs" online)
- Username: **Windley**
- Password: **Windley**

School Community Policies

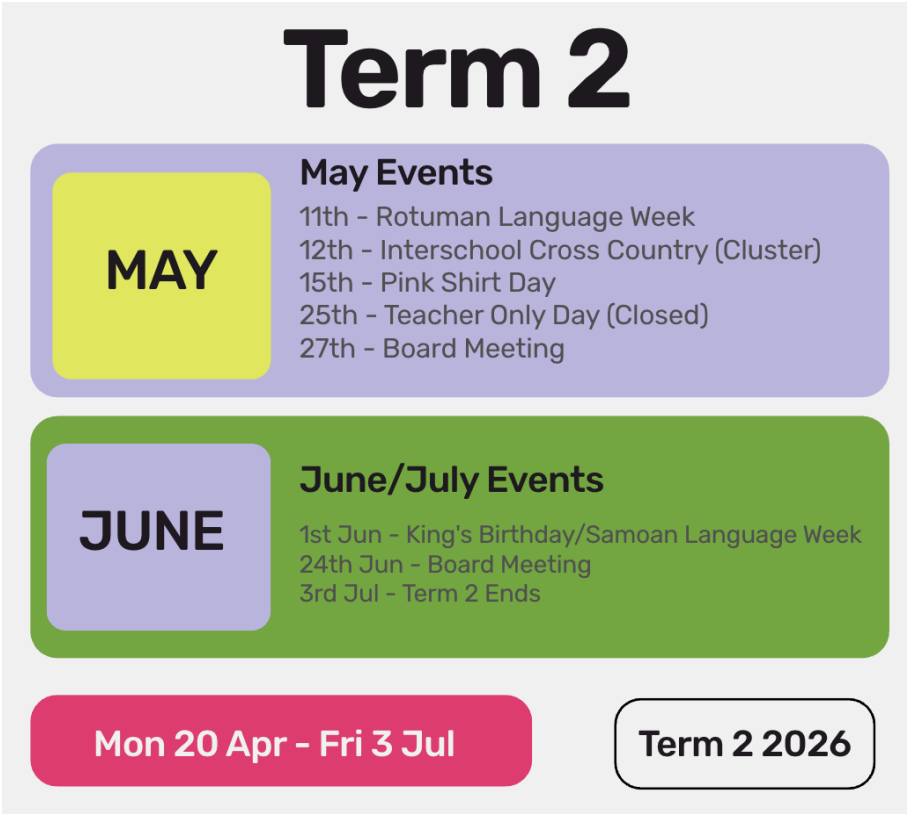
There are several school policies available on School Docs. One in particular that is worth taking the time to read is the ***School Community Conduct Expectations*****,** alongside the ***School Community and Engagement Policy*****.** We strongly encourage all whānau and community members to familiarise themselves with these documents and the links that go with it so there is a shared understanding of the expectations that guide how we work together.

Our school is committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive, and supportive environment for all members of our community, and these policies help ensure everyone feels safe, valued, and respected.

BOARD NEWS

Have your say – two important consultations coming up

The Board is inviting our school community to take part in two important consultations in the coming weeks.

- The first is our Health Education consultation, which is a requirement every two years. This is your opportunity to share your thoughts and help shape how we support students' learning in this important area.
- The second is our Community consultation for strategic planning. Your feedback will help guide the direction and priorities of our school for the future.

We really value the voices of our whānau and community, so please keep an eye out for these opportunities to share your input and be part of the conversation.