Te Kura o Winiri
WINDLEY SCHOOL
E Tipu Nga Rakau Iti

Friday 25 September, 2026

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of Term 3!

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
The speeches last week have been amazing, and the calibre of our tamariki has been truly outstanding. Students spoke about the importance of learning te reo Māori, being proud of who they are, and being proud to be Māori. Many students shared their whakapapa, iwi, and connections, highlighting just how important it is to maintain and celebrate these connections.

We also had a number of our Year 8 students represent Windley School at He Reo Mokopuna (Te Reo Māori Speeches), held at Ngāti Toa School. A huge thank you to all the staff, parents, and whānau who supported our tamariki and helped make this wonderful opportunity possible.

EPro8 Challenge – Years 5–8
Our Year 5–8 students have been engaged in hands-on science, engineering, and problem-solving during this week's EPro8 events in Room 8. It has been fantastic to see our tamariki collaborating, reading instructions carefully, sharing ideas, and tackling these fun and challenging engineering activities with such enthusiasm.

Looking Ahead to Term 4
As we look ahead to Term 4, we are also mindful that this will be our Year 8 students' final term at Windley School. They will be preparing for their transition to college, which is an exciting and important milestone for both them and their whānau.

We have a number of highlights planned for the term, along with important learning and assessment opportunities. Assessments will begin early in Term 4 as we gather the information needed to prepare your child's end-of-year report.

A reminder that the end-of-year report is an important opportunity to celebrate your child's progress, achievements, and learning throughout the year, while also providing a clear picture of their next steps.

A huge thank you to all our staff for your commitment, dedication, and hard work in ensuring everything runs smoothly. It's been an amazing term, and your efforts are truly appreciated!

To our students, take the time to rest, reflect, recharge, and most importantly, enjoy the break. You've earned it! Wishing everyone a well-deserved and relaxing break!

Ngā mihi maioha,

Anau Kupa
Tumuaki

STUDENT NEWS & VAI AWARDS



SPORTS NEWS

Girls Futsal Event: Last week, our girls headed down to Te Rauparaha Arena to participate in the Girls Futsal Festival. They represented Windley School with immense pride and displayed teamwork.

Tackle Rugby Tournament: Yesterday, our Year 5–6 and Year 7–8 tackle rugby teams competed at Onepoto Park. A huge shoutout to Trey, Caleb, Papa and Jay for coaching and taking the strong team of students and supporting them throughout the tournament!

WHĀNAU NEWS

Attendance Update

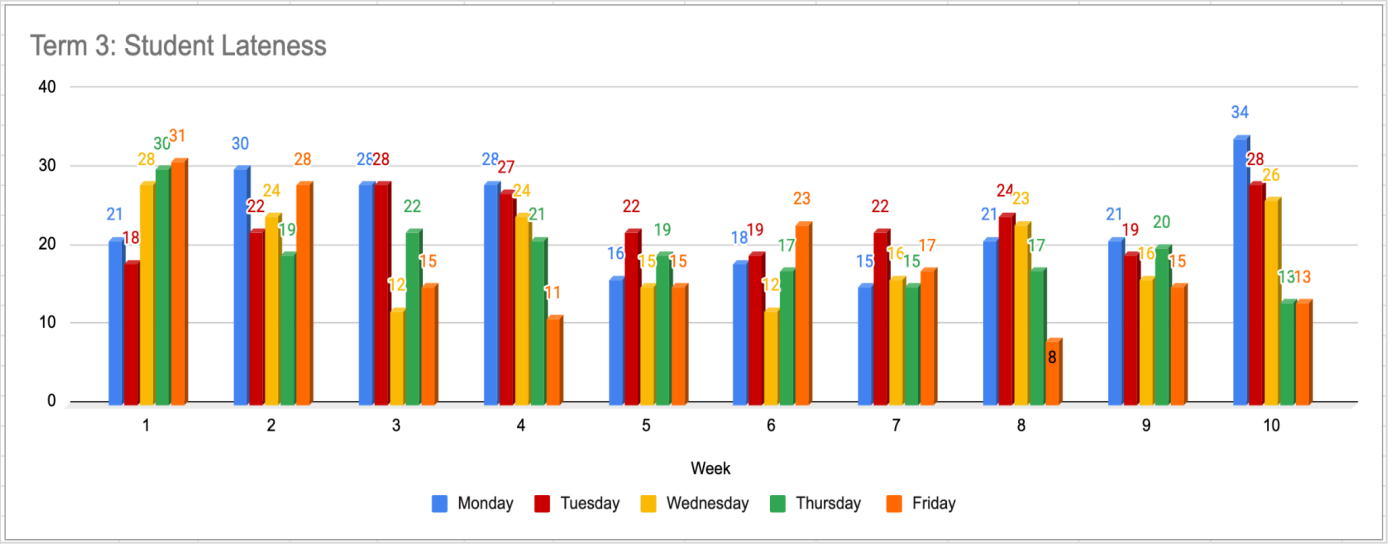
Our overall Term 3 attendance was 84%. While there were some strong weeks, we noticed lower attendance at certain points during the term, particularly towards the end of the week. We encourage all families to **prioritise regular attendance throughout the full school week,** as being at school consistently helps students stay connected, engaged, and on track with their learning.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Overall
Week 1	84%	86%	86%	86%	81%	85%
Week 2	83%	82%	87%	81%	85%	84%
Week 3	89%	86%	79%	84%	76%	84%
Week 4	82%	77%	82%	83%	68%	80%
Week 5	86%	86%	74%	82%	81%	82%
Week 6	85%	85%	85%	82%	86%	85%
Week 7	84%	90%	90%	88%	75%	85%
Week 8	63%	85%	87%	84%	80%	80%
Week 9	83%	87%	88%	80%	86%	85%
Week 10	89%	85%	82%	90%	69%	83%

Term 3 Student Lateness

During Term 3, we continued to monitor student lateness across the school. While there were some fluctuations from week to week, lateness remains an area we would like to improve. We are particularly concerned about students arriving well after the school day has begun, with some students arriving as late as 9:15am or later. These significant delays mean students are missing valuable learning time, important instructions, and the opportunity to settle into their day with their classmates.

We encourage all families to support their children to arrive at school on time each day,



We will receive our **Term 3 Everyday Matters data soon,** which will provide us with valuable information about student attendance, lateness, engagement, and other factors that impact learning and wellbeing. This data will help us identify areas of strength and areas requiring further support, allowing us to work together with students, whānau, and our wider school community to improve outcomes.

During the holidays

We will have contractors on site over the Term 3 break to complete window joinery, and outside toilet and bathroom upgrades. For safety reasons, clear signs will be located around all work areas.

Teacher Only Day

The board has approved a Teacher Only Day on **Friday 20th November** for assessment and reporting. This means school will be closed. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

BOARD NEWS

As we cruise into the end of Term 3, and head into some hopefully warmer weather and long summer days, the Board of Trustees wanted to share a quick update on what we have been working on behind the scenes to support our students and staff.

Property and School Environment

It has been a busy time at school with lots of property issues being addressed around the school. The biggest and most obvious being the outside paint work of the school, it certainly has given our school a new fresh look. For our students and their teachers it has been a pleasure to see them enjoying their new classroom furniture in year 5-8 classes. I visited the school last Friday to take a look at one of the classrooms. They were so very grateful and excited to show me their new desks and chairs. The board has received some beautiful letters from students, which warmed all our hearts at our recent board meeting on Wednesday evening.

EOTC & Curriculum Reports

Recently our principal Anau Kupa and Tania Debazin have attended an Education Outside the Classroom workshop. Our EOTC policy is crucial for the school as it ensures all our students and staff are safe when going on any activity outside of the school. This has been a lot of work especially for Tania who has put a huge amount of time and effort into this work. On behalf of the school board, thank you.

I would like to acknowledge Melanie Gill for providing the Board with the ARTS curriculum report, and Jay Fisher for his work on the Health, PE & Sports Curriculum reports presented to the Board. Thank you both for the time, effort, and commitment you have put into these reports.

Sun Hats

Prior to coming into term 4 we reviewed our **Sun Protection** policy. It is a requirement that ALL our students and teachers wear an appropriate sun hat while they are outside. If they have no hat they will be required to sit under a shaded area. We have hats available. Please encourage your child/children to wear their hats when playing outside at school.

Community Consultation Summary

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey.Please find attached a summary of the community consultation review.

Thank you

Finally, a massive thank you to our incredible teachers and support staff, and our wonderful principal Mrs Kupa who goes above and beyond every day.

Ngā mihi
Sheryl Brown
Presiding member
Windley School Board

Community Consultation Survey – Parent Newsletter Summary

A big thank you to the whānau and community members who took the time to complete our recent Community Consultation Survey! Your feedback and voice are invaluable in helping the Board of Trustees and leadership team develop our 2027–2028 Strategic Plan. Here is a summary of what you shared with us and how it will help shape the future of Windley School:

1. What You Value Most & Strategic Priorities

When asked about the top priorities for Windley School over 2027–2028, whānau highlighted:

- Student Learning & Achievement (74.4%)
- Student Wellbeing & Mental Health (61.5%)
- Cultural Identity, Language & Culture (59.0%)
- Positive Behaviour & Values (53.8%)
- Regular Attendance & Engagement (51.3%)

2. School Environment, Safety & Culture

- 92.3% of respondents feel Windley School is safe, welcoming, and inclusive.
- 94.6% report that their child feels safe at school.
- 89.8% feel that their child's culture, language, and identity are recognised and celebrated well.

3. Communication & Attendance

- 94.9% of parents prefer receiving school updates via our School Facebook Page.
- 92.3% of whānau agree that attending school every day is key to student success and learning.

4. Key Feedback & Future Planning Considerations

- Providing more 1-on-1 support in literacy and maths
- Continuing proactive anti-bullying initiatives
- Exploring playground upgrades, uniform options, and more events.

Term 4 Dates

- **Monday 12 October:** Term 4 Starts
- **Monday 19 October:** Niue Language Week
- **Wednesday 21 October:** Shake out Earthquake Drill
- **Monday 26 October:** Labour Day (School Closed) - Tokelau Language Week
- **Wednesday 28th October:** Ki o rahi @ Onepoto Park, Titahi Bay - BOT meeting
- **Thursday 29 October:** Lockdown Drill
- **Wednesday 4 November:** Cultural Concert 2.00pm
- **Friday 13 November:** Year 8 Transition Visit to Porirua College (9:30am – 2:45pm)
- **Tuesday 17 November:** Cluster Athletics @ Kura St, Titahi Bay
- **Friday 20 November:** Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
- **Wednesday 25 November:** BOT meeting
- **Friday 27 November:** Year 8 Transition Visit to Porirua College (1:30pm – 2:45pm)
- **Tuesday 1st December:**Regional Athletics @ Newtown Park
- **Friday 11 December:** All students will receive End-of-year reports/ Final Assembly
- **Monday 14 December:** Last Day of Term 4