Te Kura o Winiri
WINDLEY SCHOOL
E Tipu Nga Rakau Iti

Wednesday 18 November, 2026

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

We have had a busy and exciting couple of weeks at school, filled with wonderful learning opportunities, engaging events and memorable experiences for our students.



WELLFeD Juniors
This term, our Year 1 and 2 students have begun their journey with WELLFeD. This is a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki to develop healthy habits, explore wellbeing and build positive foundations for their learning and everyday lives.

Cultural Concert
Our students proudly performed at our Cultural Concert, sharing their cultures and celebrating the diversity of our school community. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, showing confidence and taking pride in who they are.

A special thank you to Miracle, Isaia, Rouru, Aunty Liz and Mel for their hard work and support in preparing our students. We would also like to acknowledge our Junior School students and staff for their fantastic performances and efforts.

Our students who performed at Te Kiwa Nui were also recognised with certificates and medals for their participation and performances. Congratulations to everyone involved! We are very proud of you all.







Royal New Zealand Ballet Trip
Our students enjoyed a fantastic trip to watch a live performance by the Royal New Zealand Ballet. It was a great opportunity for them to experience dance, music and creativity. A big thank you to Mrs Gill for organising this wonderful experience for our students.



EPro8 Challenge
Our Year 5 and 6, and Year 7 and 8 students took part in the EPro8 Challenge, where they used their problem-solving, teamwork and building skills. It was great to see our students working together, sharing ideas and giving the challenges their best effort.

Future Unity Rangatahi Group
Our students recently had the opportunity to be part of the Future Unity initiative, bringing together rangatahi from across Porirua to connect, share ideas and strengthen their understanding of caring for te Taiao (the environment). Supported by Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, Porirua Assembly, Enviroschools, Papa Taiao, Porirua City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council, the event provided hands-on learning experiences, interactive workshops and opportunities to explore environmental sustainability.

Ngā mihi to our participating students: Room 1: Enoch and Aung, Room 12: Caius and Hala, Room 2: Anika, Netta, Jahkobi, Hawaiki and Shiloh

Interschool Athletics
Our students proudly represented our school at the Interschool Athletics event. It was a great day of sports, teamwork and friendly competition. We were proud to see our tamariki giving their best, supporting one another and showing great sportsmanship.

A big congratulations to all our students who took part and represented our school so well!

Reminder – Teacher Only Day
A reminder that this ***Friday, 20 November,*** is a Teacher Only Day. Our staff will be taking part in professional learning and development (PLD) focused on assessment. School will be closed for instruction.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Anau Kupa
Tumuaki

STUDENT NEWS

Year 8 Transition to College

Our Year 8 students are now in their final few weeks with us and are busy taking part in transition visits to their future colleges. These visits are an important part of preparing for the next stage of their learning journey, giving students the opportunity to become familiar with their new schools, meet staff and begin building confidence as they prepare for this exciting change.

STAFF NEWS

Farewell and Best Wishes – Melissa Miller

We have some exciting news to share. Ms Melissa Miller will be relocating to Taranaki, where she has secured a teaching position at a local school.

Melissa first joined our school as a beginning teacher in early 2021 and has worked mainly in our Junior School. During her time here, she has been a valued member of our team, showing dedication and commitment to teaching and learning. Melissa has always wanted the very best for our tamariki and has made valuable contributions to many areas of school life, including supporting student attendance and the wider work of our school.

Melissa will be greatly missed by our students, staff and whānau. We are grateful for all she has contributed to our school over the years and for the positive difference she has made to our community.

Ngā mihi nui, Melissa. All the very best for your next adventure!

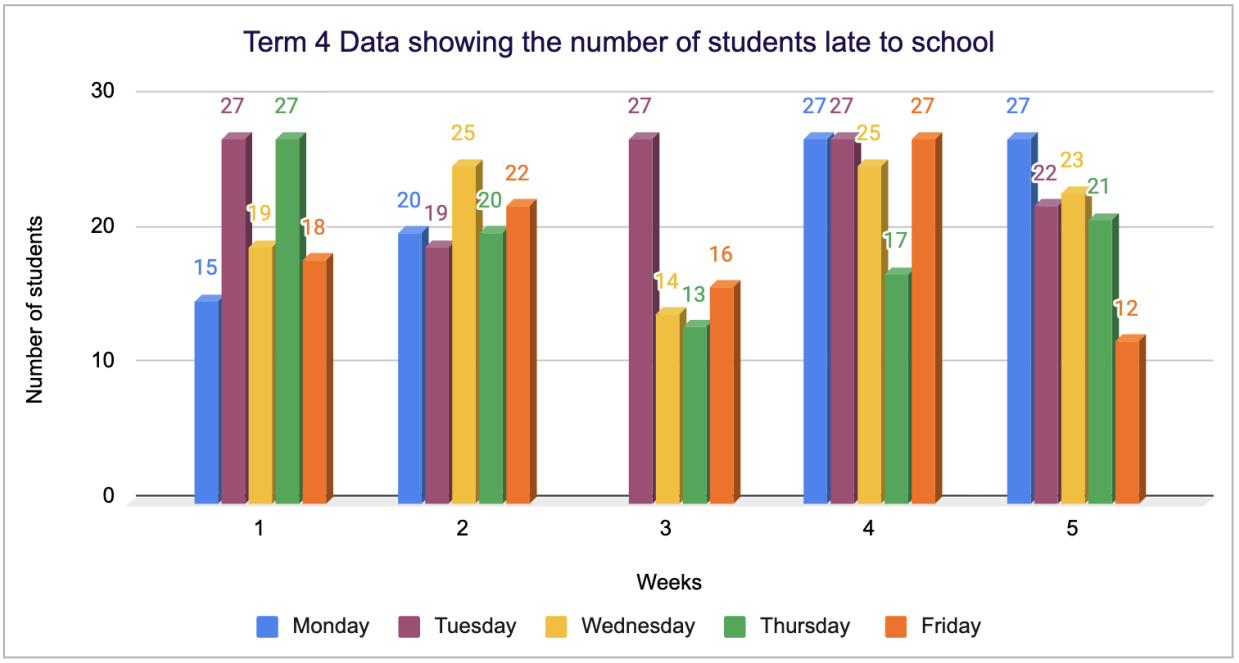
WHĀNAU NEWS

Attendance Update Term 4

TERM 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Overall
Week 1	83%	83%	83%	84%	79%	82%
Week 2	80%	87%	91%	83%	80%	84%
Week 3	Labour Day	72%	88%	82%	85%	82%
Week 4	78%	88%	90%	87%	73%	83%
Week 5	76%	81%	86%	84%	80%	81%

As we track our daily attendance and punctuality patterns, we want to share a quick update on how our tamariki are doing as we move through Term 4:

While our overall regular attendance has shown progress, we continue to see fluctuations at the beginning and end of the week. For instance, Friday attendance dipped to 73% in Week 4, and Monday attendance dropped to 76% in Week 5. Consistent daily attendance ensures our students stay connected to their learning, friends, and teachers.



Lateness remains an ongoing challenge for us, with up to 27 students arriving late on high-incidence days across Weeks 1–5. Being at school on time helps our tamariki establish positive routines, feel settled and ready to learn, and make the most of every learning opportunity. Improving punctuality will continue to be an important focus for our school.

BOARD NEWS

Board Strategic Planning – 2027–2028

Our Board has been working on the school's strategic planning for 2027–2028. They have been considering a range of information, including student achievement, learning priorities, school-wide goals and feedback from our school community. This work will help guide our direction and priorities for the coming years, ensuring we continue to provide the best possible learning opportunities and outcomes for all our tamariki.

We look forward to sharing more as this work progresses.

Term 4 Dates

- **Friday 20 November:** Teacher Only Day (School is Closed)
- **Wednesday 24 November:** Room 2 and Room 4 Pataka Trip
- **Thursday 26 November:** BOT meeting/ Road Patrol Celebration
- **Friday 27 November:** Year 8 Transition Visit to Porirua College (1:30pm – 2:45pm)
- **Tuesday 1st December:**Regional Athletics @ Newtown Park
- **Thursday 3rd December:** Room 12 and Room 5 Pataka Trip
- **Thursday 10th December:** Room 2 and Room 12 Snorkeling (Titahi Bay Beach)
- **Friday 11 December:** All students will receive End-of-year reports/ Final Assembly
- **Monday 14 December:** Last Day of Term 4 and School year/ Farewell Assembly