



Thursday 5 February, 2026

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

What a start to the year! We've had a fantastic beginning, with children refreshed and ready to kick off 2026. A warm welcome to the new families joining our school — we're excited to have you as part of our community and look forward to a great year ahead.

We will formally welcome our new families and students with a mihi whakatau on Monday 9 February at 9.15am, and we look forward to welcoming you into our school community.

Some serious mahi ahead this year! You may have seen or heard on the news and social media the strong emphasis on these key priorities. Our strategic goals for 2026 align closely with this focus and centre on three main areas:

- 1. Student Attendance** – improve attendance to ensure every student has the best chance to learn, engage, and succeed.
- 2. Mathematics and Statistics Curriculum** – implement the refreshed curriculum with a focus on strengthening teacher capability and confidence in delivering learning.
- 3. Assessment & Reporting** – develop and implement consistent school-wide assessment practices and reporting to support student progress and achievement.

The staff are fully committed to improving outcomes for students, teaching literacy and maths daily, and offering a wide range of programmes and learning opportunities. We value the important learning and support families provide at home, and we want the same level of engagement and consistency for children when they attend school. Like anything, children need to be at school to fully benefit from these opportunities.

Just a reminder that tomorrow is a public holiday for Waitangi Day, so school will be closed. If you're heading away for the long weekend, please travel safely and take care of yourselves and your whānau.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 9 February.

Ngā mihi

Anau Kupa  
TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL

**STUDENT NEWS**

**Swimming starts next week (Week 2).**

All children will participate, as swimming is an important part of our learning programme and helps develop confidence and water safety skills. We encourage every child to take part and do their best.

Swimming is a required part of the curriculum, but if your child is unable to participate, please provide a note from home. See the timetable below.

Swimming Timetable for Seniors		
	10.00 - 11.00 am	11.00 - 12.00pm
Wednesday 11th February Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 25th February Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y7/8 Room 1	Y7/8 Room 7
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 5/6 Room 2	Year 5/6 Room 12

Swimming Timetable for Juniors					
	9.30-10.00am	10-10.30am	10.30-11.00am	11-11.30am	11.30am-12.00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April (Last day of term)	Room 4	Room 5	Room 15	Room 16	Room 17

**Our PB4L focus and expectation** for the next couple of weeks is: 'Be safe by wearing a hat.' Please encourage your child to bring a hat.

**STAFF NEWS**

**Elizabeth (Liz) Tuara – Attendance Administrator/Liaison**

Some of you may know Liz—or “Aunty Liz,” as many of our students like to call her. We’re excited to share that Liz will be taking on the important role of managing attendance, giving it the focus and priority it deserves.



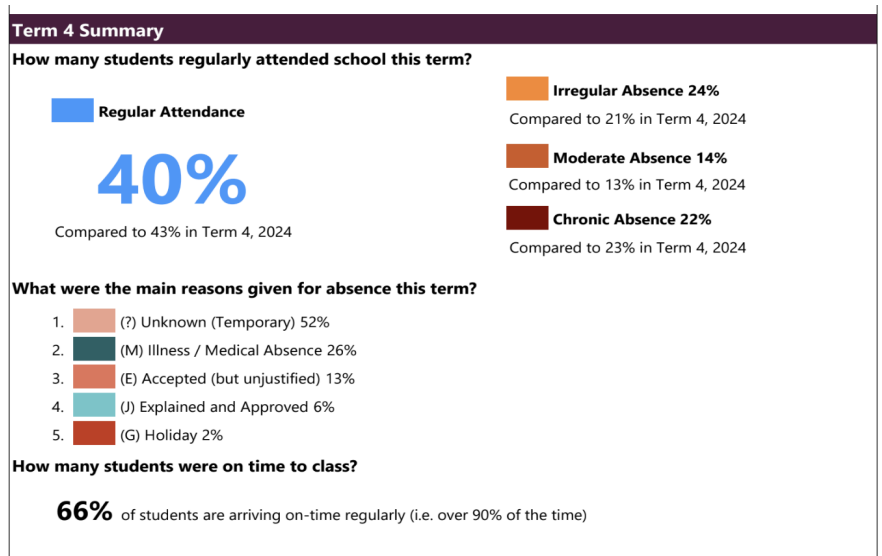
**Team Windley for 2026**

NE/ Year 1	Room 17 Sharee MacDonald	Jacki Newell - Deputy Principal/Senco  Office Staff - Jo Mckinley/Liz Tuara Support Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Caleb Davis</li> <li>● Selina Akavi</li> <li>● Justine Brown</li> <li>● Kayce Brown</li> <li>● Kay Oldridge</li> <li>● Danica Anderson</li> <li>● Amber Riley</li> </ul> Breakfast - Denise Sione Caretakers - Travel Tuara and Papa Pio Relievers - Katie Willis, Meena Bhasin and Swendhi David
Year 1&2	Room 16 Nineta Nimo Room 15 Ushani Punchihewa	
Year 3&4	Room 4 Melissa Miller Room 5 Naoko Funatsu	
Year 5&6	Room 2 Tania DeBazin Room 12 Kath Bradley	
Year 7&8	Room 1 Jay Fisher Room 7 Mel Gill	

**WHANAU NEWS**

**School Attendance**

You will have received a separate newsletter from our Board Presiding Member highlighting the importance of attendance. The data below shows that our Term 4 attendance rate in 2025 was 40%, which is a decline compared with 2024. Attendance truly matters for your child’s learning and wellbeing—but the good news is that together, we can make a positive difference.



**Supporting regular attendance**

To help us support regular attendance, please let us know if your child is going to be absent. Parents and caregivers are asked to notify the school **before 8.55am** on the day of absence via one of the following options:

- **Phone:** 0800 115 153
- **Skool Loop App**
- **Text message** 027 246 6765

**Our Driveway - One way system**

To keep everyone safe, please enter the school through Mungavin Ave to drop off your child and follow the white arrows to Exit out of Hampshire Street. The same happens after school. Trey and Papa Pio will man the gates between 8.30am - 9.00am and again 2.45 - 3.15pm.

**Arriving on Time**

We encourage all children to arrive before 8:55 am and stay until 3:00 pm. Late arrivals and early pick-ups quickly add up to minutes, hours, days, weeks, and months of precious learning time.

**Signing In and Out**

A reminder to families: if children arrive late, they need to sign in at the office, and if they are picked up early for a valid reason, they need to sign out. This helps us keep accurate records and ensures the safety of every child.

**Healthy foods and drinks**

School lunches continue this year, and we encourage all children to eat the lunch provided. A friendly reminder that we are a water-only school.

**Calendar - Monday 3 February - Thursday 2 April 2026**

- Monday 9 February - Ko Wai Au for seniors/ School 9.15am Mihi Whakatau
- Tuesday 10 February - Tech Year 7&8/ R2 visit to Welfed
- Wednesday 11 February - Swimming (seniors)
- Thursday 12 February - Swimming (juniors)
- Friday 13 February - Ko Wai Au

**CONTACT DETAILS**

**Phone** - 0800 115 053

**Cell phone** - 027 246 6765

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