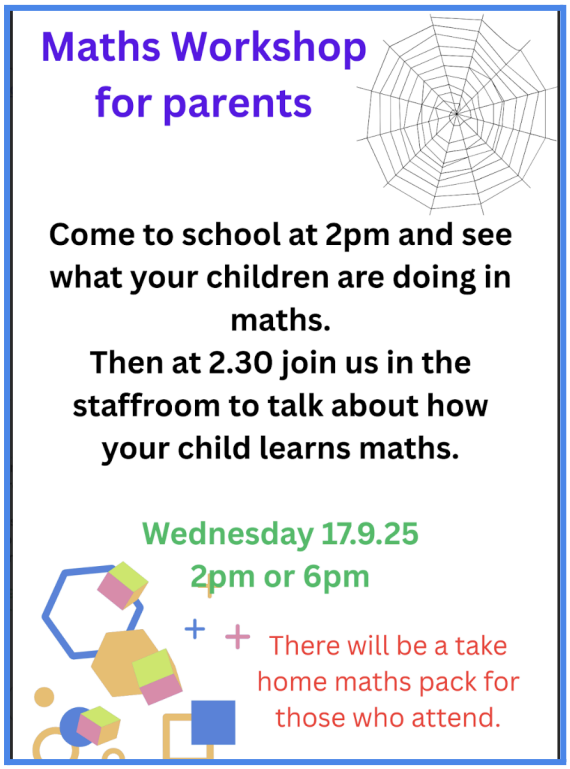
Te Kura o Winiri
WINDLEY SCHOOL
E Tipu Nga Rakau Iti

Wednesday 16 September, 2025

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori – 50 Years On
This year marks 50 years since the Māori Language Petition was presented to Parliament in 1972 — a powerful moment that sparked the movement to revitalise te reo Māori across Aotearoa. This week we are celebrating te reo Māori together through a range of activities that honour the language, its history, and its place in our everyday lives.

Whakapiki i te Reo – Māori Speech Competition
A week ago, Realest and Ārona proudly represented our school at this year's Whakapiki i te Reo speech competition, held at Holy Family School.
Their speeches explored the theme **"Ka hao te rangatahi"**, and we are incredibly proud of them both for speaking with such confidence. They shared their ideas freely and meaningfully, demonstrating a deep understanding of and respect for the Te Reo Māori.
Ka mau te wehi, Realest rāua ko Ārona!



This term, students across the school have been engaged in rich and meaningful learning inquiries. Years 3 to 6 have focused on the localised curriculum, Aotearoa New Zealand histories, and influential leaders. For Years 7 and 8, the inquiry has had a strong emphasis on science—particularly Antarctica and scientific exploration. Meanwhile, Years 1 and 2 have been developing their communication skills and extending their oral language through a variety of interactive learning experiences. It's been exciting to see students connect with these topics in ways that deepen their understanding of the world around them and their place within it.

Looking Ahead
We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break. A reminder that school resumes next term on Monday 6 October at 8:55am.
Over the holidays, take a moment to reflect on possible goals for your child next term—whether it's an attendance goal, a learning goal, or something specific to their interests and needs. Small goals can make a big difference!

Ngā mihi

Anau Kupa
PRINCIPAL

STUDENT NEWS

Student Leadership

Paedyn Sibounheuang and Darren Saulo Togafiti received our Primary School Leadership Awards. They were recognised for demonstrating outstanding leadership within our school, showing strong elements of service, and consistently being positive role models to their peers and adults.
Congratulations, Paedyn and Darren!

We celebrated Tongan Language Week the other week, and like many of the language weeks, there was a strong focus on both language and culture. This is incredibly valuable in helping us build understanding and respect across our diverse communities. Here are a few photos of the amazing Tongan *kahoa* (garlands) that Room 17 created — we're very proud of all they've achieved!

BOARD NEWS

Our new board met this week for their induction, and we're pleased to welcome our newest members: Danica Anderson, Khurance Brown, and staff representative Melissa Miller.

We would also like to sincerely acknowledge and thank Kim Willis, a long-standing board member and parent in our school community, and Melanie Gill, staff representative, for their dedication and mahi. Their significant contributions have made a lasting impact, and we are grateful for the time, energy, and insight they have brought to the Board.

VAI AWARDS - Term 3 Week 8

VOICE/To korero
"Everyone has a voice that can change the way things are"
Enoch Tanoi
Malaki Fa'atau
Bryce Ruhi
Trinity Beauchamp-Ith
Gafua Tuaau
Aung Aung
BenBen Min
Carmel-Lee Ruhi

ACTION/ Ngā mahi
"Learners make a difference"

Ahmad Almuhawen
Dima Alowedat
Hawaiiki Ith-Beauchamp
Tyler Lepupa
Kearangi Matenga
Rhythm Herbert
Nirvana Cashmore
William Rozzaine Viliamu

IDENTITY/Tuakiritanga
"Know who you are, be who you are, show who you are"
Babyprinetta Tuii
Nevaeh Nevin
Joyfulkuka Rozzaine Viliamu

WHANAU NEWS

Attendance
Our current attendance for Term 3 is 48%, which is well below the Government's target of having 80% of students attend school more than 90% of the time. We know that regular attendance makes a big difference to learning, and we're here to support every family in helping their child get the most out of each school day. Every day counts, and together, we can make a positive change!

Arise Church - Adam Johnson
A huge thank you to Adam and his amazing crew from Arise Church for fixing the drainage by the playground! We're so grateful for the continued support from Arise Church, who also generously provide breakfast every Wednesday.

Teacher Only Day – Maths Curriculum Focus
Last week, we held a Teacher Only Day focused on the mathematics curriculum. Staff took part in valuable professional development sessions and found the day to be both engaging and worthwhile.
Our next Teacher Only Day is scheduled for **Friday, 24 October 2025**, where we will continue to build on this mahi with a further focus on maths.

Term 4 Dates - Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16 December

- Friday 19 September - Term 3 Ends
- Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th October - Year 7&8 Camp
- Friday 24th October - Teacher Only Day
- Tuesday 28 October - BOT Meeting