Te Kura o Winiri
WINDLEY SCHOOL
E Tipu Nga Rakau Iti

Tuesday 16 December

Tena koutou e te whānau,

Wow – we've reached the final day of an incredible year! Our students have shown remarkable growth, determination, and resilience, and we've shared so many fun and memorable moments along the way.

A special thank you to our teachers and support staff for your dedication and hard work in making this year such a positive and successful one. Your commitment to teaching and learning has been outstanding and has made a real difference for our students.

Farewell, Year 8!
Wishing all our Year 8 students all the very best as you complete your time with us and move on to college. May you embrace the opportunities ahead, believe in yourselves, and follow your dreams, goals, and aspirations for the future. Proud to feature our Year 8 VAI recipients, Harley Coe and Japhia Kilisi! Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

As you begin this next chapter, remember to stay at school right through to Year 13. At the same time, keep following what you love, believe in who you want to become, and work towards a future that inspires you.

As we look ahead to 2026, our key focus areas include improving attendance, continuing our curriculum implementation in Mathematics, and strengthening assessment and reporting to better support learner progress and achievement.

We hope you get the chance to relax, recharge, and make the most of the break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school next year when we begin on Monday, 2 February 2026.

Ngā mihi o te wā

Anau Kupa
TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL

STUDENT NEWS

Prizegiving

Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. Our Prizegiving celebration was a special time to acknowledge student achievements and recognise those who consistently give their best, both in the classroom and across school life.

Our Graduate Profile indicators—developed by students, for students—support our learners to reflect on their learning, adapt to challenges, and continue to grow in a variety of situations. We thank our families and whānau for their ongoing support throughout the year.

VAI Trophy
Year 1 Kyto Taraeka
Year 1 Mary-Jane Strickland Neill
Year 2 Leonardo Johnson
Year 2 Ayla Mataio
Year 3 Logan Saunoa
Year 3 Tazmyn Williams
Year 4 Shiloh Gonzales
Year 4 Maria Tuimauga
Year 5 Zaylen Passi
Year 5 Hala Alowedat
Year 6 Eli Matagi-Stevenson
Year 6 Lina Alesana
Year 7 Du Lian
Year 7 Nevaeh Nevin
Year 8 Harley Coe
Year 8 Japhia Kilisi

Year 8 Awards
Crozier Cup for Leadership - Darren Saulo Togafiti
Rangimarie/Peaceful Relationships - Zeus Horne-Marsters
Lesley Duncan Award for Writing - Puni Schuster
Garrett Cup Service to School - Laupau Sinamaitai

Poly Club
Year 1/2 Tuni Toalei/Rosa Shields
Year 3/4 Passi Award - Makarios Fa'atau
Year 5-6 The Koha Shed - Lina Alesana/ Eli Matagi-Stevenson
Year 7-8 Brenda Shirley - Gafua Tuaau/ Aloni Taula
Tauiwi Award - Paedyn Sibournheuang/Shawn Gonzales

Kapa Haka
Years 5-8 Harley Coe

Sports Player of the Year
Juniors - Nesah Sopoaga/ Tuni Toalei
Year 5/ 6 - Kula Sopoaga/ Kereama Hauparoa Taui
Pesefea Cup - Darren Saulo Togafiti
Paul Duncan Cup - Blessing Failautusi

Duffy Excellence in Attitude
Chevelay Taylor

Lorraine Williams Cup for Literacy
Leonardo Johnson

STAFF NEWS

Class Teachers for 2026

Room 1	Jay Fisher Year 7/8	Room 12	Kath Bradley Year 5/6
Room 2	Tania DeBazin Year 5/6	Room 15	Ushani Punchihewa 1/2
Room 4	Melissa Miller Year 3/4	Room 16	Nineta Nimo Year 1/2
Room 5	Naoko Funatsu Year 3/4	Room 17	Sharee MacDonald Year 0/1
Room 7	Melanie Gill Year 7/8	Deputy Principal/Senco Jacki Newell	

Maree Dargan (Resource Teacher of Literacy)
On behalf of the host school, we would like to sincerely thank Maree for her outstanding work in Literacy. Maree has worked across several schools in our area, providing valued support for teachers and strengthening literacy practice for our learners.

Her contribution has been extensive, and in response to recent changes Maree is continuing to upskill her expertise through further study. Maree will remain based here at our school while she studies, and we look forward to continuing to benefit from her knowledge and support.

BOARD NEWS
On behalf of the School Board, thank you to our staff, students, and wider school community for your continued support and commitment. Your care and teamwork help make our school a positive place to learn and grow.

As we come to the end of the year, we also farewell our Year 8 students. We are proud of all they have achieved at Windley School and wish them every success as they move on to their next stage—keep living our values and embracing new opportunities with confidence.

Thank you again for all you contribute, and we look forward to working together in support of our learners and shared vision.

Sheryl Brown
Presiding Member