Te Kura o Winiri
WINDLEY SCHOOL
E Tipu Nga Rakau Iti

Friday 10 October, 2025

Ni sa bula vinaka kece sara.

Term 4 is well underway! A warm welcome to all our new students and their families. We've had a great start to the term and look forward to an exciting few weeks ahead.

As the weather gets warmer, please remember the importance of wearing a sun hat. We encourage all children to wear a hat that provides good protection from the sun — bucket hats are ideal, as they shade both the face and the back of the neck.

Important: End-of-Year Reports Coming Soon!

End-of-year reports will be sent home on **Friday, 5 December.** You will receive two reports:

1. **Curriculum Report**
   This report provides a complete overview of your child's school experience, highlighting their learning, activities, and progress across all curriculum areas. It also includes feedback based on our school's Graduate Profile (VAI), along with your child's own reflections on their progress this year.

2. **Reading, Writing, and Maths Report**
   This report focuses specifically on your child's achievements in reading, writing, and mathematics. It also outlines suggested goals and next steps for the coming year.

Parent Helpers/Volunteers – Trips and Offsite Events

As you know, we have a number of exciting trips and offsite events planned throughout the year. To make these experiences possible, we rely on the wonderful support of our parent community.

We're looking to create a group of parents who are available to help out on trips. Your support is invaluable and helps ensure our staff can continue their usual duties at school.

Please note, you'll never be on your own — a teacher will always accompany any group on trips or events. If you're interested in being a parent helper, please contact me at school. In line with school policy, all parent helpers must be vetted, as you'll be working with children. I know this can feel like another hurdle, but it's an important step that helps keep everyone safe and supports us in the long run.

Thank you for your willingness to be involved and for helping us make these opportunities possible for our students.

Vinaka Vakalevu

Anau Kupa
PRINCIPAL

STUDENT NEWS

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning Focus - "Be safe by staying on task."

This is a great focus as it helps students:

- Complete their work on time
- Understand what they're learning
- Make the most of class time

Staying on task keeps everyone focused, supports a calm learning environment, and makes learning easier and more enjoyable for everyone.

Year 8s

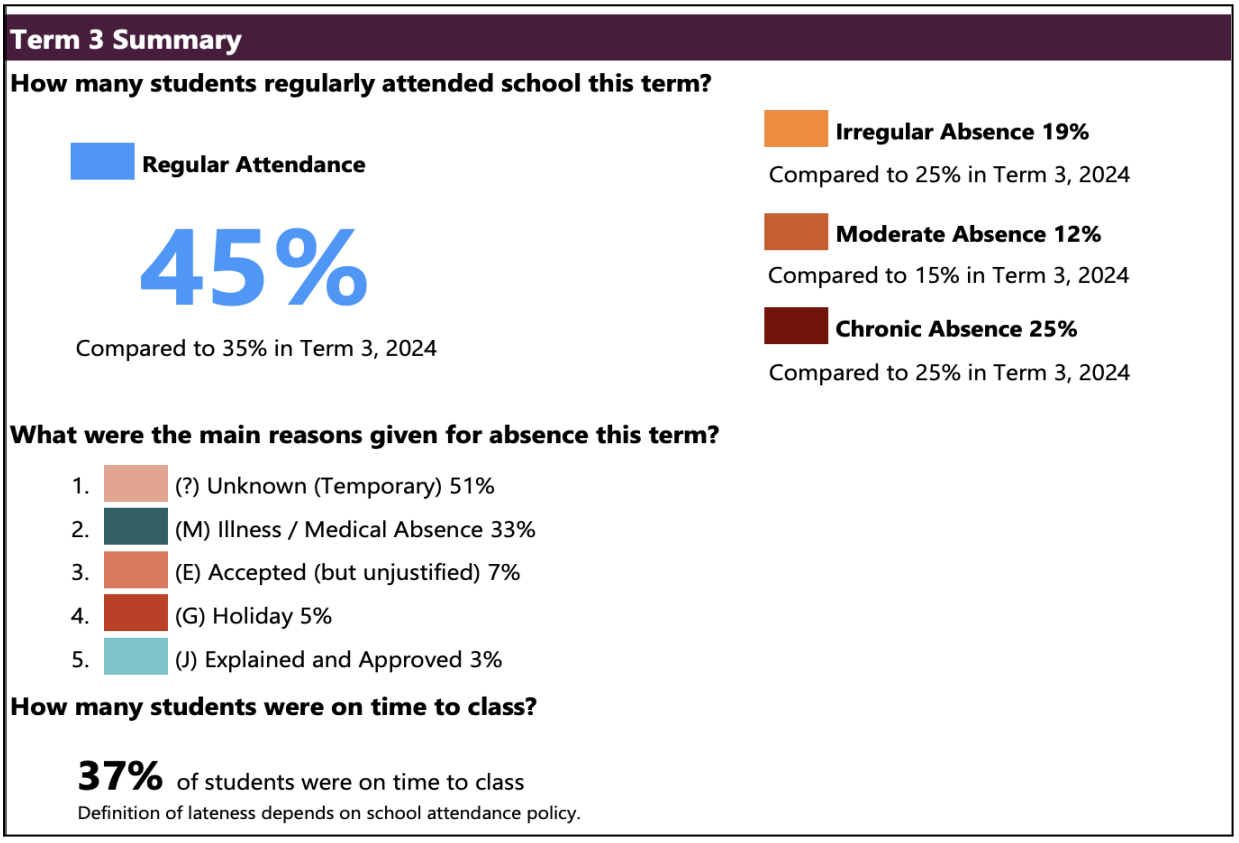
As our Year 8 students prepare to finish at the end of the term, it's important to ensure they are enrolled in a college and attend their transition visits. These steps will help them get ready for what to expect in college.

WHANAU NEWS

Attendance

Attached is our Term 3 summary of student attendance. As you can see, only **45% of students attended school regularly**. While this represents an improvement from last year, it still highlights a significant area for continued focus and improvement.

Regular attendance is vital for your child's learning and success at school. We are currently monitoring attendance closely to ensure all students are making the most of their learning time. If your child is going to be absent, please notify the school office as soon as possible, stating the reason for their absence. Consistent attendance helps your child stay connected, keep up with classwork, and build positive learning habits.



Early Pick-Ups

We've noticed an increase in the number of children being picked up early from school. While we completely understand when students need to leave for appointments or urgent matters, we kindly ask that children remain at school until the end of the school day whenever possible.

Every minute of learning time is valuable. Leaving early means students can miss important teaching, class discussions, and end-of-day routines that help them stay organised and connected with their learning. We appreciate your support in helping all students make the most of their school day.

Teacher Only Day – Maths Curriculum Focus

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.

Strike Action – Wednesday, 23 October

Unfortunately, the NZEI union (Teacher's, Principals, and Support Staff) has voted to take strike action on Wednesday, 23 October. If the strike goes ahead, the school will be closed on this day. We understand that this may cause inconvenience for families and hope that an agreement can be reached before this date to avoid disruption.
Thank you for your understanding and support.

Measles cases in Aotearoa

Recent measles cases linked to overseas travel have been reported in Te Tai Tokerau and Queenstown. Cases were active in the community while infectious and there is a risk of measles circulating there, and more widely in Aotearoa.

Here's some key points

- Measles is very contagious and can make people of any age very sick.
- Watch for measles symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes and a blotchy rash.
- If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116.
- Vaccination is the best protection from measles. Check all whānau are immunised.
- Anyone closely exposed to measles who has not received two MMR vaccinations cannot attend their school for at least eight days.

Measles immunity – Health New Zealand
Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine – Health New Zealand

Exit on Hampshire Street

As many of you know, we share a fence with **Kāinga Ora** near the **Hampshire Street exit**. When leaving the school by car, please **slow down and take extra care**, especially when checking for pedestrians coming from the **left-hand side**, where visibility can be limited.

Children and adults often use this path, so it's important that all drivers remain alert and patient when exiting.

Term 4 Dates - Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16 December

- Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th November - Year 7&8 Camp
- Thursday 23rd October - Teachers, Principals, and Support Staff Strike Action - School is closed
- Friday 24th October - Teacher Only Day - School is closed
- Monday 27th October - Labour Day (Holiday)
- Tuesday 28 October - BOT Meeting