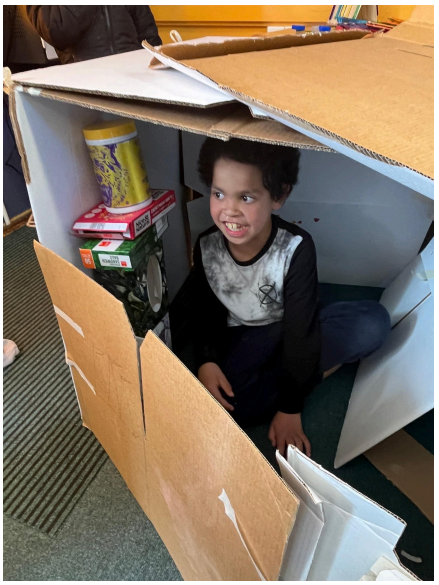
Te Kura o Winiri
WINDLEY SCHOOL
E Tipu Nga Rakau Iti

Friday 25 October

Mālo ni!

It's been a busy first week back at school, and it's wonderful to see everyone so excited and happy to be here! We have a lot planned, so please make sure to check the newsletters from me and your child's classroom teachers. This will help you stay informed about important information and upcoming events. We wouldn't want you to miss out on the latest adventures.



Tokelauan Language Week Starts Next Week!
Next week is Tokelau Language Week - The 2024 theme for Tokelau Language Week is 'Tokelau, tāofi mau tau aganuku, ko tō pale tēnā - Tokelau, holdfast to your culture, that is your crown.' We have many students who identify as Tokelauan or have Tokelauan heritage, and it's important to us to honour and affirm their culture and identity in every way possible.

Hakahetai

Anau Kupa
TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL

STUDENT NEWS

PB4L Awards (Term 4 Week 1)
Congratulations to the following students for displaying a positive attitude and behaviour towards the School's expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible.
Matairangi Charlie, Laylah Skipper, Tuni Toalei, James Toko McGregor, Joseph Shephard, Jermaine Sangcap, Dion Ngarotata-McGregor, Realest Nukunuku, Aliona Sili, Anika Parakash, Lillian-Peyton Brown-Moe, Jahkobi Williams, Keisa Togafiti-Seuseu, Trinity Beauchamp-Ith, Jade Beauchamp-Ith, Mi-Suk Etuale.

College Transitions
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.

Wearing hats
We encourage all children to wear a sunhat like Jayden here in this photo.

STAFF NEWS

Room 10 Update
Welcome back Lisa Jagusch and Katie, who will be job-sharing in Room 10. Both are more than happy to help if you have any questions.

Kath Bradley
We are delighted to welcome Ms. Bradley back to school! She will spend most mornings in Room 10, supporting the students with their learning.

Nora Puia
We are excited to share that Nora has accepted a teaching position at Cannons Creek School! Nora joined us in 2021 in the junior school, and we have seen her grow tremendously as a teacher. She has played a key role in organizing school events and has taken on leadership positions within the Porirua East Kāhui Ako, as well as being part of the Senior Leadership Team this year.

We wish Nora all the best.

WHANAU NEWS

Attendance
Attendance is topical in our discussions with staff, students, and parents. Missing just one day of school every two weeks can lead to missing more than a year of learning by age 16. As parents and caregivers, you play a vital role in fostering good attendance habits.

All students are legally required to attend school daily, and it's essential to notify us if your child will be absent for any reason, such as a tangi or medical procedure. Please note that family holidays or time off for extracurricular activities are not acceptable reasons for absence.

We're committed to supporting excellent attendance through:

- Strong relationships between staff, students, and whānau.
- A culture that celebrates your child's identity and background.
- A community dedicated to ensuring students attend, participate, and progress in their education.

Pick-Ups
Just a reminder that if you're collecting your child early please sign them out at the office.

Government announces changes to school lunch programme
This week, the Government announced changes to Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme. Students will continue to receive nutritious meals they know and love, helping them to learn and thrive at school.

From Term 1 next year, our lunches will be provided by the School Lunch Collective, led by Compass Group and supported by a number of food manufacturers and suppliers. These hot and cold meals will be delivered daily and will meet the same nutrition standards as our current lunches.

Our ākonga in years 0-8 will receive lunch. There are no changes for our ākonga with complex special dietary requirements. Their meals will continue and will be funded at the current settings.

Upcoming Puberty Lessons (Senior Classes)
We want to inform you that puberty lessons will begin in Week 3. If you were unable to attend last week's parent consultation meeting, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or to me with any questions you may have. We're here to help.

Important: End-of-Year Reports Coming Soon!
We want to let you know that our end-of-year reports will be sent out on **Friday, December 6th**. There are two reports that you'll receive:

1. **Curriculum Report**: This report gives a complete picture of your child's school experience, including all the work and activities they've been involved in. It highlights how well your child is doing in different subjects and includes feedback based on our school's Graduate Profile (VAI). Your child will also have a chance to share their own thoughts on how they feel about their progress.
2. **Reading, Writing, and Maths Report**: This report focuses specifically on your child's achievements in reading, writing, and math. It will also suggest goals and next steps for the coming year.

<u>CALENDAR DATES</u>

Term 4

- Tokelau Language Week 27 Oct - 2 Nov
- Labour Day - 28 October (School is closed)
- Teacher Only Day - 15 November (School is closed)
- Reports home - Friday 6 December
- Cultural concert - Friday 13 December
- VAI trophy awards/Final assembly - Monday 16 December
- Term 4 ends - Tuesday 17 December