Te Kura o Winiri
WINDLEY SCHOOL
E Tipu Nga Rakau Iti

Friday 22 November

Tena koutou e te whānau

Thank you again for your understanding and for the support we receive on Teacher Only Days. During our Teacher Only Day, we focused on working through the English Curriculum for Years 0–6 and the Maths Curriculum for Years 0–8, in preparation for their implementation in 2025.

**English Curriculum for Years 0–6:**
The English curriculum focuses on developing key language skills in reading, writing, and oral communication. The expectations are that students **understand** language structures and concepts, **know** how to apply them in different contexts, and **do** (demonstrate) these skills through reading comprehension, creative writing, and effective speaking and listening. The curriculum emphasizes a balanced approach, supporting students at various levels with diverse texts and activities

**Maths Curriculum for Years 0–8:**
The Maths curriculum aims to develop strong numeracy and problem-solving skills. The expectation is that students **understand** mathematical concepts, **know** how to apply them to solve problems, and **do** (demonstrate) this through hands-on activities involving number sense, algebra, measurement, geometry, and data analysis. As students progress, they deepen their understanding and ability to use mathematics in real-world situations.

Both documents are designed to build on prior knowledge, ensuring students develop confidence and competence in these core areas. The "Understand, Know, and Do" framework guides their learning, fostering a deeper connection with the content and its practical application through engaging and varied teaching methods. The English Curriculum for Years 7 and 8 is expected to be released at the end of this year.

**Cultural Concert**
The students have been busy preparing for the end-of-year cultural concert in December. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to attend, we'll be holding two performances. These will feature the Senior Kapa Haka and Polyclub groups, as well as performances from the juniors (Years 1–4). Keep an eye out for notices leading up to the event.

Ngā mihi maioha

Anau Kupa
TUMUAKI - PRINCIPAL

**STUDENT NEWS**

**VAI Awards (Term 4 Week 5)**

Congratulations to the following students who have received their VAI certificates.

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| *VOICE/To korero*<br>*"Everyone has a voice that can change the way things are*<br>*Jordan Beauchamp-Ith*<br>*Zeus Horne-Masters*<br>*Japhia Kilisi*<br>*Tiaho Martini*<br>*Chasity Moke-Walters*<br>*Enoch Tanoi* | *ACTION/ Ngā mahi*<br>*"Learners make a difference"*<br>*Joshua Tuimauga*<br>*Salvation Falefatu*<br>*Braxton Pollock*<br>*Muan Kim Shalom*<br>*Grace Gualnam*<br>*Kome Fiso*<br>*Adnan Thani*<br>*Linton Tawhai-Hunt*<br>*Gladys Taufao*<br>*Rocqui Kitiseni*<br>*Tuni Toalei*<br>*Sapphire Ava Rose Ririnui-McIntyre* | *IDENTITY/Tuakiritanga*<br>*"Know who you are, be who you are, show who you are"*<br>*Kalameli Iosefo*<br>*Kereama Hauparoa Taui* |

**Regional Athletics**

The Regional Athletics event will take place on Tuesday, 26th November at Newtown Park, with 18 students having qualified to participate. Congratulations to the following: Arasi Fa'atau, Blessing Failautusi, Michael Failautusi, Stephie-Leigh Herekiuha, Japhia Kilisi, Ruby Kyaw, Du Lian, Hail-Ruby Martini, Tiaho Martini, Hana Maselino, Dion Ngarotata-McGregor, Kelekelio Risati, Bryce Ruhi, Manaaki Sangcap, Darren Saulo-Togafiti, Gladys Taufao, Jimmy Tua'au, and Ro Unaisi Mataitini. It's an exciting opportunity for these talented students to showcase their athletic skills, and we wish them all the best in the competition.

**Student Patrols**

A big thank you to the students who volunteer their time before and after school to help keep our school safe.

To show appreciation the Porirua City Council had organised a movie event for them. We truly appreciate their dedication and service!

## WHANAU NEWS

**School Lunches/Ka Ora Ka Ako**

School lunches have been featured in the news lately. Please be assured that next year, lunches will continue to be provided, ensuring that each child at our Kura receives a meal every school day. This initiative guarantees that all students have access to healthy food, promoting better learning and overall well-being.

**Children on-site after school and weekends**

Last weekend, there was a break-in at the school. While I don't want to discourage our students from using the playground and school grounds, I am concerned that it happened in broad daylight, with students present, which was frightening for them. For their safety, it's best that adults supervise them or that they stay home.

**Enrolments for 2025 - New Entrants**

If you have a child due to start school in **2025**, please **pre-enrol** them early to help us plan for the year ahead. Early enrolments ensure a smoother transition for your child. All enrolments require a birth certificate, immunisation certificate, a transition plan and a meeting with the principal. For more information, please contact the school office.

## CALENDAR DATES

- BOT meeting - Monday 9 December
- Solomon Islands Pidgin Language Week 24 - 30 November
- Cultural concert - Wednesday 11 December
- Reports home - Friday 6 December
- VAI trophy awards/Final assembly - Monday 16 December
- Term 4 ends - Tuesday 17 December