



Monday 10 November, 2025

Tena koutou katoa,

Term 4 has been full of exciting events and rich learning opportunities for our students. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families who have recently joined our school community. It's wonderful to have you with us.

Tokelau Language Speeches

Congratulations to *Kula Sopoaga* for proudly representing Windley School in this year's first-ever Tokelau Language Speeches, alongside other students from our Kāhui Ako. We are so proud of your confidence and commitment to celebrating Tokelau language and culture.

We're also excited that next week, Moriori Language Week will be celebrated across Aotearoa — a first for our country and for Windley School! These language weeks are a wonderful way for us to learn, share, and show pride in the diverse cultures that make our school community so special.

Measles update

Measles is circulating and is very contagious. There is now measles in Northland, Auckland, Manawatu, Nelson and Wellington, and we expect further cases across New Zealand.

Watch out for symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash:

- Anyone with measles symptoms must stay at home and should seek urgent advice by ringing their doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.
- Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Health New Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when they can leave quarantine at home).
- Health New Zealand is actively working with the schools that currently have measles cases.
- People are considered immune to measles after having two doses of a measles vaccine from 12 months or older, or if you have had measles before. For more information on measles immunity visit:
- Check your own and their child/childrens' immunisation status through My Health Record.
- Anyone born between 1969 and 2004 may have only received one vaccine dose and might not be fully protected. It's safe to get extra doses. A free vaccine can be booked online or via the Vaccination Helpline on 0800 28 29 26.

Hakahetai lahi lele

Anau Kupa
PRINCIPAL

STUDENT NEWS

Year 7&8 Elrancho Camp

Our Year 7 & 8 students left today. We wish them a fantastic time filled with adventure, teamwork, and new experiences. A big thank you to the staff and parent helpers who are supporting the trip and making it possible!

Kelly Sports

We also welcomed Kelly Sports, who provided specialised programmes across the school, with Fundamental Movement for Years 1–4 and Athletics for Years 5–6 and 7–8. A big thank you to Phil at Kelly Sports for supporting our school again this year.

Inter-School Athletics Years 4-8.

We have a number of students representing the school in this year's Inter-School Athletics tomorrow. Please if you haven't done so already return permission slips tomorrow.

Softball - In School Program.

We are looking forward to an in-school softball programme running on Wednesday 16 and Wednesday 26 November for Years 3–8. This will be a great opportunity for students to develop their skills, build confidence, and enjoy learning the game together.

Porirua Junior Total Touch – Onepoto Park

This competition is held in the afternoons at Onepoto Park in Titahi Bay. We have one Year 5–6 team and one Year 7–8 team entered. Barry and Courtney will again be coaching and managing the teams – thank you both for your continued support.

Year 8 Transitions to College

The transition to college is an important part of our Year 8 students' final year at school. You would have received letters from the respective schools about dates and times. Please support your child through this process and help ensure they feel confident and well prepared for the next stage of their learning journey.

WHANAU NEWS

Attendance

A reminder to please contact the school office to let us know the reason for any student absences. All absences are recorded in our attendance system. We realise there is a lot of sickness and bugs around at the moment, and we appreciate you keeping unwell children at home and keeping us informed.

Curriculum Updates

As we continue with the curriculum refresh, we understand that frequent changes can make it challenging for schools to adapt without affecting student learning. At Windley School, we remain dedicated to ensuring the best possible education for our tamariki.

We appreciate your partnership and trust as we work together to create engaging, inclusive learning experiences that reflect our values and community.

LOCKDOWN/SHELTER INSIDE DRILL - MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 2025.

At Windley School, the safety of our students is our top priority.

To ensure we are prepared for emergencies, we will be holding a **lockdown/shelter-in-place drill during the lunch break**. This routine safety practice, similar to a fire drill, helps staff and students know what to do if we need to move children inside quickly and carry out the procedure safely.

Teachers will follow established procedures, and students will be guided through the drill in a calm and age-appropriate way. Children will be supported throughout and will know it is only a drill.

Test Run: You will receive a text about the lockdown drill during the drill. If you don't, please take this opportunity to update your contact details with the school office. This would really help with communication.

If you are on-site during the drill, please follow all instructions provided by school staff. Do not attempt to enter or exit the building while the lockdown drill is in effect.

We understand that lockdown drills can be concerning for some families, but they are an important part of keeping our school safe.

Term 4 Dates - Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16 December

- **Monday 10 – Wednesday 12 November** – Year 7 & 8 El Rancho Camp
- **Tuesday 11 November** – Inter-School Athletics
- **Friday 14 November** – Year 8 transition to Porirua College
- **Monday 17 November** - Drill (lockdown/shelter inside)
- **Wednesday 19 November** – Softball in-school programme
- **Monday 24 November** – BOT meeting (5.00pm)
- **Wednesday 26 November** – Softball in-school programme
- **Friday 5 December** - School Reports sent home
- **Friday 12 December** – Final Assembly – VAI trophies/awards
- **Monday 15 December** – BOT meeting (5.00pm)



TERM DATES 2026

TERM 1
Monday 2nd February - Thursday 2nd April
(Friday 6th Feb - Waitangi Day)

TERM 2
Monday 20th April - Friday 3 July
*Monday 27th ANZAC day observed,
 Monday 1st June King's Birthday*

TERM 3
Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

TERM 4
Monday 12th Oct - Monday 14th December
*Monday 26th Oct - Labour Day
 Two curriculum days to be advised*