

Wyndham Primary School Newsletter



Our Learning Term 4

- **School Values** - CONSIDERATION.
- **Inquiry - SUSTAINABILITY**- Pollution & Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
- **Play is the Way - The Golden Rule** - Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- **iDeal Structured Literacy.**
- **PrIme Maths.**
- **NUMICON.**

Term 4 Events:

- NZEI Teacher Strike - School Closed - Thursday 23rd October.
- Fonterra Community Rubbish Pick Up & BBQ - Friday 24th October
- Labour Day - School Closed - Monday 27th October.
- Weekly School Swim Safety Lessons - Starting Thursday 30th October.
- Pet Day - Tuesday 4th November.
- 3-way Learning Conversations - 18th & 19th November.
- Year 6 Camp - Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 4th December.
- End of Year Prizegiving and Christmas Concert - Monday 8th December.
- Last Day of Term - Friday 12th December.

**ALL SCHOOL DATES ON THE
HERO APP CALENDAR!**

Principal's Update

Kia ora koutou,

We have had an excellent start to the term, with our students settling quickly back into routines and engaging in their learning. This is a credit to the excellent routines and structures our teachers have set up which create a calm and focused learning environment.

We are excited to have our Ngā Iti Kahurangi - Small and Remote Schools programme officially underway. This initiative supports small and remote schools to improve their learning environments. The first stage of upgrades began this week, with new carpet tiles being installed in our classrooms. To help things run smoothly, each class will temporarily move into the hall while their classroom is being worked on.

Looking ahead, we have a busy but exciting final term. Some highlights include; our Swim Safe programme, Pet Day, the annual Wyndy Festival, and of course, the much anticipated Year 6 Rakiura Stewart Island Camp. We will finish off the school year with our End of Year Prizegiving where we will come together as a school community to celebrate the success of our students who have aimed high, and farewell our year 6 cohort. This year's prizegiving will also feature a Christmas Concert where each class will perform a festive item, which I am sure will be a highlight of the evening.

Thank you for your continued support of our year 6 camp fundraisers. Our current 'Chill On Friday' popsicle fundraiser is very popular with over 100 sold last week, and another 93 this week.

Enjoy your weekend together,
Hayley Clarke
Acting Principal

contact: principal@wyndham.school.nz

From the Board

RE: School Closure

This morning we received formal notification that the NZEI teacher Union member strike is going ahead on **Thursday 23rd October**.

Due to a majority of our staff being NZEI Union members, Wyndham Primary School will be **closed on Thursday 23rd October** for instruction. We kindly ask that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on this day.

We are able to offer supervision to a **limited number** of students for whom alternative care cannot be arranged by their families. Please note that **supervision means no teaching will take place, and normal classroom programmes will not be running**. Supervision will be provided by non-union staff. If you require supervision for your child/children **please contact the office by the end of today (Friday 17th October)**.

Thank you for your understanding.



Currently for review – Term 4 2025

Our Term 4 review **closes** Friday 12th December 2025.
Procedures for review are:

- **Bullying and Harrassment**
- **Behaviour Management**
- **Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property**
- **Minimising Physical Restraint**
- **Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion**
- **Staff Wellbeing and Safety**

If you would like to contribute to our next procedure review please visit our School Docs site at <https://wyndham.schooldocs.co.nz>.

Our **username** is **wyndham** and **password** is **wyndham**.

2026 @ WPS

We are pleased to confirm that for 2026 Wyndham Primary will have six classes staffed by the following teachers:

Kōwhai – Mrs. Debbie McDonald

Rimu – Mrs. Sarah Turner

Kahikatea – Mrs. Hayley Clarke

Mātai – Mrs. Breidy Stuart

Pōhutukawa – Mrs. Emma Given

Tōtara – Miss. Ella Yeo

At WPS we are committed to sustainable school growth so if our New Entrant enrolments continue to grow again in 2026, we may look to open a second Reception/New Entrant classroom later in the year.

Further information for students, parents and whānau, including class allocations, will be shared as part of our 3 Way Learning Conversations later this term.

Congratulations, Mrs. McDonald!



This week we celebrated Mrs. McDonald as she has completed her Master of Education with second-class honours. We are all proud of her amazing achievement – it is a testament to her hard work and dedication to learning. Mrs. McDonald's achievement is an excellent example of aiming high! Whakamihi ki a koe – congratulations Mrs. McDonald.

Life Education Trust

We were lucky to have Teresa (and Harold) from Life Education on site last week. We covered a range of important topics including; friendships and conflict resolution, identity and self-worth, decision making and self management, anatomy and a balanced diet. Thank you to Mrs. Given for organising this valuable learning!



HAPPENINGS IN PŌHUTUKAWA

Over the past term and a bit, things have been cranking on full steam ahead in Pōhutukawa. This term our focus is on different cultures around the world. The tamariki are really excited to be doing some learning around this. In writing we are looking at narratives and focusing our learning around making sure we have great characters, settings, problems and resolutions. We have Jodie from Active Southland out on a Monday to share co-operative games and work on team work. We had a visit from Harold and the Life Education Trust last week which is always fantastic.

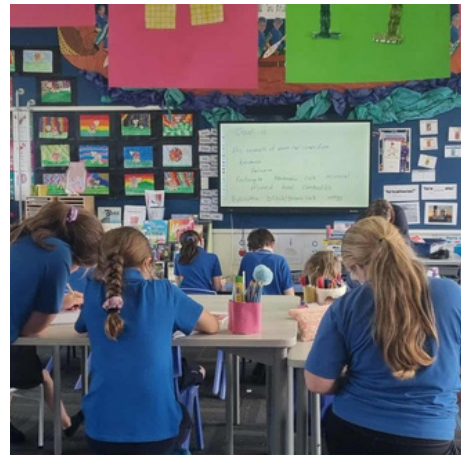


Upcoming in Pōhutukawa:

- science road show
- tough kids colour run
- wyndy festival
- parent interviews
- water safety swimming every Thursday



Pōhutukawa



Term 3-4

Week 2 Learning Awards

Kōwhai:

Aman Bhattarai wow, what an amazing start to school you have had! You always work hard and do your best. You are writing independently because you know your letters and sounds. You are amazing!

Mānuka:

Harrison Symes for having a positive attitude towards his learning. Harry, your confidence in your reading and writing skills are growing everyday. Keep up the great work!

Jacob Robinson your determination and focus during your numeracy lessons is really shining through this term. Your confidence is growing as you navigate through challenges and find success in solving mathematical problems. Amazing effort!

Rimu:

Frans Swanepoel well done for aiming high with your reading comprehension. You are able to search for answers in the text you are reading and are beginning to summarise. Keep it up!

Willow Lawton I love your attitude towards learning. You have a super positive and show perseverance in everything you do. You have made amazing progress because of this. Well done.

Kahikatea:

Jameson Hayes for aiming high in maths. Jameson has enjoyed learning about time and quickly picked up how to read a clock. He uses his knowledge of fractions to help. Ka pai Jameson!

Charlie Caldwell for aiming high in literacy. Charlie has made excellent progress in spelling this year. She is transferring her knowledge of spelling patterns into writing. Awesome attitude to learning Charlie!

Wilson Wilson for aiming high in literacy. Wilson has made excellent progress across all areas of literacy this year, especially in reading. Ka rawe Wilson! I am proud of your efforts.

Mātai:

Austin Jacobsen has had a wonderful start to Term 4. He is organised for learning and is always keen to join in on group discussions. I am extremely pleased with the progress he is making. You are demonstrating fantastic leadership skills. Tino Pai.

Ruby Bonnar what a fantastic start to the term. You are always engaged and ready for learning. You have been working extremely hard in your writing and I love the detail you are adding to your quickwrites. Keep striving for excellence Ruby. Well done.

Pōhutukawa:

Conrad Brown you have been working so hard in all areas of your work. Keep up the awesome mahi!

Stacey Turnbull you have been working really hard on writing a correct sentence and then being able to articulate clauses, and identify what type of sentence you've written when asked. Keep up the great work.

Tōtara:

Archie Eason well done for working super hard in maths — learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and turn decimals into fractions with determination and enthusiasm.

Edward Instone well done for being highly engaged in our maths lessons and showing that hard work truly pays off through his excellent assessment results.

Week 2 Values Awards

Kōwhai:

Oliver Bonnar well done for making strong decisions to do the right thing! Mrs Stirling said you were awesome! Tino pai tō mahi.

Mānuka:

Ayla de Jong you are a responsible learner. You have a positive attitude towards school and enthusiasm for learning. You focus on all your learning tasks and complete your work to the best of your ability. Well done!

Rimu:

Connor Ward well done for showing responsibility in all areas! You are prepared for learning and are always on task. Keep it up!

Wolf Barnett you offer a lending hand to those around you and you have thought of others before yourself. Amazing!

Kahikatea:

Thomas Instone always uses good manners and is kind to others as he always ensures everyone is included.

Ryan Wheeler always uses good manners and is helpful around the classroom. Thanks Ryan!

Mātai:

Devon Udy you have such beautiful manners as well as being a polite student. You are considerate of everybody around you and always offer to help others. It has been great to see you trying your best in all learning areas and aiming high.

Hope LeGray you are a kindhearted class member who always respects your peers and teachers. You are a dedicated learner who has a great work ethic. Keep being your awesome self.

Pōhutukawa:

Milaah Clive you are a kind and considerate class member who always includes others in games and activities within the class.

Cross Penus you are always thoughtful and considerate of others within the class. You are a positive role model who treats others the way you would want to be treated. Keep it up.

Tōtara:

Ella Mason for always showing respect and lovely manners and for having a positive attitude towards everything she does.

Payton Jacobsen for always being ready to learn, organised, and willing to help others who may need it.

Haere mai, Welcome to Wyndham!

≡Welcome≡ TO OUR SCHOOL!!



Lucca Martens in Mānuka who has joined his brother Landen and sister Talia; and **Tessa Jenkins** in Kōwhai class.
We are so glad your families have chosen WPS!

Happy Birthday, *Rā Whānau ki a koe!*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday, Rā Whānau Kia Koutou to;
Tessa J and **Ray** in Kōwhai, **Lucca** in Mānuka, **Willow**
and **Myah** in Rimu, and **Yenumi** from Mātai, who
recently celebrated birthdays.

Year 6 Rakiura School Camp 2025 – Term 4 Fundraiser

*Make sure to get
your money and
order to
Mrs. Landreth by
Thursday 3.00pm
each week.
Thank you!*

Chill on Friday!



Popsicles – \$1 each!

4 flavours – lemonade,
lime, mango & raspberry
Collect at the start of lunch



**Year 6
Camp
Fundraiser**

Community Notices

PET DAY Tuesday 4th November



Vetco Wyndham & Districts Pet Day 2025

"Horses"

Information for Parents/Caregivers/Children

To be held: **Tuesday 4th November** with judging commencing at 10am.
Venue: Wyndham A & P Showgrounds
Theme: **Horses**

All children must attend Pet Day as it is a school day. The likelihood of this day being postponed is extremely unlikely, in other words, be prepared for PET DAY being on! There has never been a postponement date due to the fact that a lot of effort goes into getting entries ready, people take time off work etc. If the weather is not favourable, the day is 'short and sweet' and some outdoors events will be cancelled including the Grand Parade. Most of the entries are located inside a building and there is enough shelter around the venue.

In the unlikely event that Pet Day is cancelled, each school will communicate this via text message in the usual way.

To cover Health & Safety requirements for this event we need all students to attend with a parent or adult to supervise them as all staff are involved with organising and judging and we need to ensure that the students and animals are safe. (We appreciate that this is difficult when you are working therefore are happy for this person to be any adult you nominate) Please ring the school if your child is not attending as this is classified as a school day and the roll will need to be marked accordingly.

Entries are to be handed to your teacher no later than **Thursday 16th OCTOBER**. Your school may want them back earlier; please check your school's newsletter.

Only one entry is compulsory with a second entry being optional. So, children may enter ONE pet &/or ONE other non-pet entry OR TWO non-pet entries if they wish; no child will have two pet entries.

Below is a list of choices for your entries:

Lamb/Goat	Calf	Cat
Poultry	Dog (Yrs 4-8)	Pony
Other Pet	Sand saucer (Preschool and Yrs 1 & 2 only)	
Recycled animal	Science/Model	Floral arrangement (Yrs 1-8)
Invention	Needlework	Woodwork
Baking - Large Cake (Yrs 3-8 only)	Baking - Muffins	Baking - Biscuits (Yrs 3-8 only)

Please note: The age restriction for Dog entries. Age of child and dog dosing certificate will be strictly checked and dog sent home if not complying.

If you have a Pet entry, please have that judged first before your second entry (if you have one). If there are too many people waiting for their pets to be judged, you will be directed to go and have your second entry judged first (if you have one).

ART - the only artwork to be entered will be done at school based on this year's theme, Horses. Each school will be responsible for displaying this during the Working Bee on the day prior to Pet Day.

Each child must wear a NAME tag. This makes it easier for the judges and stewards. The label should have: child's name, school and year.

There is no set lunch break. You have lunch when you have a suitable break. The Pioneer Lions will have salad rolls, pies, tea & coffee, drinks and ice cream for sale. The 'Mad Cow' coffee van will be on site too. There will be a free BBQ available for the children ONLY. Please support the Lioness' who sell delicious food or feel free to bring your own picnic lunch.

VETCO SASHES: each child who participates at the Pet Show will receive a sash for their efforts. This can be collected after judging from the Secretary's office.

A gold coin donation or can of pet food for the SPCA can be left in the barrel at the gate as you enter the grounds.

Information about Entries

Pet entries:

* **Dogs** will not be judged without a current dosing certificate. Anyone who is taking a dog to Pet Day will need to go to the vet and get their dog dosed and get a certificate. This needs to be done at **LEAST THREE DAYS PRIOR TO PET DAY**. All dogs over three months must have a certificate. The dog dosing certificate is to be with the child & dog on Pet Day. Parents are to be responsible for their children around the dogs. Please come prepared to clean up after your dog. No dogs to be taken into the Cat area.

* **Horses**. No horse is to be ridden by anyone other than the owner.

* **No Feral noxious animals**. i.e. wild rabbits, deer, opossums, wild rats or mice

Dog Trials: Lead dog around and over obstacles as fast as they can. There will be no tolerance of dragging dogs etc.

Lamb Drinking Races: Bring made up and ready to go: 200mLs milk with normal sized holes in the teats; these will be checked.

Floral: Sand saucers are for Preschool & Years 1-2 only

Models: No Lego (or similar) or kitset models allowed

Baking: Only 3 muffins, biscuits or pieces of slice on a small plate
Large cakes and Biscuits can only be entered by Years 3-8
No tasting of the baking

Fancy dress: Any animal can be entered in this section

No one is to remove anything from the craft or baking displays until the end of the day. Children are asked to leave their certificates with their non-animal entries until the end of the day so everyone can celebrate your success! It also helps the Judges know which entries still need to be judged.

General

- Please remember, entries are to be the children's efforts, not that of the parents.
- Children must not leave the grounds without permission.
- Ponies must be kept in their own area.
- Parents: we encourage you to stay out of the building while the judging is going on as this helps to speed up the process and allows the rest of the day to keep on track.
- Please note: **Children do not wear their uniform to Pet Day**. This has caused confusion in the past.
- The Wyndham A & P Show committee welcome entries from children for the up and coming Wyndham Show. The A & P Show will be held at the Wyndham Show grounds on the 6/12/25. Further information can be obtained at the Secretary's office.
- There will be some form of entertainment/demonstration/display around the theme of the Pet Day.
- Remember to check out the children's art work.
- A programme and layout map of where entries, toilets and Secretary's office are located will be available as you come through the gates on the day.
- Pet Day officially ends after the Grand Parade.
- If you need any further information, please contact your school or the Pet Day committee President, Tim McRae 0272402592

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

- wear mufti (not school uniform) - gumboots are highly recommended
- don't come to school at all
- caregivers/adults to supervise kids
- arrive at the Wyndham A&P showgrounds with your entries prior to judging at 10am
- non-pet entries need to be labelled with; student name, year level and school
- get your pet entry judged first and then go to the location of your non-pet entries for judging
- free sausage sizzle for kids at lunch time
- you are free to leave once your judging is finished

Community Notices

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Tickets available for \$40
fundraiser for Edendale and Wyndham primary schools new playgrounds

Wyndham and Edendale

House & Garden Tour Fundraiser

Tickets
\$40

A community fundraiser for new school playgrounds

Sunday, 16 November 2025

We're looking for community support to help make this fundraiser a success:



Your home or
garden

Would you like
to feature your
beautiful house,
garden - or both - in
the tour? We'd love
to hear from you!



Volunteers

Lend a hand on
the day. Just two,
four, or six hours
of your time
will make a big
difference.



Sponsors

Support the
event and gain
great exposure!
Ask us for our
sponsorship flyer
to learn more.



Home baking

Contribute
something
delicious for our
fundraising stall.

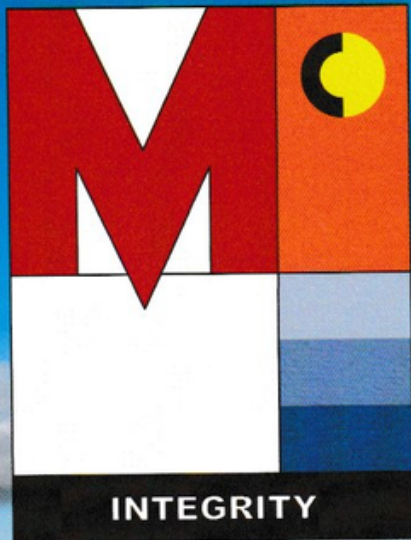
If this sounds like something you're interested in please get in touch

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FACEBOOK LINK

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2021891408551852/>



Menzies College 55th Reunion

7 February 2026

Menzies College is celebrating its 55th Reunion at Waitangi Weekend on the 7th of February 2026.

We invite all former students, staff and friends of the College and District High School to return to Wyndham and share old times together.

This should be a great weekend. Book now on Eventbrite by grabbing the QR code below or going to www.eventbrite.co.nz and searching for Menzies College. Or register your interest by emailing menzreunion22@gmail.com.





Gore Musical Theatre Presents
2025 Theatre Restaurant
ALPHABET SOUP

Location: Gore Town & Country Stadium

14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd Nov 2025

Start 7:00pm

This school has it all: cringeworthy names, a principal's explosive clash with a student, teachers desperate to escape, an arson attempt, toilet humour, a camp where everyone seems high, mean girls with ugly personalities, cheerleaders with a secret weapon — and a climactic fight scene with a twist.



Adult: \$75.00 | Table of 8: \$600.00

www.iticket.co.nz/events/2025/nov/gmt-alphabet-soup



International E-Waste Day
14th October

&

NZ Recycling Week
20th - 26th October

**Donate any old mobile phones or
iPads/tablets and support
Sustainable Coastlines**



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RE:mobile
make your next call - recycle

Email: recycling@swapkit.co.nz