

Wyndham Primary School Newsletter



Our Learning - Term 3

- **School Values - RESPONSIBILITY.**
- **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 3 Events:

- Year 6 Camp Firewood Fundraiser.
- Miharo Polyfest 20th August 10.35am.
- School Board Elections - Election Day 3rd Sept.
- Whānau Groups Talent Show.
- Book Character Day.
- Speeches & Recitals.
- School Photos.
- Wig Wednesday.
- RE-USE: Wearable Arts.
- MOE Teacher Only Day - Mathematics - Friday 29th August.

**CHECK OUT OUR HERO
CALENDAR FOR ALL
SCHOOL DATES!**

Kia ora koutou,

Principal's Update

As you will be aware it is School Board Election time and it was great to see seven people nominated for the four available parent representative places on our Board. Each of the candidates have shared a short statement about themselves and explaining why they would like to join our Board. Before you vote, please take a few minutes to read these statements which were sent with voting papers.

Congratulations to our hardworking Deputy Principal and Kahikatea teacher Hayley Clarke who will again be our WPS Staff representative on the Board. Taking on this important role is an excellent opportunity for a staff member to learn more about the statutory responsibilities of a School Board and about the distinction between "management" and "governance". Hayley brings a whole school view to everything she does at WPS and contributes thoughtfully to our governance team, well done Hayley.

As Principal, my role is akin to that of a Chief Executive - responsible for the operations of the school, the day to day management of staff, resources and facilities as well as being a full member of the school's Board. The Principal implements the strategic plan of the Board (who themselves represent the aims and aspirations of the school community) while following statutory guidelines, supporting students, whānau and staff wellbeing and ensuring quality teaching and learning. Without the backing of a cohesive and committed school Board many schools have seen achievement, attendance and staff morale drop. A strong and respectful partnership between Board and Principal is therefore essential in any school.

Over my three and a half years here I can happily say that the outgoing Board provided me with excellent support as we have worked together to make WPS the thriving school and workplace it is today. I look forward to working alongside the next Board as we continue to *Aim High* together for our students, staff and Wyndham community.

Enjoy your weekend together,
Catherine Lewis

Our Learning - Kahikatea



I love writing about turtles.
- Skylaar



Turtle art was so fun.
- George



Handwriting is my favourite subject.
- Beer



Learning my times tables is awesome.
- Wilson



I like learning information about our leatherback turtle 'Rip Curl'.
- Hazel



Times tables are fun to learn.
- Tom



Turtle art is so fun.
- Hunter



I like playing outside games.
- Emily-Jane



Turtle art is so fun.
- Thomas



Writing reports about turtles is my favourite.
- Jacob



Writing about turtles is my favourite.
- Evelyn



Report writing about animals is great.
- Ryan

Our Learning - Kahikatea



Turtle art is so fun.
- Eli



I like our art wall in
Kahikatea.
- Benjamin



Reading lots of
books is fun.
- Isabella



Play Is The Way and
Jump Jam fitness is
fun. - Tim



Poetry time is my
favourite part of the
day. - Charlie



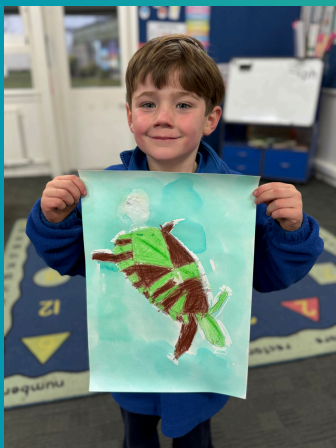
Writing about turtles
is informative.
- Oscar



Writing about turtles
is my favourite.
- Tom



Drawing turtles
was cool. - Cory



Turtle art is so fun.
- Conor



Rip Curl



*Rip Curl is our class turtle. We are
tracking her movements through
the ocean.*

Week 4 Learning Awards

Kōwhai:

Aida Kelly is working very hard in all learning areas, particularly literacy. She is transferring her spelling knowledge to her writing.

Mānuka:

Maggie McRae for wonderful progress in reading and writing. You are remembering all your letter sounds and this is shining through in all your learning. You always give your best effort- keep up the amazing work!

Rimu:

Myah Metternich you have grown in confidence and independence with blending sounds. You are picking up new learning really well and can apply it to what you already know. Super job!

Willow Lawton you have the most beautiful handwriting. You have worked hard to achieve correct size and formation. I can see you are transferring this knowledge into your spelling and writing book. Amazing!

Kahikatea:

Hunter Carter for aiming high in numeracy. You have a great mind for patterns and numbers and you are an enthusiastic learner.

Jacob McRae for aiming high in writing. You are a creative, passionate writer who always strives for excellence. You produce exciting and informative reports. Well done Jacob!

Mātai:

Bree Crighton it has been such a pleasure to watch you grow in Mātai. You have such a passion and love for learning and this shows in the progress you are making. You are aiming high in your astronomy and writing extension group with Mrs Stirling.

Joe Paterson you are extremely determined in your learning Joe. You are a mathematics whizz in your prime learning and love a challenge. It is great to see you enjoying your astronomy and writing extension group and I enjoy hearing all about it.

Pōhutukawa:

Landen Martens I was really impressed with the delivery of your speech. You stood confidently in front of the class, reading it with a clear voice. Keep up the great mahi Landen!

Ellie Clearwater for great delivery of your speech. I was impressed with how you picked your topic, wrote your main ideas down, sought advice and then delivered it with great conviction.

Tōtara:

Griffin Manning-Dowling for showing great improvement in your handwriting. You've been taking care with letter formation and writing neatly between the lines, making your work much clearer and easier to read. Ka pai!

Ted Rabbidge for showing fantastic effort in both writing and presenting your speech. Your hard work and confidence stood out!

Cooper Given for outstanding creativity and artistic skill in exploring Cubism. Your understanding of the concepts shone through your work. Well done!

Week 4 Values Awards

Kōwhai:

Jackson Caldwell is always keen to help his friends in any way he can. Keep being awesome!

Mānuka:

Ella Ebbett you are growing into a really kind and considerate young lady. This is a wonderful quality to have and you demonstrate this daily as you care for all members of your class. Well done!

Rimu:

Loki Webb you demonstrate responsibility every day. You look after your belongings and are always super organised. Well done!

Georgie Clearwater you are considerate of everyone around you. I always see you helping others, lending a hand and uplifting others with your words - wow!

Kahikatea:

Benjamin Henderson you are trying your best to make strong, responsible decisions. Thank you for being a helpful class member.

Beer Kotze you are a kind, respectful, and thoughtful member of our class. Thank you for showing the 'golden rule'.

Mātai:

Ruby Bonnar is consistently demonstrating responsibility by being organised for learning, making good decisions and following our golden rule of treating others the way she wants to be treated. You are having a wonderful year Ruby, keep it up!

Tahlia McEwan has a great passion for learning and demonstrates a positive attitude towards her learning. Tahlia is a lovely friend to all and is always inclusive and welcoming. Tu meke Tahlia.

Pōhutukawa:

Lucas Ward for working really hard in Maths this week in our money unit. It's great to see you 'aiming high'.

Mila Rennie you are always striving to be the best version of yourself and it shows with the passion and enthusiasm that you bring in your extension writing group Mila. Keep 'aiming high'.

Tōtara:

Emily Cameron for consistently showing responsibility and thoughtfulness towards others while brightening our classroom with your bubbly personality.

Haere mai, Welcome to Wyndham!

≡Welcome≡ TO OUR SCHOOL!!



Freddie Turner in Mānuka who has joined his brother and Mum at WPS; **Hamuera Waikare-Parkes, Lachlan Baird & Stevie Howe** who have started in Kōwhai class and to **Samar Singh** who has joined Rimu & his sister **Tarman Kaur** who is in Tōtara. We are so glad your families have chosen WPS!



WPS Achievement Award



Pippa Sunshine-Tervit

We would like to acknowledge the months of hard work and dedication demonstrated by Pōhutukawa student Pippa in the recent production of “*Matilda*” by Invercargill Musical Theatre.

Pippa, you *Aimed High* on stage for every performance, we are so proud of you!



Pippa as “Matilda”

Happy Birthday, *Rā Whānau ki a koe!*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday, *Rā Whānau Kia Koutou*

to **Lachlan** in Kōwhai, **Jayden** from Mānuka; **Cooper S.** and **Ivarr** in Rimu; **Matilda** and **Hope** from Mātai; **Caitlyn** and **Luke** in Pōhutukawa who are celebrating birthdays.

FROM THE BOARD – *Thank you!*

Two of our current WPS Board are not seeking re-election this year and so we would like to acknowledge their contributions to the development and success of our school.

Brent Muir *has made a contribution to WPS in many ways over his term – from leading the upgrade of our school playground to providing expert audiovisuals for fundraisers, Talent Shows and Prize-giving! We are grateful for Brent's calm and caring approach to governance.*
Thank you Brent for your efforts over the past three years.

Casey Eason *has served for two terms on our Board with responsibility for school Hauora Wellbeing. She has also served on our Appointments Committee. Casey is a valued member of our teaching staff and has managed her multiple roles with a clear focus on supporting our students, staff and community to Aim High.*
Thank you Casey for helping our school grow and thrive!

FROM OUR STUDENTS – *Thank you!*

Mrs Emma Given our Assistant Principal and Pōhutukawa teacher has finished up after 7 years as Junior Convenor for Wyndham RFC. With so many WPS students taking part each year, we want to say **THANK YOU** to Mrs. Given for all the time and effort she has put into making junior rugby in our district so successful.



Thank you Mrs. Given for enabling our footy players to Aim High!



Our performance roopu (group) will be onstage at Miharo Polyfest on **Wednesday 20th August at 10.35am.**

We will be taking our 42 performers to the Stadium by bus and we would really appreciate some parent helpers backstage to assist students to get ready and then to cheer on our performers as they take to a public stage for the first time together.



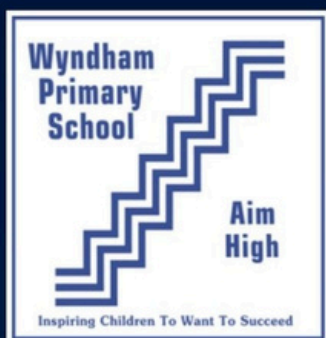
Currently for review – Term 3 2025

Our Term 3 review **closes** Friday 19th September 2025.
Procedures for review are:

- **Student Wellbeing and Safety**
- **Child Protection**
- **Safety Checking**
- **Abuse Recognition and Reporting**
- **Supporting Student Wellbeing**
- **Food and Nutrition**

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**.



WIN 6 M FOR
YEAR 6!
GET YOUR TICKETS
FOR OUR 2025
FIREWOOD RAFFLE!
*Year 6 Camp to
Rakiura*



TICKETS - \$10.00 EACH

ONLY 250 TICKETS FOR SALE!

Year 6 students will be selling tickets from **28th July** until sold out!

Raffle drawn under Police supervision.

Thanks to **Glen Morton** for donating 6 metres of
Blue Gum & Macrocarpa mix firewood!

A limited number of tickets will be also available from our office -
email catherine@wyndham.school.nz or call 03-2064780.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 29th
August 2025

This Teacher Only Day is the second of four Mathematics Curriculum TOD's mandated by the Ministry of Education for 2025 & 2026.

Thank you for helping us make sure the teaching & learning of Maths at WPS is the best it can be!



2025 MINIBALL INFORMATION

All games will be played at Archer Basketball Stadium, Avon Street, Gore.



Teams will be as follows:
Year 5&6 boys will play on Monday
Year 5&6 girls will play on Tuesday
Year 3&4 mixed will play on Wednesday



Subs are \$50 per person.

The 2025 miniball season will start on 8th September and will run for 10 weeks.
(2 weeks before the school holidays and 8 weeks after the school holidays,
NO GAMES DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

The Monday competition will go for an extra week because of Labour Day.

The first week is a grading week and that is where we also combine kids from schools that don't have enough kids to form a full team.

We recommend having around 8 kids in the teams but no more than 9. Games will be 10 minute halves with a 1.5 minute break with 10 minutes of skills before the game.

We ask that every team has a referee. This can be a parent or a high school student, maybe a sibling to a player.

We will provide referee training for everyone that wants it, please follow the link to register so we know how many people to expect:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdP9WgvMI8MNOw2PbzmfpZLfWDJHep3aQZE-B2flcHoHvoUA/viewform?usp=pp_url

If your child would like to play please let Emma Given or Debbie Landreth know.





For further information, check out our website:
<https://ilibrary.co.nz/winter-reading-challenge-is-back/>



Our Read to Dogs programme is also running during school term. We are delighted to welcome back Izzy, an award-winning therapy dog. Izzy is a gentle and friendly Shih Tzu from Canine Friends Pet Therapy, and comes in for Saturday sessions.

We also welcome Otis the Cavoodle to our Read to Dogs team available for Sunday sessions.

Book a session with Izzy or Otis online here: <https://ilibrary.co.nz/services/read-to-dogs/>

Little Ones Early Learning Centre

39 Ferry Rd, Edendale

032066216

little.ones@extra.co.nz

Open Monday - Friday 8am-5pm. Ages 0-5 Years

**Spaces available now in our Infant and Toddler Lounge
and our Preschool!**

Boil the jug this September!

Let's dunk an Arnott's bickie (or three) and raise funds for Plunket.



Whānau Āwhina Plunket has been a trusted support for families for over a century. The wraparound care we provide the whole whānau in the early years is something we need to continue.

This September, we're asking New Zealand to *Dunk it for Plunket!* Register and receive a FREE Arnott's 'Dunk Kit', a box jam-packed with lots of goodies to make your event extra special. Grab your colleagues, friends or whānau and raise funds for Plunket.

Scan the code and register today - there are only 1,000 Dunk Kits to go round!



dunkitforplunket.nz

Dunk it
for Plunket
So future generations can thrive

Community Notices



Invercargill Rock'N'Roll club Junior Lessons



Wednesday Nights
5:30 - 6:30 for 6 weeks
30th of July - 3rd of September
\$50 per person
157 Balmoral Drive





For more information or to enrol please contact
Wendy butler 0273797227

Become an Oranga Tamariki Foster Caregiver in Southland

Help make a Difference in a Child's Life!

Are you ready to provide a safe, loving, and supportive home for a child in need? Oranga Tamariki is looking for caring individuals and families who can help children in care to grow, heal, and thrive.

We are currently seeking caregivers who can offer:

- A safe and nurturing environment
- Emotional and physical support to children in need
- A commitment to helping a child reach their full potential

As an Oranga Tamariki caregiver, you'll receive training, 24/7 support, and a financial allowance to assist with the care of the child. You'll also join a network of compassionate individuals dedicated to making a lasting, positive impact in the lives of children.

Who can become a caregiver?

- People with a genuine desire to care for children
- Families, singles, and couples
- People with different life experiences, backgrounds, and cultural connections



Every child deserves the chance to grow up in a loving, stable home. Could that home be with you?

Contact us today to learn more about joining the Southland caregiving whānau.

Call: Isla Hardy

Email: isla.hardy@ot.govt.nz

Website: orangatamariki.govt.nz

Together, we can make a brighter future for children in Southland!



Financial Wellbeing Workshops

Join us for free, friendly and informative online workshops from the comfort of your own home.



1

Everyday Money Tips:

Session 1: Tuesday 2 September - 5.30pm-6.30pm

We cover how to make a budget, ways to organise your accounts, tips for staying on top of your spending and the free tools that can help you stay on track with your money goals.



2

Getting Savvy with Savings

Session 2: Tuesday 9 September - 5.30pm-6.30pm

We'll help you get clear on your savings goals and how to achieve them.



3

Borrow Smart & Pay Off Debt

Session 3: Tuesday 16 September - 5.30pm-6.30pm

Get practical tips on getting debt free faster and how to be smart with your borrowing.



4

Getting into your First Home

Session 4: Tuesday 23 September - 5.30pm-7pm

We'll step through the home buying process, giving tips and ideas that will help you into your first home.



5

Frauds & Scams

Session 5: Tuesday 30 September - 5.30pm-6.30pm

What common scams look like, what to be aware of & how to protect yourself and your whānau from scammers.




You do not have to be an ASB customer to take part in these sessions. You will be sent a link to access the online sessions. Tutor: Shyla Hona-Jolley

Sign up for any, or all of the online sessions, the choice is yours.

To register please phone Southern REAP: 0800 111 117,

email: info@reap.co.nz or visit us online at www.reap.co.nz/online

PARENTS / CAREGIVERS 'SURVIVAL GUIDE'

FOR TEACHING NEW TEEN DRIVERS

IDENTIFY TIPS AND TRICKS FOR TEACHING LEARNER DRIVERS TO PASS THEIR PRACTICAL DRIVING TEST.

TEACH YOUR LEARNER DRIVER IN A CALM & INFORMATIVE WAY. AT THIS FREE SESSION YOU WILL COVER:

- Understanding the test process
- Common misconceptions
- Frequent faults & fails and how to avoid them
- Seat position, controls, parallel parking & slow speed manoeuvres

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST - 6PM-8PM
SOUTHERN REAP, 6 FAIRFIELD STREET, GORE




Head to www.reap.co.nz/easternsouthland to register or contact Southern REAP on info@reap.co.nz or phone: 0800 111 117