

A MESSAGE
FROM OUR
PRINCIPAL

Natalie
Todd

Kia ora Whānau,

A very warm welcome to Term 4. As always, this will be a busy and productive term with lots of learning opportunities for our students.

I do need to inform you of a disruption to our usual programme. Please be advised that the school will be **closed on Thursday, 23 October 2025**, as NZEI union members have voted to strike. We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Measles Cases in Aotearoa

Recent measles cases, linked to overseas travel, have been reported in **Te Tai Tokerau** and **Queenstown**. Some cases were active in the community while infectious, which means there is a risk of measles circulating more widely across Aotearoa.

Important reminders for parents, caregivers and our school community:

- Measles is very contagious and can make people of any age very sick.
- Watch for symptoms: fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash.
- If anyone in your whānau shows symptoms, keep them at home and contact your doctor or Healthline urgently on **0800 611 116**.
- Vaccination is the best protection. Please check that all members of your whānau are immunised.
- Anyone closely exposed to measles who has not had **two MMR vaccinations** cannot attend school/kura for at least **eight days**.

For more information:

- [Measles: Locations of interest in Aotearoa – Health New Zealand](#)
- [Measles immunity – Health New Zealand](#)
- [Measles, mumps and rubella \(MMR\) vaccine – Health New Zealand](#)

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe and healthy.

2023 - 2025

WVSS Kaupapa

TŪHURA AKO TUTUKI
EXPLORE LEARN SUCCEED

VALUES : Acceptance Respect Understanding ARU : To follow
VISION : Engaged, empowered and challenged learners.

GOALS

A culturally safe and inclusive environment.

A curriculum that supports our learners to explore, learn, and succeed.

Committed staff with skills, knowledge, & understanding to work across our kura.

What's on at WVSS

6-12 OCT

Mental Health Awareness Week

13 OCT, M

Base school - Fire Truck Visit

14 OCT, T

Target Road - Fire Truck Visit

15 OCT, W

Birkdale North - Fire Truck Visit

20 OCT, M

Glenfield Primary - Fire Truck Visit

21 OCT, T

Ahutoetoe - Fire Truck Visit

23 OCT, TH

SCHOOL CLOSED - STRIKE DAY



WAIRAU VALLEY SPECIAL SCHOOL

**WE WILL BE
CLOSED**

THURSDAY

23 OCTOBER 2025

**NZEI UNION MEMBERS HAVE VOTED
TO STRIKE**





Nau mai haere mai

Please join us in celebrating this year's
Te Hoenga Waka Kapa Haka Festival
in the Northern Region

When: 9am-4pm, Saturday, 8 November 2025

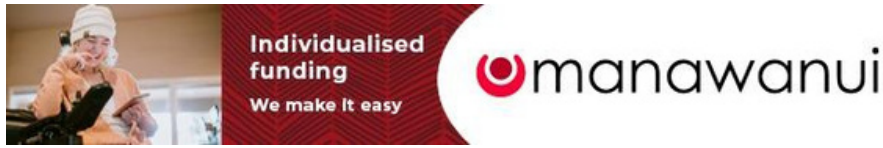
Where: Orewa Arts & Events Center,
80 Riverside Road, Orewa, Auckland 0931

Cost: This is a free event


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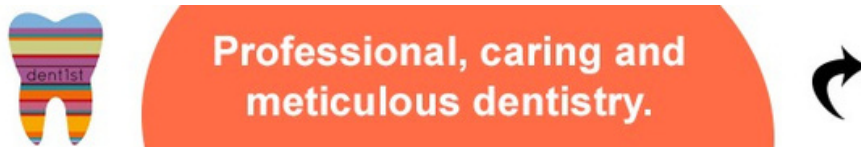


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