

CONGRATULATIONS MS RAI BROTHERS - QSM

We congratulate Ms Rai Brothers (Rai Vaeruarangi) on receiving her Queen's Service Medal at an awards ceremony at Government House recently. Ms Brothers, who is a local Wiri resident, has been a teacher aide at Wiri Central School for over 20 years. Ms Brothers was awarded the Queen's Service Medal in the 2024 New Years Honours for her services to the Cook Islands Community. We are delighted to celebrate this well deserved and amazing achievement with her. We take the opportunity to thank her for her contribution not just to our school but to the wider Wiri community.



Ms Rai Vaeruarangi has contributed to the Wiri community since the 1980s through various organisations.

Ms Vaeruarangi was a committee member of the Wiri Whānau Support Group between 1984 and 2008, which included time organising the Wiri Neighbourhood Police Team. She established a Cook Island language nest, initially from her own home in 1991, which later operated from the Wiri Community House until

1996. She has been Cultural and Arts Community Trustee of Akatokamanava Mauke Enuā Inc since 2009. She has been involved in a range of displays and performances, including organising the Cook Islands Mauke cultural group's performance at 2022 Te Toki Māori festival and co-organising the Te Mekameka O Tokū Ipukarea Treasure of My Homeland display at Auckland Museum in 2021. She is a Community Champion for the Wiri Neighbourhood for The Cause Collective's One Love South Auckland initiative. She volunteers on the Board of Iramoko Marae and the committee of Mataatua Marae Mangere. Ms Vaeruarangi was on the Wiri Central Board of Trustees from 1988 to 1995, including time as Chair, and President of the Manukau Central Kindergarten Committee from 1988 to 1996.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Thank you to all the awesome whānau who contact us when your child is absent. It is a requirement that you let the school know if your child is going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term **for whatever reason**. You can contact the school by:

- phone 09262594
- text message 0272679825
- Skool Loop app
- a signed, written note
- email to office@wiricentral.school.nz



If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and to building a culture that fosters excellent attendance.

PRE-SCHOOL VISITS

The best time for children to start school is as soon as they turn five years old. We encourage parents to bring preschoolers for visits prior to starting school. Please see Anet Conroy or enquire at the school office.

THEATRE PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday, 30th of April 2024 Roopu Tui went to the Due Drop Event Centre to watch a show.

First, we walked to the Due Drop Event Centre and listened to the instructions when we got there.

Then, we sat down and waited for the show to start. The show was called the *Great Piratical Rumbustification*. In the theatre viewers were laughing a lot.

My favourite part was when the Mum and Dad went out for dinner and the little boy became a pirate. I had a joyful day.

Alysha Room 20



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