

WELCOME TO TERM 4

Welcome back for Term 4, our final school term for 2024. A very warm welcome to new students and families who have joined our Wiri whānau.

Like all the school terms, there are lots of events planned, especially as we approach the end of the year.

Some dates to note for Term 4 are:

- Wednesday 16 October - Mōkai Āwhina Whānau Hui 4.30 - 6.00pm
- Tuesday 22 - Thursday 24 October - Year 8 camp in Rotorua
- Thursday 24 October - Find Your Field of Dreams free swimming programme at Papatoetoe pools for all Year 3 - Year 6 students. This will continue every Thursday until 12 December
- Thursday 7 November - Positive Puberty programme for Year 5 - Year 8 students. There will be a parent information evening about the programme on Monday 4 November 5.00 - 6.00pm
- Wednesday 13 - Friday 15 November - Cultural Arts programme for all students
- Saturday 16 November - Tāmaki Kapa Haka Regionals, Henderson
- Monday 28 October - Labour Day public holiday (School closed)
- Monday 11 November - Staff Only Day - No school for students
- Wednesday 27 November - Wiri Central School Cultural Showcase evening (saving day Wednesday 4 December) 5.00 - 7.30pm
- Wednesday 11 December - School prize giving - BNZ theatre, Due Drop Events Centre at 10am
- Wednesday 13 December - Year 8 Graduation evening 5.00 - 6.00pm at Manurewa High School
- Tuesday 17 December - 2024 Whānau winner reward trip to Papakura pools
- Friday 20 December - Last day of school for 2024, school finishes at 12.30pm

It's going to be another busy, but great learning term at Wiri Central. We look forward to sharing it with you.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In the last week of Term 3 our school participated in some emergency management training led by Harrison Tew who are experts in this area. Keeping everyone safe while we are at school is a priority and it is pleasing to report that the lockdown exercise went very smoothly and efficiently. Below is an excerpt from the report received from Harrison Tew following the lockdown exercise.

On the 23rd and 24th September 2024, Wiri Central School completed the entire full school training of their new Emergency Management Plan which included conducting a full lockdown exercise.

The staff and students should be congratulated for the way they followed the correct procedures and at the speed at which the school was placed into lockdown. This was followed by a full school evacuation where everyone was safely accounted for.

It is with pleasure that I would like to pass on to the Board of Trustees, that following the recent training and exercise provided by Harrison Tew®, you should have full confidence that the Wiri Central School Senior Leadership Team have demonstrated knowledge and confidence to deal with a wide range of emergencies and incidents, intending to keep their students, staff, and visitors to the school safe.

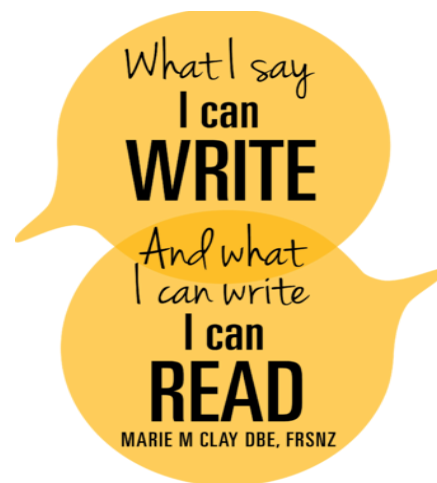
YEAR 8 CAMP - ROTORUA

Next week Year 8 students and staff will be heading to Rotorua for their camp. Students will leave Wiri Central on Tuesday 22 October at approximately 8.30am. Activities planned include visiting Te Puia, Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland, the Aquatic Centre and Skyline Rotorua. The group is expected to return around 3.00pm on Thursday 24 October.

TALKING MATTERS

How does talking relate to reading?

The size of a child's spoken vocabulary impacts on the ease and speed with which they learn to read. Reading is a powerful tool in developing the relationship between child and parent as well as in growing language and literacy. Books often contain vocabulary that is more sophisticated than words used in everyday conversation.



TERM 3 PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students who received a special certificate at the end of Term 3. Award winners were selected by their teacher for outstanding achievement in learning and/or for demonstrating our school values.

Room 1: Si'iloto lusi	Room 2: Jasmyn Tamatoa Makahununiu	Room 3: Shakeeb Ali
Room 4: Afsana Mohammad Salleh	Room 5: Cortez Lord-Ratu	Room 6: Steven John Ma'u Webster
Room 7: Shayna Chand	Room 8: Ayvalei Mahani-Malase	Room 9: Crystal Huavi
Room 10: Dymond Brown	Room 11: Honey Hopa-Davita	Room 12: Nevaeah Cooper
Room 13: Belford Daniel	Room 14: Chrissy Haimotu	Room 15: Sonny Patuletufuga
Room 16: Noel Tau	Room 17: Chris Uota	Room 18: Beryith Mapuilesua
Room 19: Andrew Wilson	Room 20: Kyla Albert	
English for Bilingual Learners - Honey Hopa-Davita and Leighton Sa'u		

MRS WISHY WASHY

Roopū Pūkeko and Roopū Tūi are going to walk to the Due Drop Events Center on Friday to see a production of *Mrs Wishy-Washy*. The show is based on four of the Mrs Wishy-Washy books by Joy Cowley. We will leave school at 12:40 and return by 3:00pm. Students must wear suitable walking shoes.

BBM

A number of our Year 7 and Year 8 students have been fortunate to participate in a mentoring programme held weekly at the BBM gym in Manukau. Selected boys attended the programme in terms 1 and 3, and girls in terms 2 and 4. The students involved will present some of their learning at a school assembly on Friday 13 December.

