

## CULTURAL SHOWCASE

We will be holding our 2024 Cultural Showcase on the evening of Wednesday 27 November. Students have been participating in a cultural activity session every Monday afternoon since Term 2, learning music and dance items. At the Showcase students will perform their items for the community - showcasing their learning and talents.

The Showcase will be held on the school field from 5.00pm. Like last year we are hiring a stage and inviting you to come along with your picnic blanket and/or chairs to enjoy the performances. We hope to have refreshments available to purchase during the evening. More information about the refreshments will be shared in the next newsletter.

There is an opportunity for a small number of community members to sell food at this event. If you, or someone you know, would like to set up a food stall at our showcase evening, please contact Mrs Jane Barber, our school secretary.

## HEARING AND VISION TESTING

Wiri Central School and Painga Project are working together to offer free hearing and vision screening for all tamariki. Thanks to the many parents who have returned consent forms for your child to have their vision and hearing checked by Painga Project during school hours. As well as providing testing, this project provides support for follow up at no cost to families. Painga Project will continue to follow up throughout your child's time at school to ensure that they have the most up to date and correct free vision and hearing support including glasses etc.

If you have not yet returned the completed consent form, please do so as soon as possible so we can organise dates for testing to take place.

## TALKING MATTERS

### **Here's some ways you can support language development**

- 1. Every moment is a talking moment**
- 2. 'Strive for 5'** - back and forth in a conversation
- 3. Ask fewer questions - gift more words**
- 4. Use and promote 'juicy' words**, complex words that **stretch thinking**
- 5. Expect more** – kids are enormously capable and learn incredibly fast



## 5 YEAR OLD ENROLMENTS

It is important for your child to start school on or soon after their fifth birthday. Children get a better start to learning if they start school as soon as they turn five years old. You are more than welcome to come into school before your child's fifth birthday. This is an opportunity to see what paperwork is required and to have a look at the class before your child starts. We will help you to complete the enrolment process and can organise some classroom visits for you and your child if you would like.

## SKids AFTER SCHOOL CARE SURVEY



SKids are an after school care provider and while they do not currently operate a programme based at Wiri Central School they are interested in understanding the needs of our school community. If you would like to participate in the SKids survey please scan the QR code or refer to the link below.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wiricentral>

## TĀMAKI KAPA HAKA REGIONALS

This Saturday 16 November our senior kapa haka will be performing in the Tāmaki Kapa Haka Regionals being held at Te Pai Netball Courts, Waitakere. Wiri Central's performance is scheduled for 2.00pm however, arriving earlier is recommended. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the event.

## DATE CORRECTION

In the first newsletter for Term 4 we shared a number of dates for school events happening this term. Please note that there was an error in the date shown for the Year 8 Graduation. The correct date for the Year 8 Graduation is **Thursday 12 December**, 5.00 - 6.00pm at Manurewa High School.

## COMMUNITY EVENT

The festival will take place on Saturday 23 November at Bruce Pulman Park, Tāmaki Makaurau.

Iwi of Origin promotes health and wellbeing among urban Māori through sport and physical activity, in a by Māori, with Māori, for Māori way. The 2024 festival includes poitarawhiti (netball); whutupōro takiwhitu (rugby sevens); poitūkohu (basketball); rīki (rugby league); pā whutupōro (touch); and kaupapa Māori games.

Leaders in their codes, such as Tāmaki Makaurau Poitarawhiti, Te Hiku o Te Ika Māori Rugby, Tāmaki Makaurau Poitūkohu, Counties Manukau Māori Rugby League and Māori Touch NZ will be involved, supporting the festival's vision to engage urban Māori in active lifestyles.

Iwi of Origin directly addresses these challenges by providing accessible and inclusive opportunities for urban Māori to engage in sports and physical activity and improve their overall health.

