



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR 2025

Greetings and welcome back to school to all our students and whānau. A special welcome to new families that have joined our school whānau this year. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning at Wiri Central School.

At Wiri Central School we are committed to making sure that all students are able to access the resources they need to attend school, participate fully and to learn. The school provides all students with stationery items at no cost to families. We operate a Breakfast Club each morning before school starts, students receive a piece of fruit daily for morning tea and lunches are provided through the Ministry of Education's School Lunch programme. We do not charge any school fees and day trips, sports excursions and school activities are paid for by the school. All you need to provide are your amazing children.

It is important to us that children attend school regularly, at least 90% of the time. Regular attendance is important if children are to make progress in their learning and maintain relationships with their peers. All students need to be present at school so they can participate and engage in learning. Students with high levels of attendance are more likely to succeed in their learning. We want all Wiri Central School students to succeed.

Our goal for student attendance is 90% or greater. To achieve this students need to miss no more than 18 school days across the year (no more than 4-5 days per term). Please support your child to achieve this goal by ensuring they attend school every day, on time. It is a requirement that we report to the Ministry of Education about student attendance including reasons for student absences. It is therefore essential that you inform us of the reason for every absence your child has from school. If your child must be absent for any reason we ask that you contact the school. You can do this by phone, text or email (see contact details on the front of this newsletter).

At Wiri Central we value community engagement. By working together we can support and meet the needs of our children; your children. I welcome your contact anytime and I am looking forward to working alongside you all in 2025 as we support and inspire our students to achieve their best.

## CLASSROOM ORGANISATION

We welcome three new classroom teachers to our school this year, Whaea Reenz Taua (Room 11), Whaea Bo Te Wao (Room 12) and Mrs Paramjeet Kaur (Room 17). Matua Chris (Deputy Principal) has been awarded a Māori Medium Education Study Award to complete a Masters degree, Tāhuhu Whakaakoranga, through Te Wānanga o Raukawa. He will be here for the first two weeks of term 1, then go on study leave, and will be returning to school on Tuesday 28th October. We wish Matua Chris all the best with his studies this year.

This year our classes are organised into six teams or rōpū:

- Mōkai Āwhina is our Maori bilingual rōpū. There are 3 classes - Y0-2, Y2-4 and Y5-8. You will find them in Rooms 10, 11 and 12. The Leader of Learning for Mōkai Āwhina is Whaea Anet.
- Fofoa i Vaoese is our Samoan bilingual rōpū. There are 4 classes - Y0-2, Y2/3, Y4/5 and Y6-8. You will find them in Rooms 13, 14, 15 and 16. The Leader of Learning for Fofoa i Vaoese is Mrs Maka.
- Pūkeko is our Y0-2 rōpū. There are 4 small classes that will grow as more 5 year olds start school during the year. You will find them in Rooms 3, 4, 5 and 6. The Leader of Learning for Pūkeko is Mrs Singh.
- Pīwakawaka is our Y2/3/4 rōpū. There are 4 classes. You will find them in Rooms 17, 18, 19 and 20. The Leader of Learning for Pīwakawaka is Mrs Saini.
- Tūī is our Y5/6 rōpū. There are 3 classes. You will find them in Rooms 1, 2 and 8. The Leader of Learning for Tūī is Mrs Mauga.
- Toroa is our Y7/8 rōpū. There are 2 classes. You will find them in Rooms 7 and 9. Ms Michaels is the Leader of Learning for Toroa.

## WE ARE A HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL



We are **SMOKE FREE/VAPE FREE** and **SUNSMART**. Children are encouraged to put sunscreen on at home and to wear a hat in the playground. Sunscreen is also available at school. If you do not want your child to use school sunscreen, please talk to or write to your child's class teacher.

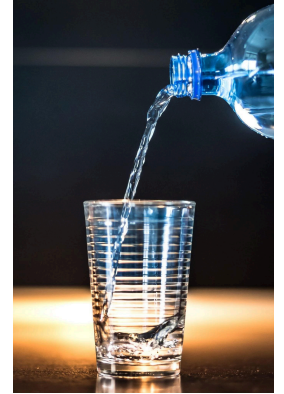
Wiri Central School is part of the '**Fruit in Schools**' programme. Every child receives a free piece of fruit every day. If your child is allergic to specific fruit, please tell the class teacher.

We are a **water only** school. As well as having plenty of water fountains around the school a named water bottle

can be kept at school for your child to refill.

Students receive a **free, healthy lunch** every school day. Any dietary needs should have been recorded at enrolment however, if your child's needs change, please let the class teacher or school office know of any special dietary needs or food allergies.

Wiri Central School is part of the **Mana Kids programme** to prevent Rheumatic Fever and skin infections. Nurses are at school every morning to check any student with a sore throat or skin problem. If medication is required parents are contacted by the nurses. You are welcome to come and talk to the nurse at school about any medical concerns for your child.



**PLEASE NOTE: NO DRINKS OTHER THAN WATER, SWEETS, CHEWING GUM, BUBBLE GUM OR CHOCOLATES ARE ALLOWED AT SCHOOL.**

## THE SCHOOL DAY

The gate behind Room 17 (near the Wiri Community Hall) is opened daily at 8am. The front gate opens soon after, about 8.10am. At 8.45am, when the music plays, students go to class to get ready to start their day. Learning starts at 9am.

The first play break for students is at 11 - 11.20am. Students eat their fruit in class prior to going out to play. The exact timing for fruit eating may vary across different classes or rōpū. Lunch is eaten inside at 12.30pm and students' play break is 12.40pm - 1.20pm. Our school day finishes at 3pm every day.

## YEAR SIX CAMP 2025

Our Year 6 Camp is coming up. The dates for camp are **Tuesday 4 March to Thursday 6 March**. On Wednesday and Thursday campers travel to Long Bay to complete a range of activities at the Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre (MERC). Each afternoon following the MERC activities campers travel to Orewa Top Ten Holiday Park to stay the night. Friday is pack up day and travel back to school including a stop at Otahuhu Pools on the way. Our campers are expected to arrive back at school before 3.00pm on Thursday 6 March.

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 19th February at 5.00 pm**. The meeting will be held in Te Puna theatre during the Family Fun Night. This is a great opportunity to find out everything you need to know about camp. If you have a child in Year 6, please come along.

## STAFF ONLY DAY - MONDAY 31 MARCH

The Ministry of Education has allocated four staff only days across 2025 and 2026 to enable teachers to participate in professional learning about the New Zealand Mathematics/Pangarau Curriculum. Our first staff only day for 2025 will be held on Monday 31 March. School will be closed for students on this date.