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SCHOOL EVALUATION REPORT



During the second half of 2024 our school was reviewed by the Education Review Office/Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga (ERO). ERO is the New Zealand government's external education evaluation agency. They evaluate and report on the education and care of learners in schools, kura, kōhanga reo, puna reo, and early childhood services. Following each review a public report about the school's performance is published. Our school report is now available to view on the Education Review Office website. You can also view a copy of the report on our school website, under the "Information for Parents" tab.

The report confirmed the challenges we are striving to address; increasing student attendance and raising student achievement levels. These remain the priority goals of our Strategic and Annual Plans. The report also identified that learners at Wiri Central School have a strong sense of belonging to their school and experience a positive, inclusive and supportive learning environment that celebrates their cultures and identities.

YEAR SIX CAMP 2025

Our Year 6 campers departed this morning for their 3 days of adventure and outdoor learning. Our campers are expected to arrive back at school before 3.00pm on Thursday 6 March.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

We are excited to share with you the details of our upcoming inter-school sports tournaments. Confirmation of teams will be based on player numbers to make up a team and teacher availability to coach a team(s). Further information about sports tournaments will follow closer to the tournament dates.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS DETAILS						
Term	Years	Sport	Grade	Trials	Tournament	Location
Term 1	5 - 6	Rippa Rugby	Mixed		19/03/2025	TBC
	7 - 8	Soccer	Boys, Girls	26/02/2025 to 05/03/2025	01/04/2025	McLennan Park
Term 2	5 - 6	Rugby	Boys		13/05/2025	TBC
		Soccer	Boys		21/05/2025	TBC
		Rugby League	Boys		03/06/2025	
		Rugby	Girls		12/06/2025	
		Volleyball	TBC		25/06/2025	
	7 - 8	Rugby	Boys	17/03/2025 to 21/03/2025	20/05/2025	Bruce Pulman Park
		Hockey	Boys, Girls		06/06/2025	Strathallan School

Please contact Matua Joe if you are able to assist with transport and/or coaching josepht@wiricentral.school.nz | 022 4109 447

*Trainings will commence approx. 6 Weeks before the tournament

MANA KIDZ- SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICE

The Mana Kidz programme is a school-based health service. It has been operating at Wiri Central School for many years and is supported by the Counties Manukau Public Health Nurses. Our Mana Kidz service operates most mornings at school. The service screens consented students for sore throats and skin conditions and can support students and whanau with other medical care if required. Our Mana Kidz support worker (Nita Stanley) and Public Health Nurse (Saane Muimuiheata) work closely with parents and the school. You are welcome to contact Saane if you have any questions or concerns about the Mana Kidz programme or your child's health. Contact Saane on 027 2767568.

IYP - INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING

We have the opportunity to host an Incredible Years Parenting Course with the RTLB Service, later in 2025. To register your interest please see Suella at school or email suellaq@wiricentral.school.nz

The Incredible Years Parenting programme includes 14 sessions delivered weekly.

The programme is for parents of children aged 3-8, and provides parents with skills to better support children, creating a positive home environment that promotes children's social and emotional competence and communication skills.

The programme looks at:

- making time to play and spend quality time with children and letting children lead the play
- encouraging the behaviours parents would like to see, through setting clear rules and boundaries and using praise and encouragement
- selectively using consequences, such as ignoring, loss of privilege, and time to calm down.

Parents learn from each other and support each other.

BIKES, SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS

Students are not permitted to bring bikes, scooters or skateboards to school as we do not have appropriate storage for these during the school day. If your child brings a bike, scooter etc to school we will require a parent/caregiver to come and collect it.

The school has several small-sized bikes that were donated. These are used by Year 0-3 classes to teach safe riding as part of our school curriculum. Students are required to wear a helmet and closed-in shoes when riding the school bikes. Occasionally we might hold a special event where students are permitted to bring bikes, scooters etc - we will let you know of this in advance via the newsletter and an individual notice. At these times we will make special arrangements for storage and safety routines.

NETBALL NZ SERVICE AWARD

We were very proud to hear about an ex-student of Wiri Central School receiving this award. As a student Norton represented our school in the Saturday netball tournaments. He then moved into umpiring and through his high school years was often our delegated umpire at tournaments. Congratulations to Norton, a well deserved award and it all started here at Wiri.

Norton Reuben-Brough:

Norton Reuben-Brough has been involved with Netball Manurewa (NM) for over 15 years. He first joined the Umpire Executive in 2008 and continues with that involvement. He has been secretary of the Manurewa Netball Umpire Association for many years and is the 'go to' for all things administration for this Kaupapa.

Norton has umpired at Netball Manurewa for most of his 15 years and is a recent NZ Badge Umpire recipient. He is dedicated to umpire development as an Umpire Coach at Netball Manurewa and continues to ply his trade on Saturdays for the senior grade teams.

Norton has held a position on the Netball Manurewa Board since 2017 and brings a wealth of knowledge around youth engagement, event management, hospitality and Te Ao Māori. He is a staunch advocate for Te Ao Māori and has put together Te Reo Māori resources for the Netball Manurewa office to utilise in their marketing and membership communications.

SATURDAY NETBALL

If your child is interested in playing Saturday netball they can collect a notice from either the office or Whaea Anet. Saturday netball is for all ages Year 1 through to Year 8.