

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR 2023

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 required 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 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 absence are less likely to succeed in their learning. We want all Wiri Central School students to succeed.

Our goal for student attendance is 90% or more. To achieve this students need to miss no more than 18 school days across the year (4-5 days per term). Please support your child to achieve this goal by ensuring they attend school every day, on time.

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).

Our learning theme for the whole school this year is CONNECTION. In exploring the concept of connection we hope to also connect with you - our school whānau and community. 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 2023 as we support and inspire our students to achieve their best.

## EATING INSIDE

At Wiri Central School we eat inside. Students receive free fruit every day, this is eaten in class before or after the morning tea break. Lunch is eaten in classrooms before or after students go out to play. As well as demonstrating whanaungatanga by sitting and eating together, eating inside helps keep our school grounds clean and tidy. This expectation also applies before school and after school - only eat inside.

## YEAR SIX CAMP 2023

Our Year 6 Camp is coming up very soon. The dates for camp are **Wednesday 22 February to Friday 24 February**. 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.

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 15th February at 5.00 pm**. The meeting will be in the school **staffroom**. 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.

## DRESS CODE

Wiri Central students are not required to wear a uniform at school. The Board of Trustees does require all students to dress in an appropriate manner, which is suitable for primary school students. The following dress code is to be observed by all students while attending school or at any school event.

1. All clothing should be clean, tidy and suitable to participate in the full range of curriculum activities.
2. Sleeveless tops are permitted but must fully cover the torso, no bare midriffs.
3. Hooded tops may be worn. No hats, hoods or head wear to be worn inside classrooms.
4. Shirts may have logos except those advertising alcohol, cigarettes or those with offensive language or symbols. No gang colours or symbols are permitted.
5. Shorts and skirts must be of a reasonable length.
6. Footwear should be suitable for inside and outside activities, flat shoes only.
7. Small stud earrings and watches are permitted.
8. Established cultural and religious requirements will be recognised and discussed on an individual basis.

**Please name all clothing and personal belongings.**

## WWW = WIRI WHĀNAU WAY

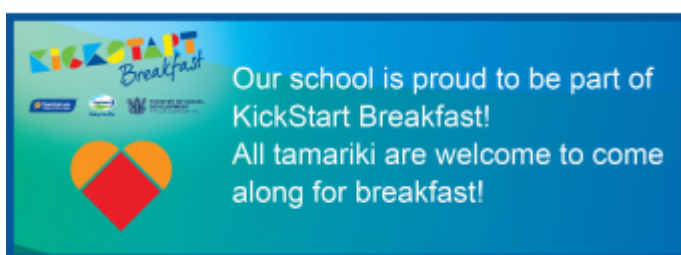
Why do we come to school? We come to school to learn.

To do this well we need to make sure that we always demonstrate our school values of **kotahitanga, manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and rangatiratanga**. Upholding our values supports our own learning and allows others to get on with learning. At Wiri Central School we use the Wiri Whānau Way to help everyone demonstrate the values and focus on learning.

For lots of different areas or situations around our school we have identified positive expectations for behaviour. The expectations relate to the four school values - **kotahitanga, manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and rangatiratanga**. Inside our classrooms and out in the playground we teach the expectations to students.

At the end of next week your child will bring home a copy of the class and playground expectations. Parents, you have an important part to play in supporting the Wiri Whānau Way. Ask your children to tell you about the expectations and how they can achieve them. Encourage your child to demonstrate the expectations and earn whānau tokens. In the middle and at the end of each term the winning whānau will enjoy an afternoon of reward activities. At the end of the year, the winning whānau will get to participate in a fun, reward trip.

## BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club is every school day morning 8.15 - 8.45am in Te Puna.