

ATTENDANCE

Last week we acknowledged a number of students for excellent attendance in Term 1. We had 47 students who attended everyday and another 33 students who were absent one day only. This is a great achievement and one that we want to continue and improve further. Thank you to parents, whānau, aiga who support learning by helping your children get to school.

Our school and the Ministry of Education attendance target is for students to achieve an attendance rate of 90% or greater. To achieve this, students need to have fewer than 20 days absent across the year (this is the equivalent of 5 days per term).

Here is how we went in Term 1:

90% or greater attendance	53% of students
80 - 89% attendance	20% of students
70% or lower attendance	27% of students

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. We appreciate the efforts of all the families who are working with us to make sure our children succeed.

SATURDAY NETBALL

Games start this saturday. Come down to the Browns Rd courts and support our four teams. We still have a couple of spaces available for players in the Year 1 and 2 team and the Year 3 and 4 team. If you want to be involved in netball as a coach or umpire contact Anet Conroy at school on (09) 2620594. We are always looking for helpers.

SCHOOLDOCS

Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and align with the National Education and Learning Priorities. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

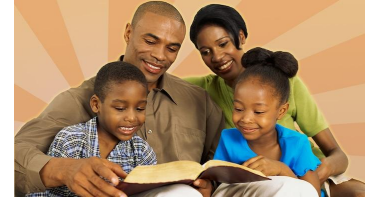
We invite you to visit the site at <https://wiricentral.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "wiricentral" and password "whanau".

MEASLES

Aotearoa New Zealand is at very high risk of a measles outbreak. The best protection against this serious disease is immunisation. The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is recommended. The MMR vaccine is free for all children in NZ, and all adults born after 1969 if they're eligible for free NZ healthcare. If you would like any further information about measles or the MMR vaccine, you are welcome to contact our Mana Kidz Clinic nurse (Eseta) on 027 276 7568.

BOOK FOCUS

Reading on the ... This term we are having a 'book fortnight' in June. To encourage reading we have organised a number of competitions. One of these competitions is to be completed at home as a whānau/aiga/family. The competition involves your whānau reading together. Take a photo of your aiga reading together and email it to office@wiricentral.school.nz.



Entries close on 1 June. The winning whānau will receive a \$50 voucher.

Book Promotion Each class will be advertising a book in their classroom.

Book Review There is a junior and a senior competition for the book review. Students will be writing a review of one of their favourite books. Students will then be voting for the best review. Winners will receive a \$50 voucher.

There are a number of other competitions to promote reading. Talk to your child to find out what is happening. *"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."*

SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

Recently we have noticed that the road outside the Inverell Ave gate has become quite chaotic and often dangerous at the end of the day.

Cars stopping on the yellow lines outside the school gate, stopping in the middle of the crossing, pulling into the school driveway and backing out, or sneaking into the school car park all create hazards for other vehicles and are dangerous for children leaving school. We do not want to see any of our students hurt.

To keep all of our children safe we ask that parents/caregivers please use the car park beside the Wiri Community Hall (on Inverell Ave) to drop off and pick up students. The hall car park is only a short walk from the back gate (behind Room 17) and is located well away from the road and traffic hazards.

We also ask that adults please use the patrolled crossing on Inverell Ave when crossing with their children. Your good example helps keep our children safe.

LANGUAGE IS A TREASURE

There is lots of research about the benefits of talking and reading in your first language. We have a number of books written in Niuean, Tongan and Cook Island Maori. If you would like some to read and talk about at home they are in the office. Help yourself. They are for you to keep. You do not need to return them to school.

CCTV

At the end of 2022 the Board decided to install CCTV cameras due to an increase in break-ins and vandalism. The purpose of the cameras is to enhance student and staff safety and security. Cameras have been installed and are now in operation. Appropriate procedures to ensure that all applicable laws and the privacy rights of staff, students and the public are respected, have been put in place.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will continue to be sent home every fortnight, usually on a Tuesday. School newsletters are also available to view on the school website or via the Skool Loop app.