

## SCHOOL LUNCHES



Our school is part of the Ka Ora, Ka Ako Food in Schools programme. Through this programme every student is provided a healthy, free lunch, every school day. The programme is funded by the Ministry of Education and our contracted lunch provider is Libelle Group. The lunch menu changes each week so students get to enjoy a variety of lunch options. You can view the menus on their website: [www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz](http://www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz) Lunches are delivered to classrooms each day, fresh and ready for students to enjoy. The school will always let you know in advance, if for any reason, lunches will not be available.

We want the school lunch programme to be successful. It is intended to ensure all students receive a healthy lunch as well as saving families time and money. Last week a small group of Year 8 students implemented a survey across the whole school to find out which lunches were most popular with our students as well as which ones were not. These students will be presenting the results of their survey to a representative from Libelle Group this week. We hope that by giving Libelle this feedback they will be able to continue to improve their menus.

Libelle are able to cater for a wide range of dietary needs for individual students. If your child has any dietary requirements please make sure to share this information with the class teacher or the office staff.

Our school is also part of the Fruit in Schools programme that provides a piece of fruit for every student daily. Fruit is distributed to classrooms daily. All students are encouraged to eat the provided lunches and fruit - we always have plenty. Children do not need to bring additional food to school and unhealthy snacks are discouraged.

If you have any concerns or queries about the food we provide at school please feel free to contact us. You can also provide feedback to Libelle Group via the options below.



## HEALTH CONSULTATION

Boards must consult with their school community at least once every two years on their Health and Physical Education (PE) curriculum. The consultation is about implementation of health education, including relationships and sexuality education. A link to a parent/caregiver survey was emailed last week to all families that have provided a current email address. The survey can also be accessed via the school website - [www.wiricentral.school.nz](http://www.wiricentral.school.nz)

We have been completing a very similar survey with the Year 5-8 students to gather their views about Health and PE as well. This is your chance to express your views about what you think is important in this part of the curriculum. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or want to share your ideas. Your feedback is important as it helps us to shape how we teach this important learning area. Please participate in the survey, it will remain open until this Friday, 1 September.

## STAFF ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

The Ministry of Education has allocated four staff only days across 2023 and 2024 to enable teachers to participate in professional learning about changes to the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. We held one in April and will hold the second staff only day for 2023 on Friday 17 November. There will be no school for students on this date.

## ROOM 3

Due to an increase in numbers in our Year 2 and 3 classes in Roopu Pūkeko, we have moved a group of Year 3 students into a new class in Room 3. Their teacher will be Sharlene Howe. Individual letters were sent home with the students last week.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Fourteen Year 4-6 students competed in the interschool cross country competition at Reremoana School. They were awesome. All students crossed the finish line with a flourish. The students said - I had a great time because I jogged all the way. - I was sweaty while I ran. It doesn't matter if you don't win-it matters to have fun and finish. - It was fun on the first lap but on the second lap I got tired but I wouldn't give up. - It was fun seeing people smile and I made some new friends. We took two Year 8 students as marshalls, they were encouraging us.



## FRIDAY GYMNASTICS

Our junior classes enjoyed their final session of gymnastics last week. This week our senior classes will start their 6 sessions. Starting on Friday 1 September senior classes will travel by bus to Gym City Papatōetoe's gymnasium for their sessions. Students must have returned a signed permission form to be allowed to attend.

## DRESS UP DAY AND CAKE STALL

The first day of spring is this Friday, 1st of September. We have had enough rain. It is time for fun and sun. Dress up as anything to do with spring. We will also be holding a cake stall at morning tea time (selling from 10.00am). Our Year 8 students are raising funds to support their Term 4 camp. Students may bring money to school on Friday (50 cents upwards) to buy something from the cake stall and parents are welcome to come and purchase as well. If you would like to donate baked items for selling, please drop them into Room 7 by 9am on Friday.

