

VALUES SIGNAGE

Earlier this year classes planned and took photographs that showed students demonstrating our school values of manaakitanga, kotahitanga, whanaungatanga and rangatiratanga. We are now about to turn these ideas into signage that will be installed around the school playground. A professional photographer will be coming to school later this week to capture the images. **If you do not wish your child's image to be used in any signage, please inform the class teacher or office staff as soon as possible.**



CULTURAL SHOWCASE

We will be holding a Cultural Showcase on the evening of Wednesday 29 November. Students have been participating in a cultural activity session every Wednesday afternoon for two terms now, learning dance, music or drama items. At the Showcase they will perform their items for the community - showcasing their learning and talents.

The Showcase will be held on the school field from 5.30pm. We are hiring a stage and invite parents and community members to come along with your picnic blanket and/or chairs to enjoy the performances. Refreshments will be available to purchase during the evening. More information about the refreshments will be shared closer to the time.

There is an opportunity for a small number of community members to sell food at this event. If you, or someone you know, would like to set up a food stall at our showcase evening, please contact Mrs Jane Barber, our school secretary.

YEAR 8 CAMP - ROTORUA

Year 8 students will have the opportunity to attend a three day/two night camp from Tuesday 7 - Thursday 9 November. Students and staff involved will travel by bus to and from Rotorua. They will be staying at a youth hostel and experiencing a range of activities during their stay. Activities include:

- Te Puia
- Rotorua Museum
- Kuirau Park and Aquatic Centre
- Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland
- Redwoods Treewalk
- Skyline Rotorua & Luge

Individual notices have been sent home with Year 8 students. An equipment list and medical form has also been sent home. Please complete the medical form and return it to school as soon as possible to assist our planning.

If you have any queries about this trip, please contact your child's teacher or Matua Chris (Deputy Principal).

ROOM 1 TEACHER CHANGE

Miss Felicity Moate, Room 1 teacher, will be taking leave commencing next Thursday. She will return for the new school year in 2024. The teacher for Room 1 for the remainder of this year will be Mrs Zelda Vermeulen. Mrs Vermeulen is an experienced teacher and has taught at Wiri Central School in the past. We wish Miss Moate all the best for her leave and welcome back Mrs Vermeulen. Parents of Room 1 students are welcome to pop in and meet Mrs Vermeulen when you are dropping off or picking up your child.

HEALTH SURVEY

Last term we sent out a survey to parents/caregivers about the Health and Physical Education curriculum and its implementation in our school. Thank you to the small group of parents/caregivers who responded to the survey, we appreciate your feedback. It was confirming to see that the activities we currently prioritise were all considered worthwhile. While we only received a small number of responses, some of the comments shared provided very valuable feedback that we can use when considering future health and physical education programmes and activities. The feedback has been collated and a copy of the summary will be sent home tomorrow.

It is never too late to provide feedback. If you have any comments or questions about the Health and Physical Education curriculum (or any other aspect of school), please feel free to contact the school office, the principal (Jan Donaldson) or one of our deputy principals (Anet Conroy or Chris Morunga).

FITNESS CLUB

Whaea Anet and Sharlene take a group of students running on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8am. This is about improving our own fitness. Often during interschool sports it is our fitness that lets us down. It is not a race. The goal is to walk less and run a bit further each time. All students over 6 years old are welcome to join.

ROOM 1 POETRY WRITING

Hello, Spring

Goodbye, Winter

Hello, golden sun that shines on my face.
Goodbye, frost that is on my window.
Hello, pink and fluffy blossoms that grow on my tree.
Goodbye, icicles that I see on my roof.
Hello, flowers that grow in my grass.
Goodbye, slippery ice on the ground.
Hello, rainbow in the sky.
Goodbye, jumpers and jackets that I wear.

By Coreena (Year 3) from Room One



Thanks for sharing this great poem Coreena. I'm sure we all agree that it is time to say goodbye to winter and welcome to some warmer weather.

STAFF ONLY DAY

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.

CHANGE TO ADVERTISED DATE

In the last newsletter we advertised a number of upcoming dates. We have had to reschedule the Duffy Theatre performance. This will now be held on Tuesday 14 November (not 27 October).