



**Wiri  
Central  
School**

Learning today for a better tomorrow

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Tena Koutou

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Talofa lava

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Greetings to everyone

**Our Vision**

Wiri Central students will be successful learners,  
confident individuals, responsible citizens and  
effective contributors  
to a multi-cultural society.

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL**

Term 1 Week 4	25	26 Y6 Camp	27 Y6 Camp	28 Y6 Camp returns	March 1 Roll Return Day
Week 5	4 ERO Visit	5 ERO Visit	6 ERO visit	7	8

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Our school newsletter is one of the main ways we keep whānau up to date with what's happening at school. It is sent home to each family every two weeks on a Tuesday. While there was a newsletter just last week, we are sending out another one this week as there has been a lot of information to share recently. The next newsletter will be in two weeks time - 12 March. You can also view the newsletter on our website: [www.wiricentral.school.nz](http://www.wiricentral.school.nz) - Information for Parents.

**HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCES**

Thank you to the many whānau who attended Home School Conferences last week. It was a great opportunity for teachers and whānau to meet and talk about learning goals and how you child has settled into their classroom to date. Remember you are always welcome to contact your child's teacher to share information or discuss any concerns or needs. The best time to contact teachers is before 9am or after 3pm.

The winners of the \$50 Pak n Save gift cards were:

- Taurus Rae Room 13
- Gavin Asiata Room 14
- Tamatoa Selwyn-Cecil Room 14
- Kalayus Mason Mihinui Room 19

**EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT**

Wiri central School will be receiving a visit from the Education review Office (ERO) next week on 4 - 6 March. The Education Review Office is part of the Ministry of Education whose role is to review schools and check on the quality of school programmes and operations. The Board of Trustees and staff welcome

the opportunity to show what we are doing well and receive feedback on ways we can continue to improve.

### YEAR SIX CAMP 2019

Our Year 6 students and teachers departed for their 3 day/2 night camp at Orewa this morning. Tomorrow and Thursday they will be completing a wide range of exciting and challenging activities at the Sir Peter Blake Marine Education Centre at Long Bay. They will be returning on Thursday evening at approximately 6.00pm.

### ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Student attendance, along with effective teaching, has the greatest influence on student engagement and achievement. 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.

Last year our school attendance rate (for the whole school) was 84%. This is very low. This means that on average students were absent for 30 school days - that is a lot of learning that students are missing out on. It is a concern that last year 40% of Wiri Central students were absent from school for 20 days or more. The major reason given for student absence was illness however there were also quite a number of unexplained absences and absences for unjustified reasons. Mondays have the highest levels of absence.

To support student attendance our school implements the following procedure:

When a student is absent for 3 or more days in one term parents will be contacted by the classroom teacher to alert you to this and share the concern.

Attendance will be monitored and if the attendance concern continues (student has further absence from school) a meeting between the teacher, the Leader of Learning and whānau will be held to discuss the concern and plan for improvement.

Attendance will be monitored and if the attendance concern continues (student has further absence from school) a referral will be made to our Social Worker in School (SWiS) to provide additional support.

Attendance will be monitored and if the attendance concern continues (student has further absence from school) the parent/caregiver will be requested to attend a formal meeting at school with the classroom teacher, Leader of Learning, SWiS and Principal.

If attendance does not improve a referral for more intensive intervention will be made to the Truancy Service.

Regular attendance is important if children are to make progress in their learning. If your child must be absent for any reason, please contact the school to let us know, talk to your child's teacher, the leader of learning or principal. Our school attendance target is 90%. Please help us to achieve this target and support your child's learning.

**If your child must be absent from school please contact the school to let us know. You can phone and leave a message on 262 0594 or text/phone to 027 2620594. If you have not contacted the school about your child's absence you are required to send a written note the next day that your child returns to school.**

