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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

It is great to have more students returning to school. Yesterday we had 230 students back at school. Our new procedures are operating very smoothly and it is great to see students adapting to our “new normal” way of doing things. We will continue implementing our Level 2 procedures throughout the remainder of this term.

At this stage we continue to ask that parents remain outside the school grounds unless absolutely necessary. If you do come into the school grounds you must sign in at the office and wear the printed name sticker. A very big thank you to parents for your cooperation with the signing in procedures, this is an essential part of our contact tracing requirements and we really appreciate your support in following the procedures.

Currently we are opening the Inverell Avenue pedestrian gate for students at 8.15am daily. This gate remains open all day. Please use this gate at any time that the other gates are not open. The gate behind Room 17 (between the Great South Road and the Wiri Community Hall) opens at 8.30am daily and is locked again at 9.05am. Starting from today, the gate closest to Great South Road will not be open in the mornings. Students will be able to access the school using the gate behind Room 17. The Great South Road gate will be opened at 2.50pm each afternoon for students to exit.

SKOOL LOOP APP

We are now able to communicate with you via this free app. Use the app to read school newsletters, receive messages from the school, let us know if your child is absent, view the school calendar and to access contact details. Download the Skool Loop app and select Wiri Central School.



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

We have been very pleased to hear that some students from Wiri Central School have recently received chromebooks. These have been distributed by the Ministry of Education as part of their support to schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. While a little late, this is a fantastic resource to support learning at home and at school.

Devices distributed by the Ministry of Education belong to the school however at this time we are keen that students have access to them at home as well as school. We ask that if your child receives a device from the Ministry of Education you send it with them to school each day. On the first day your child brings the device to school we will put their name on it, issue them with a cover to keep it protected and check it is set up appropriately. Please feel free to ask us for help if you or your child need any support in setting up or using the device.

EATING INSIDE

At Wiri Central School we eat inside. Students receive free fruit, this will start again this week. Fruit is eaten in class before or after morning tea break. Lunch is eaten in classrooms before or after students' lunch play break. As well as demonstrating whanaungatanga by sitting and eating together, eating inside helps keep our school grounds clean and tidy. This expectation applies before school and after school also. Students are not permitted to enter the school grounds in the morning if they are eating. They are welcome to take their food to eat inside

the classroom.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club has started again and operates from 8.15 - 8.50am every day in the Food Tech room. There is weetbix, fruit and toast available and everyone is welcome. We encourage students to come along and enjoy a healthy and nourishing breakfast.

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK

While we all know that attendance at school is really important we ask that at this time children do not attend school if they are unwell. Please keep your child home if they are unwell with a cough, runny nose, sore throat or fever. If your child has a sore throat you can still contact our school Mana Kidz team for sore throat management. You can contact our school public health nurse by calling the school or you can contact Mana Kidz Hub on 027 567 5241

If you are concerned about your child who is unwell or has a fever, we encourage you to contact Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or your GP.

Our closest COVID-19 testing centre is located at The Whanau Ora Community Clinic, 25 Druces Road, Wiri. The clinic is open 8.00am - 4.00pm every day including weekends.

ATTENDANCE DATA

The Ministry of Education is currently asking schools to provide attendance data for all students. We will be sending student attendance data to the Ministry weekly, from 29 May.

The purpose is to:

- report to the National Crisis Monitoring Centre and government on levels of attendance during the COVID-19 period
- inform and support Ministry of Education planning for students and schools returning to normal operation
- evaluate and report on the effectiveness of initiatives implemented by the Ministry of Education to respond and manage its response to COVID-19.

CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE (AUCKLAND REGIONAL DENTAL SERVICE)

At COVID-19 Alert Level 2 this service is not able to offer routine appointments just yet, but we will let you know as soon as this changes. This means that routine appointments may be delayed.

Some dental clinics will be open to offer appointments to children with urgent dental care needs.

If a child is in pain, or if you have an immediate concern about a child's teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak to one of the therapists. The therapist will be able to give advice and may arrange an appointment for the child if needed. The Community Dental Service asks that you do not go to the clinics if you do not have an appointment booked.

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