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SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

You may have noticed Whaea Anet or myself at the school gate recently welcoming students to school in the mornings. While doing this we have noticed that dropping children off at school near the main gate in Inverell Ave has become very challenging and often dangerous.

To keep all of our children safe we are asking parents to please use the car park beside the Wiri Community Hall (on Inverell Ave) to drop off and pick up students. From the hall car park students need only walk a short distance to the back gate (behind Room 17) to enter the school. We have started opening this gate earlier at 8.15am and leaving it open until 9.30am. This gate is located well away from all the road and traffic hazards making it the safest place.

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 walking to school. We do not want to see any of our students hurt.



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. Scanning the Skool Loop QR code at the school gates will register that you have entered the school grounds (you will need to download a QR code reader app to do this). You can also use the "check in" feature on the app to sign in and out. Using the app to check in or scan in will mean you do not need to sign in at the school office when you enter the school grounds.

- 1. Download the Skool Loop app*
- 2. Select "Choose my schools"*
- 3. Select New Zealand*
- 4. Select Auckland*
- 5. Select Wiri Central School*
- 6. Click "Choose"*



CHANGES TO PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED STAFF ONLY DAYS

At the end of last year we advised you of the three Staff Only Day dates for 2020. We held the first day in February however due to the Covid-19 disruption we have rescheduled the remaining two Staff Only Days. These will now be held on:

- Friday 4 September (Term 3)
- Friday 6 November (Term 4)

There will be no school for students on these dates.

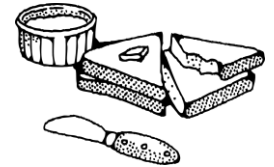
SCHOOL FOOD



We are very fortunate to be able to provide students with a variety of food options at school. Our Breakfast Club 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 have noticed a number of children arriving in the morning eating pies. Save your money for something else, come along and enjoy a healthy and nourishing breakfast at Breakfast Club.

Students receive a free piece of fruit daily through the Fruit in Schools initiative. We are also part of the Milk in Schools initiative which provides a small carton of milk for each student four days each week. Our fruit deliveries started again last week and this week milk starts again. Fruit is generally eaten during the morning and milk in the afternoon.

If for any reason your child does not have lunch, parents or children can request lunch from school. This is a basic lunch - a sandwich, a muesli bar (or similar) and/or a piece of fruit. Request a lunch from the school office or the class teacher.



HOME-SCHOOL CONFERENCES

We will be holding Home-School Conferences on Tuesday 4 August between 1.30 and 7.00pm. This is a major part of how we report to parents about your child's progress and achievement. As well as meeting with class teachers you will receive your child's mid-year report. At the start of Term 3 we will send out forms for you to book a time to meet with your child's teacher. You will also be able to book times using the Skool Loop app. Put this date in your calendar now.

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.

KIDS CAN COFFEE CLUB CHRISTMAS CUP COMPETITION

Congratulations to these students who won our Wiri Central School Christmas Illustration Competition. The entries have been sent to the Kids Can Coffee Club Christmas Cup Competition.

Room 17 Angeline Tele'a, Luther Toloa, Faanimio Iosefa-Fa'alava'au

Room 20 Waraki Inu-de Thiery, Pilinilose Falevai, Azelar Lolohea

SATURDAY NETBALL

The competition starts this weekend. Players will get their uniform this week, please take care of it. Games will be in the morning. Times will be confirmed later in the week. Please come and support our teams. Training: Wiri 1 Monday and Wednesday 3-3.45pm. Wiri 2 Wednesday 3-3.45pm, Wiri 3 Tuesday 3-3.45pm.



