

## Fakaalofa Atu

It's Niuean Language Week. The 2020 Niuean Language Week theme is 'Faliki e tau momoui he tau atuhau ke he Vagahau Niue ' which in English translates to, "Lay the foundations - give rise to Vagahau Niue for generations". We started our school assembly today by raising the Niue flag as the Niue national anthem was played. Thank you Quinton McFarland for raising the flag.

## WELCOME TO TERM 4

It's great to be back at school after a term away. My thanks to all our staff and to the Board for keeping things running smoothly while I was on leave. While I had a wonderful break I enjoyed being back at Wiri Central last week to welcome everyone back for the final term of 2020.

A very special and warm welcome to new students and families who have joined our school this term. We also welcome to our school this term three student teachers from the University of Auckland. Elle Griffiths (Room 5), Olivia Harwood (Room 8) and Derek Tanuvesi (Room 20) will be at Wiri Central until 6 November.

Term 4 is always a busy time in the school year and this year will be no exception. Many events and activities that were put off earlier in the year due to Covid-19 restrictions have been rescheduled to take place before the term ends. We will try and keep you informed and give you plenty of notice of things that are happening.

We are continuing to maintain measures to keep our school healthy and Covid free. We encourage frequent hand washing and sanitising, coughing and sneezing into your elbow, and students and staff not attending school if they are unwell. We are also continuing to implement staggered break times.

<i>Morning tea</i>	<p>10.00 - 10.20am - Pūkeko and Tūī</p> <p>10.20 - 10.40 - Pīwakawaka and Mōkai Āwhina</p> <p>10.40 - 11.00 - Toroa and Fofoa i Vaoese</p>
<i>Lunch</i>	<p>12.00 - 12.30pm - Pūkeko and Tūī</p> <p>12.30 - 1.00 - Pīwakawaka and Mōkai Āwhina</p> <p>1.00 - 1.30 - Toroa and Fofoa i Vaoese</p>
<p><i>Food is eaten in class after or before the break. Check with your child or their teacher.</i></p>	

*Occasionally, if there is a special event, we might all have morning tea or lunch at the same time.*

Each morning at 8.45am all students must go into their classrooms. This ensures everyone is ready to start learning at 9am. School finishes at 3.00pm when the bell goes. No students are allowed to be released from class before 3pm unless they have been signed out by a parent/caregiver.

The Inverell Avenue pedestrian gate opens at 8.30am 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 8.15m daily and closes at 9.30am. This gate is located well away from all the road and traffic hazards making it the safest place for drop offs and pick ups.

2020 has been a very unusual and very disrupted year. We appreciate the challenges for students and staff to maintain a focus on learning. To celebrate perseverance we are planning a trip to Rainbows End in the last week of school. Numbers for this trip are limited to 300 so priority will be given to students who attend school regularly. More details will follow later this term.

## CONGRATULATIONS MRS BROTHERS

Yesterday we held a special assembly to acknowledge and celebrate Mrs Rai Brothers on her 25 years of service to Wiri Central School. Mrs Brothers lives in the Wiri community and works at the school as a teacher aide. Her children attended Wiri Central and she was one of the original members of the Board of Trustees. Over the past 25 years she has supported students with their learning, provided supervision for trips and sports activities, attended school camps, tutored our Cook Island group and even sewn and cooked for us. Meitaki maata Mrs Brothers for 25 years of service to our school.



## THANK YOU

A big thank you to Wiri Business Association and TOA Breakaway Holiday Programme for their koha to our school.

Thank you also to The Super Tyre Guy on Wiri Station Road for donating super cool hats to our school

## WHAT'S COMING UP

**Monday 26 October** - Labour Day holiday

**Tuesday 27 October** - Staff Only Day. There will be no school for students on this day. Staff will be at school participating in professional learning. We will be developing our knowledge of teaching health and physical education.

**Tuesday 27 October** - Year 5-8 sexuality education Parents Info Evening (~60 mins): at 5:30pm. It will be via Zoom and families can choose to come to the school staffroom or use the link to watch at home. Gillian Lolesi will be at the school to meet you.

**Tuesday 3 November** - Class Photos, don't forget to wear your smile

**Thursday 5 November** - Fofoa i Vaoese and Piwakawaka are going to the zoo

**Thursday 5 November, 6.30 - 7.30pm** - Parent Fono - Pasifika Early Learning Programme

# Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A very big thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have been dropping students off and picking them up from the Wiri Community Hall carpark. Thank you for keeping our kids and community safe.

## PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Are you a parent/caregiver to a preschool/school-age child?

Do you speak another language that is not English, Te Reo Māori, or New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL)?

Were you born overseas?

If you answer **YES** to these questions, we would like to invite you to participate in our study of parent/caregiver perspectives on their children's language development.

### What is required from you?

10-13 minutes of your time to complete an online survey.

This survey is completely anonymous and the data will be kept confidential.

Survey link:

<http://bit.ly/nzparentsurvey>

SCAN THIS QR CODE



STARTS WEDS 4TH NOV 2020

# MARLINS TAG MODULE

WEDS - MIXED & MENS GRADES - \$300 ENTRY

THURS - JNR u6-u13 & u14-u18 Grades FREE ENTRY

- MOUNTFORD PARK OPP JAMES COOK HIGH
- LIMITED SPACES PER GRADE
- ENTER TEAM ON LINK IN FIRST COMMENT
- THERE WILL BE A MUSTER FOR ALL INDIVIDUAL KIDS

WHO WANT TO PLAY - PLZ REG FOR THIS ON LINK

FOR MORE INFORMATION TXT KARLA 0211601645

