

ATTENDANCE

Due to Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdowns all of our students have missed out on a number of weeks of school this year. As the end of year approaches and New Zealand has no new active cases in the community it is really important that students attend school to consolidate their learning.

A concern we have noticed lately is a number of students who are absent from school one or two days each week. These days add up and over a term can become the equivalent of having two or more weeks absence. When children are absent they miss out on being introduced to new learning. When they return to school they will often feel unsure of what they are meant to do - they get left behind. While it is normal for teachers to "catch children up" when they have missed some learning, it is very frustrating when this happens regularly. As well as making learning more difficult, frequent absences from school can have a negative social impact on children. After being absent they can find it difficult to fit in with their peers again.

You may not be aware of exactly how many days your child has been absent from school but we will contact you and let you know if there is a specific concern. If this happens please feel free to come in and discuss the situation further. Communicating with your child's teacher is a great way to support learning.

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.

PROTECT THE PUHINUI STREAM ART COMPETITION

Students from Roopu Tūī entered the "Protect the Puhinui Stream" Art Project competition. The competition was established to encourage everyone in the community to protect the stream by raising awareness about the wildlife in and around the Puhinui Stream. The students created some amazing art work and there were a number of winners from our school, including the Grand Prize Winner. Winners were presented with their prizes at our school assembly yesterday. Below are the results of the competition.

GRAND-PRIZE

Clarissa Seufale, from Wiri Central School

Slimiest looking tuna (eel):

1. Lilly-Anne Rae, from Wiri Central School
2. Lolohea Hu'avi, from Wiri Central School
3. Gorgeous Falwassar, from Wiri Central School

Most clever looking bird or fish:

1. Luca Dreaver, from Our Lady Star of the Sea School
2. Gianna Cardeiro, from Our Lady Star of the Sea School
3. Matthew Pareanga, from Wiri Central School

Most colourful wildlife:

1. Teia Hoeta, from Wiri Central School
2. Kristian Jelavio, from Our Lady Star of the Sea School
3. Rachel Ly, from Our Lady Star of the Sea School

Overall best Kaitiaki Message:

Ollie Murray, from Wiri Central School

COMMUNITY SWIM PROGRAMME

The free Community Swim Programme is happening for students in Years 3-6. Swimming is every Wednesday. Thank you to students who have been remembering to bring their swimming gear.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Wednesday 4 November -Y7/8 Immunisations

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

Thursday 5 November, 5.30pm - **Year 0-2** Parent Fono - Pasifika Early Learning Programme.

Individual notices were sent home last week with students. All parents of Year 0-2 students are welcome. We will meet in the theatre in Te Puna.

10-12 November - Year 8 Auckland Adventure. Our year 8 students will be spending 3 days exploring the city centre. Please ensure individual notices and medical forms have been returned.

Thursday 12 November - Whanau reward

Monday 16 November - Staff only day. School will be closed for students on this day. Teachers will be writing student reports and entering assessment data.

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