

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR 2021

Greetings and welcome to new families that have joined our school whānau this year. Let's hope 2021 does not have the same level of disruption as 2020 due to the Covid-19 lockdowns. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning at Wiri Central School and to support this happening we will be maintaining Covid-19 safety procedures.

Key procedures include:

- Good hygiene practices taught and regular reminders to use them. All classroom spaces have hand sanitiser - to be kept by the main door and used on entry and exit.
- Covid-19 QR codes are displayed at our entrance gates and admin building entrances for use by all visitors to the school. All visitors, including parents, are asked to sign in at reception as well.
- Breaks will be staggered so there are fewer students at a time in the playground.

Following the experiences of 2020 and feedback received from the Health Consultation last year, our overall learning theme for 2021 is Safety. We will be exploring what it means to be safe in all areas of our lives. The big ideas that we want students to develop throughout the year are:

- We need to keep safe no matter where we are and what we are doing. There are many contexts for safety, e.g. physical safety, cybersafety, emotional safety, food safety
- Safety is everyone's responsibility; we have a right to be safe and a responsibility to act safely
- Keeping safe involves identifying risks and their causes, describing safe practices to manage them and enacting them consistently

We welcome three new staff to our school this year. Miss Shelby Fatialofa has joined our team of teacher aides. Ms Cheryl Daniels-Michaels will be teaching in Toroa (Year 7/8) and will also be the Leader of Learning for Year 7 and 8. Miss Felicity Moate will be teaching in Room 5 (Year 1).

A newsletter will be sent home every fortnight, usually on a Tuesday. The school newsletters are also available to view on the school website or via the Skool Loop app. I welcome your contact anytime and I am looking forward to working alongside you all in 2021 as we support and inspire our students to achieve their best.

## STATIONERY

The board of trustees does not ask families to pay any school donation or fee and provides many resources required for learning. Students need to purchase the stationery items required for their learning. These can be purchased through Warehouse Stationery Ltd at Manukau. Warehouse Stationery have all the details of the stationery required for Wiri Central students, just tell them your child's year level and whether they are in our Māori Bilingual, Samoan Bilingual or mainstream classes. Please support your child's learning by making this a priority. Our packs are very cheap. Prices range from just \$9.21 and \$12.92.

## YEAR SIX CAMP 2021

Our Year 6 Camp is coming up soon. The dates for camp are **Tuesday 23rd February to Thursday 25th February**. For our camp we travel to Orewa Top Ten Holiday Park. On Wednesday and Thursday we travel from Orewa to Long Bay for our water-based activities at the

Marine Education and Recreation Centre (MERC). On Thursday we complete our activities at MERC and travel back to school. We generally arrive back at school around 6pm.

There will be a meeting on **Thursday 11th February at 5.00 pm**. The meeting will be in the school **staffroom**. This is a great opportunity to find out everything you need to know about camp.

## HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Our first Home School Conferences will be held on Thursday 18 February. Children will be going home at 12.30pm so that conferences can start at 1.30pm. If you require your child to stay at school until 3.00pm, please send a note to the class teacher. Children must bring a note to stay at school.

This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and help us set your child up for a successful year. To thank you for coming to meet with us we are holding four draws for \$50 Pak n Save gift cards. Each conference attended will give you an entry into the draw. Four names will be drawn on Friday morning and the winners notified to come and pick up their gift card.

When you have finished meeting with teachers, please come with your children to the Wiri Central gazebo outside the staffroom to chill out with an iceblock and meet the Deputy Principals and/or the Principal.

We are looking forward to seeing you and working with you to support your child's learning.

## DRESS CODE

Wiri Central students are not required to wear a uniform at school. The Board of Trustees does require all students to dress in an appropriate manner, which is suitable for primary school students. The following dress code is to be observed by all students while attending school or at any school event.

1. All clothing should be clean, tidy and suitable to participate in the full range of curriculum activities.
2. Sleeveless tops are permitted but must fully cover the torso, no bare midriffs.
3. Hooded tops may be worn. No hats, hoods or head wear to be worn inside classrooms.
4. Shirts may have logos except those advertising alcohol, cigarettes or those with offensive language or symbols. No gang colours or symbols are permitted.
5. Shorts and skirts must be of a reasonable length.
6. Footwear should be suitable for inside and outside activities, flat shoes only.
7. Small stud earrings and watches are permitted.
8. Established cultural and religious requirements will be recognised and discussed on an individual basis.

**Please name all clothing and personal belongings.**

## BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club is every school day morning 8.15 - 8.45am

