

## Newsletter No.3

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### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN

Once again I thank you very much for keeping your children safely at home during the recent Covid-19, Alert Level 3 time period. It is great to have Auckland back at Level 2 and it is great to have our students and staff back at school. At Level 2 children are expected to attend school unless they are unwell or have been instructed to self isolate.

The two Covid-19 lockdowns have disrupted the start to the school year however we are looking forward to resettling into school routines and enjoying some exciting learning experiences. There are four weeks until the Easter break and we are planning to make the most of them. Unless your child is unwell, please support them to come to school everyday.

We have procedures in place to keep everyone safe. The procedures are noted below for your information.

#### **School Procedures - Alert Level 2**

General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom programmes resume. Students return to their own class.</li> <li>• Physical separation is encouraged - Should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable 1m should be used as a guide</li> <li>• Good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces will be maintained. Sanitise/wash hands on arrival and leaving classrooms</li> <li>• Shared supplies and equipment are able to be used if staff and students are undertaking regular handwashing and staying away if sick e.g. playgrounds, PE equipment, classroom equipment and devices</li> <li>• A "cleaning kit" is allocated to each class. Kit contains: spray disinfectant, cleaning cloths, liquid soap, paper towels, tissues and disposable gloves. All classroom spaces have hand sanitiser - to be kept by the main door and used on entry and exit. Top-ups of any cleaning supplies and hand sanitiser are readily available.</li> </ul>
Arrival/Leaving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School gates open from 8.15am. The gate closest to the Community Hall carpark opens daily at 8.15am. The front pedestrian gate opens at 8.30am.</li> <li>• The best time for children to arrive is between 8.30 and 9.00</li> <li>• Classrooms are open from 8.30. All students to go to class at 8.45 when music plays</li> <li>• Students are dismissed from class at 3.00pm. All teachers supervise students leaving the grounds</li> </ul>
Breaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staggered breaks are already in place and will continue. Refer to 10 February newsletter for specific times.</li> <li>• Encourage students to bring their own water bottles</li> <li>• We are vigilant at eating times that students are not sharing their food</li> <li>• Students must wash and dry their hands in the toilet area. Sanitise hands on re entry to the classroom.</li> </ul>

Contact tracing + roll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The roll is completed twice daily as per usual routine</li> <li>• Attendance notebooks will be returned to classrooms as soon as processed.</li> <li>• Teacher records details (date, name and contact number) of any parent/visitors to the class.</li> <li>• Any parent/visitor on site must wear the vistab sticker to indicate they have signed in. Direct parents/visitors to do this if they have not signed in.</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a student is unwell, send to the medical room immediately with the green medical room referral form.</li> <li>• All tables, desks (including teacher's), benches and other hard surfaces must be left clear for daily cleaning. Stack chairs separately.</li> </ul>

## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

*We welcome two new staff members to our school. Welcome Whaea Tracey Paul our new attendance and administration assistant. Welcome back to Wiri Central School Whaea Jo Nelson who has returned to our teacher-aide team.*

<p><b>Home School Conferences - will now be held on:</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 13 April 1.30 - 6.30pm.</b></p> <p><b>HOME + SCHOOL = SUCCESSFUL LEARNING</b></p> <p>New booking forms will be sent home at a later date. You will also be able to book using the Skool Loop app.</p>
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## SWIMMING

Last year we did not get to use the portable pool as it was returned to us in very poor condition. Matua Tom, our caretaker, has been working with the Pools in Schoolz organisation to get damaged parts replaced or repaired. The good news is that the pool is now up and running and the even better news is that the pool will be staying at Wiri Central all year.

Swimming will start later this week. Each roopu has been allocated a specific day for swimming. Bring your swimming gear on the day your roopu has swimming. Togs or shorts and T-shirt are suitable for swimming.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Toroa	Mōkai Āwhina	Pukeko	Fofoa i Vaoese	Tui

The Ministry of Education has provided the following advice about school swimming: *The World Health Organization advises that COVID-19 virus does not transmit through water while swimming. The virus spreads between people when someone has close contact with an infected person. At Alert Level 2, the physical distancing requirements at schools are not breathing on and not touching each other. Swimming activities are able to go ahead with consideration to ensure that everyone is keeping a reasonable distance from each other both in and out of the pool. Anyone who is feeling unwell should be staying home.*

## LIFE EDUCATION

Over the next two weeks the Life Education mobile classroom will be on-site at Wiri Central School and all classes will get to participate in the fabulous learning programmes offered.

Life Education is a charity that works in schools to educate and inspire children and young people to make positive choices. They provide programmes focused around health and wellbeing, delivered through interactive learning experiences in schools. Specialist Educators provide engaging and memorable lessons in the mobile classroom using unique technology and resources.

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