

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 2

Welcome back to school for Term 2 everyone.

A special welcome to new families who have joined our school this term, we look forward to getting to know you.

We sadly said farewell to Miss Shelby Fatialofa (Teacher Aide) at the end of last term and welcome Matagitau (Tau) Augafa back following her maternity leave. Mrs Salota Papali'i who works in the admin office has commenced her maternity leave this term, we wish her all the best.

2021 is the year of SAFETY at Wiri Central School. This term students will be continuing to explore 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

The teachers in each roopu plan and deliver learning experiences to build students' understanding of these big ideas. These experiences integrate the wide range of learning areas from the New Zealand Curriculum which includes literacy, numeracy, science, social studies, technology, health and physical education and the arts.

In Term 2 the safety learning context for each roopu is:

Fofoa i Vaoese (Samoan bilingual, Year 1-7) - O Lou Fa'asinomaga, Being safe with food

Mōkai Āwhina (Maori bilingual, Year 1 -8) - Te Ao Ātea (Space), hygiene and food safety

Roopu Pūkeko (English medium, Year 1-3) - Creating a Safe Community: Water safety and food safety

Roopu Tūi (English medium, Year 4-6) - Survival: what if we were lost in the New Zealand bush?

Roopu Toroa (English medium, Year 7-8) - Physical Safety, caring for ourselves and the environment

The newsletter will continue to be sent home every fortnight, on a Tuesday. School newsletters are also available to view on the school website or via the Skool Loop app. I welcome your contact anytime and look forward to sharing students' learning with you throughout the term.

**Jan Donaldson**

Principal

## SWIMMING

Unfortunately due to the large number of repairs that needed to be made to the portable pool we were unable to commence swimming last term. The repairs have all been completed now so swimming can begin this week. The pool is heated and covered so it can be used all year round.

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, please bring them in a plastic (or waterproof) bag.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Toroa	Mōkai Āwhina	Pūkeko	Fofoa i Vaoese	Tūi

Each roopu requires at least one volunteer "spotter." This is a second, adult pair of eyes to make sure students are safe in the pool while the teacher is taking the lesson. If you can spare a few hours just one day a week, please talk to your child's teacher.

### KA ORA, KA AKO! FOOD IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

This week is our school's first week for receiving healthy, free lunches from Libelle Group. Just to remind whanau that all our students, every day of the school week, will be receiving these lunches. For our very first meal, students enjoyed some Meatballs & pasta! Ka pai!! Fruit will begin in Week 2. We are encouraging our students to be making healthy choices for their eating. If you have any dietary requirements or questions about the Food in Schools programme feel free to contact me at school."

Matua Chris



### KAPA HAKA - KIA AROHA COLLEGE

Kia ora koutou. For those students who have been very, very busy during some Saturdays and times during the holidays, we only have two weeks to go. Remember if selected your child will be performing on Friday 14th May at 10:30am at Kia Aroha College in Otara. Kaiako will be sending out regular information during the next two weeks to keep everybody updated. It's starting to feel very exciting now! If you have any questions about our kapa haka, feel free to contact me at school.

Matua Chris

### HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCES

A very big thank you to all parents/caregivers who attended Home-School Conferences at the end of last term. These conversations are so valuable in helping us know how to better support your child at school. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to hear how the school year has started for your child and to discuss future learning goals. You are welcome to check in with your child's teacher at any time, your involvement is important for your child's learning success.

### PEDESTRIAN GATE ON INVERELL AVE

For student safety during the school day we will be closing the pedestrian gate on Inverell Ave after 9.30am. The gate will not be locked, just closed. You are still welcome to come into the school whenever you need to. Please close the gate behind you.

### BREAKFAST CLUB



Our school is proud to be part of  
KickStart Breakfast!  
All tamariki are welcome to come  
along for breakfast!

Breakfast Club is every school day morning 8.15 -  
8.45am