

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Along with today's newsletter you will receive a copy of the 2023 Annual Report to the Community. This is a brief summary of the school's progress and achievements for 2023. Our achievements and needs set the direction for 2024. As always, if you have any comments or suggestions that you would like to share, we welcome your feedback. Please feel free to communicate with the principal, Jan Donaldson, the presiding member of the Board, Stacey Morunga, or any of our Board members or staff.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

A special thank you to everyone who came along to the Family Fun Night on 21 February. It was a great opportunity for parents, whānau and school staff to meet each other. We look forward to sharing the 2024 school year with you and your children.



ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION

Since the last newsletter our whole school attendance achieved another record day. Our previous record of 92% of students at school for the day has increased to 93%. We celebrated with another round of ice blocks. Well done Wiri Central! Let's keep our attendance rate in the 90s. If we can better 93% we will have another ice block day.

PAID UNION MEETING FOR TEACHERS (NZEI - EDUCATION WORKERS UNION)

Teachers in our school will be attending a paid union meeting on Thursday 21 March. NZEI Te Riu Roa leaders are calling paid union meetings for members to discuss and consider important issues, including how members might collectively:

- Ensure the historic Mana Taurite | pay equity process properly values the skills, and intellectual and emotional effort of our work as teachers
- Shape union priorities for 2024

We ask that students finish school at 12.30pm on Thursday 21 March to uphold the right of teachers to participate in their union meeting while also ensuring the least disruption to your children's learning. Students will eat their school lunches prior to going home at 12.30pm.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are not permitted to bring electronic devices (computers, phones, ipads etc) to school. If your child brings a device to school we will require it to be handed into the office and you will be contacted to come and collect it. Devices to support student learning at school are available and planned as part of classroom teaching programmes.

YEAR SIX CAMP

Our Year 6 Camp is this week, **Tuesday 5 March to Thursday 7 March**. We are planning to depart school at 8.30am on Tuesday so please ensure that students are at school early with all their gear. Our campers are expected to arrive back at school before 3.00pm on Thursday.

SWIMMING

The Pools iN SchoolZ portable pool is about to be filled and ready for swimming. Learning to swim and water safety skills are not only a part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum, but an important life skill. It is unacceptable that so many people drown in New Zealand every year. Developing water confidence and learning to swim helps to reduce the risk of drowning. Please support your child to bring their swimming gear on their scheduled swimming day.

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

The pool is heated and covered and life jackets are available for use by smaller/younger students if required. As well as bringing their togs and a towel students need to bring a plastic bag to keep their belongings in. Shorts and tee shirts/singlets are suitable for use in the pool.

We require spotters to assist with swimming. Spotters are an extra pair of eyes watching the students while the teacher is taking the swimming lesson. If you are available to be a spotter, please let your child's teacher know. All classes must have at least one spotter to be able to swim.

All students are expected to participate in swimming - it is part of the compulsory school curriculum. If there is a medical reason why your child cannot participate in swimming please inform the class teacher or the office by phone call, text, email or a written note.

HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCES - TUESDAY 26 MARCH 1.30 -6.30PM

Our first HomeSchool Conferences will be held on Tuesday 26 March. Please come along to discuss your child's strengths, interests and needs, their learning goals and progress to date.

Conferences will be held in classrooms and take about 10 minutes per child.

STUDENTS WILL GO HOME AT 12.30PM ON TUESDAY 26 MARCH SO CONFERENCES CAN BEGIN AT 1.30PM

Further information about booking conference times will be sent out next week

SATURDAY NETBALL

We did not get enough interested players for the preseason tournament but hopefully we get more for the coming season. If your child is interested in playing Saturday netball they can collect a notice from either the office or Whaea Anet. Saturday netball is for all ages Year 1 through to Year 8.

TOUGH GUY AND TOUGH GAL

Let's get fit! Training starts again this week. Mondays and Fridays at 8am. Meet Whaea Anet in Te Puna.

COMMUNITY EVENT



**RATA VINE
BIG CLEAN
UP 2024**

March 9, Felicia Park
FREE EVENT
BOIL UP | MUSIC | FUN
GAMES | PRIZES |
WASTE WAKA | CLEAN

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