

VAIASO LE GAGANA SAMOA - SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

The 2024 theme for Vaiaso le Gagana Samoa is 'Tautua i le alofa, manuia le lumana'i - Serve in love for a blessed future.

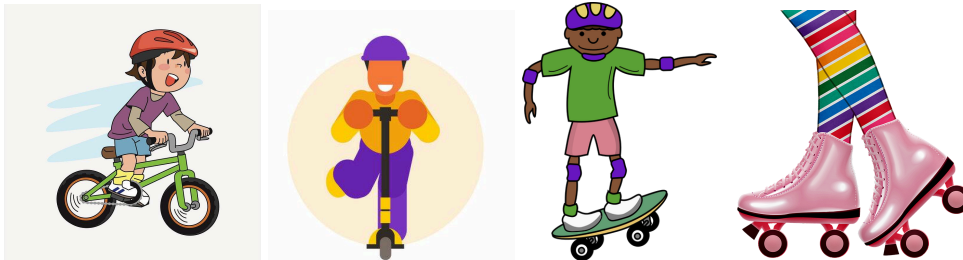
Yesterday we marked the start of Vaiaso le Gagana Samoa with a short assembly where we raised the Samoan flag and sang the national anthem. Fa'afetai tele lava Reverend Fa'aleaoga for opening the week for us.

We will celebrate Vaiaso le Gagana Samoa again on Thursday with a school assembly which will be held at 11.30am. Parents/aiga, you are very welcome to join us.

WHĀNAU REWARD - WHEELS AFTERNOON

Well Done Kaipara! Kaipara were the winning whānau for our mid term whānau reward. This Thursday will be a wheels afternoon. Kaipara students will be allowed to bring a bike, scooter, skateboard, or roller skates to school. These will be stored safely until the afternoon when the winning students will be allowed a time to ride them in allocated areas.

If your child is in the winning whānau and bringing some "wheels" to school, please have them also bring a helmet and any other safety gear. If your child is in the winning whānau and is unable to bring their own wheels to school, we have some that can be shared.



STAFF ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 31 MAY

The Ministry of Education allocated four staff only days across 2023 and 2024 to enable teachers to participate in professional learning about changes to the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. The first staff only day for 2024 will be held this Friday 31 May (preceding King's Birthday weekend). School will be closed for students on Friday.

TRAVELWISE WALKING SCHOOL BUS

I have noticed there are a number of parents walking their children to school every day. This is a healthy and cost effective way to come to school. We would like to see more students walking every day. Marguerite, our travel wise support person, has some great ideas and fabulous resources to get us underway with this initiative. She will be outside the school gate (the side one by Room 17) on Wednesday 29 May before school looking for possible volunteers for this programme. Don't be shy to go up and talk to her.

BOOK FOCUS

We have book focus happening again from 17-28 June. There are a number of competitions for students to enter. There is also the family competition of Reading Together. This involves taking a photo of your family reading at home. In the photo:

- Everyone is able to see the book
- We can see an adult and children in the photo, more than 2 people
- Be comfortable
- Be happy

Send your photo to office@wiricentral.school.nz

The winner receives a \$50 voucher.

Be in to win!



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Thank you to all the awesome whānau who contact us when your child is absent. It is a requirement that you let the school know if your child is going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term **for whatever reason**. You can contact the school by:

- phone 09262594
- text message 0272679825
- Skool Loop app
- a signed, written note
- email to office@wiricentral.school.nz



If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and to building a culture that fosters excellent attendance.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If your contact information changes, please let us know so we can update our records. It is essential that we can contact you in case of an emergency. We need more than one contact number in case of emergencies.

