

TERM 3 IS HERE!

Welcome back to school for Term 3. If you are new to Wiri Central School, a special welcome to you and your whānau/aiga/family.

It is exciting to see the school roll growing and we start the term with two new classes.

Roopū Pūkeko (Year 0-2) and Roopū Toroa (Year 5-8) now each have a fifth class.

A very warm welcome also to our new teachers - Mrs Gaganpreet Kour (Room 2), Mrs Sandy Udaar (Room 4) and Mrs Hema Patel (Room 6).

During Term 3 our school will be undergoing a review from the Education Review Office / Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga (ERO). ERO is the New Zealand government's external education evaluation agency. They evaluate and report on the education and care of learners in schools, kura, kōhanga reo, puna reo, and early childhood services. Following the review they will publish a public report about the school's performance.

HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCES AND MID YEAR REPORTS

Home School Conferences will be held next week on Tuesday 30 July between 1.30pm - 6.30pm

Come to school to meet with your child's teacher and talk about the progress that has been made and the next steps for learning. Mid-Year reports will be given to parents at the conferences. Conference booking sheets were sent home yesterday. You can also book using the Skool Loop app or by calling the school office.

You can book your own time through the Skool Loop app. If you have already downloaded the app go to interviews, select the teachers name, available time, select.

YOUR CHILD + YOU + TEACHER = SUCCESSFUL LEARNING

Conferences will start at 1.30pm so children will be going home at 12.30pm on Tuesday 30 July. Children will still receive and eat their school lunches before 12.30pm.

**MEET WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AND GO IN THE DRAW FOR ONE OF THREE PAK 'N' SAVE GIFT CARDS
ENJOY THE FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Keeping everyone safe while we are at school is a priority. The school has extensive emergency management procedures in place to manage a wide range of situations. Procedures are reviewed regularly and practice drills held to ensure that should there be an emergency, we all know what to do. Recently we contacted a specialist company to review our procedures and help us plan for unforeseen events. Later this term they will be providing some specific training for management, staff and students. On Monday 26 August they will be supporting us through a "lockdown" exercise. This will include sending out notifications and communications to families. Please do not be alarmed when you receive this communication - **it is a practice exercise only**. We will inform you in the communication that it is a practice event. The purpose of sending out notifications will be to test our system and ensure that should we need to communicate during a real emergency situation, we know the system will work.

Yesterday we held a fire drill. Our school evacuation area is the basketball court under the sunshade. If you should happen to be onsite anytime and the fire alarm sounds, please make your way to the evacuation area and let a staff member know you are there.

STANDING UP AGAINST BULLYING

We are starting the term with a schoolwide focus on standing up against bullying. At Wiri Central School we want to provide a safe, learning environment for all students. We all have a part to play in making this a reality. It's important to talk about bullying and not let it live or grow in silence, that's why we are making it a schoolwide focus.

So, what is bullying?

We hear the word bullying a lot. What is really important is that we understand what it is (and what it is not). When we all have a shared understanding of bullying, we can recognise it, deal with it when it happens and most of all, stop it from happening in the first place.

There are 3 key features of bullying:

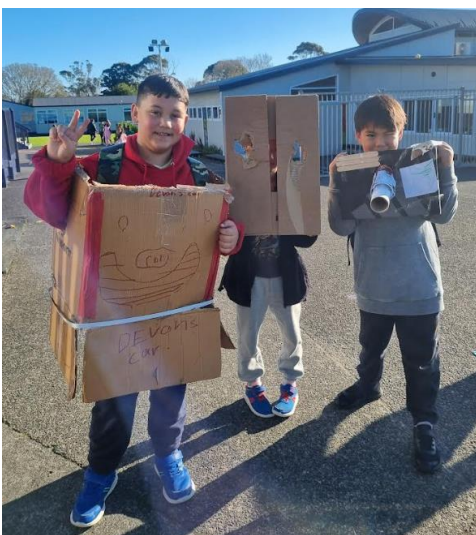
- It is done on PURPOSE; there is nothing "accidental" or unplanned about bullying.
- It is a PATTERN; it happens over and over again.
- It is all about POWER; one person (or a group) has more control and influence than their target.

At school, if you are feeling bullied (or unsafe/unhappy) please tell someone. The first step to stopping bullying is for us to know it is happening. **Please tell us!** If you are not able to tell your teacher you could:

- tell another adult at school that you feel comfortable talking to
- tell a friend (ask your friend to tell for you or support you to tell an adult)
- tell someone at home so they can support you to let us know at school

If we all take action to prevent bullying, if we speak out against bullying and show kindness to others our actions can create change. It's important to talk about bullying and not let it live or grow in silence. Talking about it shines a light on it and stops bullying from being hidden or ignored. If you're being bullied or know that someone else is being bullied, tell someone you trust. You might think it will make it worse, but doing nothing won't help it go away. During the week classes will be participating in a range of activities to develop greater understanding of bullying behaviour and how to deal with it.

WHĀNAU REWARD: CONSTRUCTION AFTERNOON



Congratulations Kaipara!

Kaipara were the whānau winners for the second half of Term 2. Students from Kaipara enjoyed an afternoon of constructing and creating in the last week of the term. As well as making things from cardboard boxes they got to choose from woodworking, lego, mobilo and lots of other art and craft activities.

There are two more great whānau rewards planned for Term 3, one in the middle of the term and one at the end of the term. Earn whānau points and enjoy the reward. Which whānau will it be next time?

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

While it is only the middle of the school year, this is the time that enrolments for high school need to be started for all Year 8 students. If you have not already done so, please consider where you will be enrolling your Year 8 child for high school. Further information will be discussed at your child's Home School Conference next week.