

## ROAD SAFETY

We have noticed a significant increase in unsafe practices especially at the end of the school day. We know you are concerned about the safety of your child or children. We are concerned about the safety of all children. Please do not:

- park on yellow lines to load or unload
- load or unload while waiting at the pedestrian crossing
- drive into the staff carpark
- drive on the footpath on Inverell Ave or Great South Road
- park on the medium barrier
- park in the driveway in front of the gate
- call out to your children to run across the road

From now on we will be taking photos of any illegal behaviours and uploading them on the police website.

Please help us keep all children safe.

## SCHOOL ACCESS

The work to replace a section of the walkway between the school and the Wiri Community Hall is progressing well. We are hopeful that the work will be completed by the end of this week. Until then the gate behind Room 17 will remain closed for school access. The gate beside the playground (closer to the Great South Road) will continue to be open every morning and afternoon for access to the Great South Road. We encourage vehicle drop off and pick ups to continue from the Community Hall carpark, however students will need to walk along Inverell Ave to access the carpark.

## ST JOHN IN SCHOOLS- FIRST AID TRAINING



Last week Sue from St John came to teach our students about responding to emergencies and basic first aid.



## HEARING AND VISION TESTING

Wiri Central School and Painga Project are working together to offer free hearing and vision screening for all tamariki. With your consent, your child will have their vision and hearing checked by Painga Project during school hours

If your child requires further vision and hearing support we will let you know what is involved. Then with your written permission this can also be completed within school hours at no cost to you. Painga Project will continue to follow up throughout your child's time at school to ensure that they have the most up to date and correct free vision and hearing support.

Consent forms for hearing and vision testing will be sent home with students tomorrow. Please ensure you return this consent form at your earliest convenience.

## WHY TALKING MATTERS

Language is an 'engine' for learning, thinking, literacy and life. We express our feelings and communicate with others through talk. The words we know and use influence our ability to think, learn and understand the world.

Oral language (talking) is an important part of the school curriculum. Understanding and using language is the foundation for all other learning.

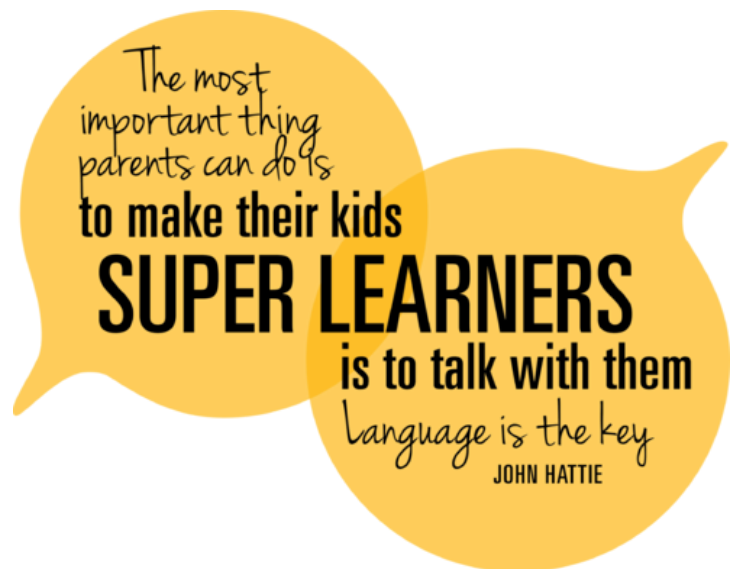
### **Families are the key**

#### **Talk more - it's simple, free and easy**

You have the power to make a difference to your child's learning. Children are learning language before they talk. It is never too early to play, talk, read, sing, tell stories - this builds the connections in children's brains.

#### **Talking builds a bond between parent and child**

How and what babies and children learn and how their brains develop depends on their relationships with caring, responsive adults and early positive experiences. For optimal development, children need repeated child-focused and meaningful interactions with a responsive parent or carer. Children who start school with good oral communication skills are ready to learn and likely to do well. Whatever their age or stage, talking to your child helps them to learn. Talking, playing, singing and reading to children does not have to be in English - use whatever language you are comfortable with.



## DAFFODIL DAY - FRIDAY



This Friday is Daffodil Day.

**Daffodil Day is Cancer Society's most iconic and much-loved fundraising campaign.**

We will be supporting Daffodil Day at school on Friday with a dress in Yellow fundraiser. Wear something yellow to show your support for those affected by cancer. Bring a gold coin to donate to the Cancer Society.