

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. Today and tomorrow we are receiving some specific emergency training for school management, staff and students. **Tomorrow, 24 September we will participate in 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 what to do.

ROAD SAFETY

A reminder to keep our children safe around the road. 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

If you choose to stop or park illegally you could get fined.

Stopped/parked	Fine
On broken yellow lines	\$60
Double parked	\$60
Within 6 metres of an intersection OR pedestrian crossing	\$60
Closer than 6 metres to a bus stop or on a marked bus stop	\$40
Parked in area reserved for disabled persons	\$150

POLICE

Recently we have taken photos of illegal behaviours and uploaded them to the police website.

Please use the Community Hall carpark for all vehicle drop off and pick ups, this is a safe place for students to enter and exit the school.

BAD JELLY THE WITCH

Roopū Pūkeko and Roopū Toroa are going to walk to the Due Drop Events Center on Friday to see a production of *BadJelly the Witch*. The show is based on the book of the same name by Spike Milligan. Please make sure your child is wearing suitable shoes for walking.

DAFFODIL DAY THANK YOU

Our school held a “Dress in Yellow” day to support Daffodil Day on 30 August. Thank you to everyone who contributed coins. The school rounded up the contribution and made a donation of \$300 to the Cancer Society.

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 were sent home recently. Please ensure you return this consent form by the end of this week. If you require another form, please contact the school office.

TALKING MATTERS

Use your own home language

Bilingual families can pass on the best of both worlds to their children: a home language in addition to the community language. Talking mainly in the parent's strongest language is the best way to build children's own rich language skills. While it is true that family members can help one another by practicing English together, parents can be reassured that their children will have a better chance at academic success when a home language is maintained. Our own language resides deep within us, as language is more than words. When parents interact with children, they are setting up learning, and it does not matter what language that learning is in. Don't be afraid to expose children to several languages, young brains are designed for language learning.



GOODBYE TERM 3, HELLO TERM 4

This week is the final week of Term 3. It has been an exceptionally busy term with lots of events taking place. To date our school review with the Education Review Office (ERO) is progressing well. Feedback to date has been very positive. However, there are still a few steps to be completed before the final report is published. We are excited that Mrs Natasha Respuesto is back with us and will be teaching in Room 19. We also welcome a new teacher aide who started recently, Jay Paul-Vavia.

After lots of winter illnesses it is pleasing to see student attendance increasing. Well done all of you who are making school a priority for your children. An initiative that we introduced this year to promote regular attendance is a special ice block treat for every child who attends 90% or more, each term. This term's ice block reward will happen on Friday afternoon (this week). There will also be an extra special treat in the first week of Term 4 for the students who achieved 100% attendance for the term.

Our final school assembly for Term 3 will be held at our usual time, 2.15pm on Friday. Parents/whānau are always welcome to attend. The school term finishes at 3.00pm on Friday. We wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 14 October.