

ATTENDANCE

One of our school goals is to increase student attendance. It is important that children attend school regularly, at least 90% of the time.

The Ministry of Education classifies attendance into the following categories:

- Regular attendance - where students attend more than 90% of the term
- Irregular absence - where students attend more than 80% and up to 90% of the term
- Moderate absence - where students attend more than 70% and up to 80% of the term
- Chronic absence - where students attend 70% or less of the term

Our goal is for all children to achieve regular attendance. To achieve this students need to miss no more than 18 school days across the year (4-5 days per term). Regular attendance is important if children are to make progress in their learning and maintain relationships with their peers. Regular attendance is one of the criteria for students to be nominated or selected for our school end of year awards.

In 2024 our target is for at least 45% of students to achieve 90% or greater attendance. In Term 1, 53% of students achieved this goal. In Term 2, 42% of students achieved the goal and in Term 3, 46% of students achieved the goal. Come on Wiri Central, we can do this!

We congratulate the 177 students who achieved the goal in Term 3. Thank you to the families/whānau who have supported these children to achieve this important result. These students were acknowledged for their efforts with a special treat on the last Friday of Term 3.

ROAD SAFETY

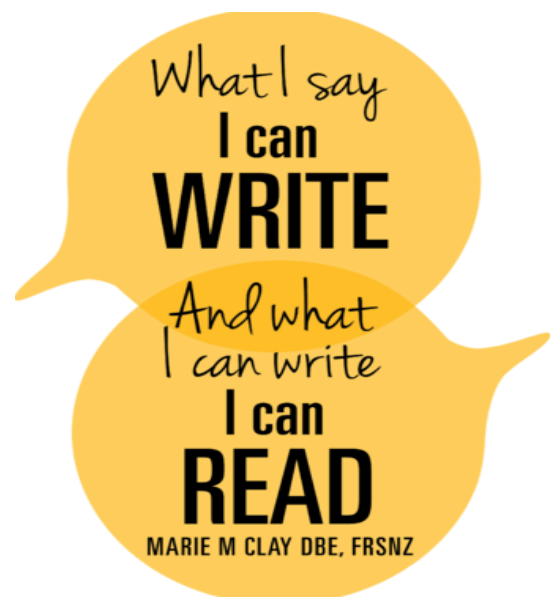
A reminder to keep our children safe around the road. Your good example sets the standard for our children and keeps them safe. Please park and cross roads in the correct places.

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

TALKING MATTERS

How does talking relate to reading?

The size of a child's spoken vocabulary impacts on the ease and speed with which they learn to read. Reading is a powerful tool in developing the relationship between child and parent as well as in growing language and literacy. Books often contain vocabulary that is more sophisticated than words used in everyday conversation.



STAFF ONLY DAY - MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER

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. Our final staff only day for 2024 will be held on Monday 11 November. School will be closed for students on this date.

POSITIVE PUBERTY

This programme will be delivered to Year 5 - 8 students by Nest Consulting on Thursday 7 November. Separate sessions are held for Year 5/6 and Year 7/8. **A parent information evening will be held on Monday 4 November at 5pm in the staffroom.** Please come along if you would like further information about the programme, have any questions or wish to share any views.

TERM 3 PERFECT ATTENDANCE

In Term 3 we had 54 students who attended school **every** day. These students were acknowledged for this excellent achievement with certificates at assembly and a special ice cream treat in the staffroom last week.

Congratulations to these perfect attenders:

Room 1	<i>Siiloto Iusi, Aston Turner</i>
Room 3	<i>Tai Bao</i>
Room 5	<i>Boston Allan-Tusini, Mikiya Burdock, Rico Karapani, Etana-Rose Kereopa</i>
Room 6	<i>Elleina Turner, Josimicah Wilson, Navish Mishra, Joanna Mino</i>
Room 7	<i>Angeline Tele'a, Moana Tuivailala</i>
Room 8	<i>Ellena Akai, Diarn Hoskin-Henry, Phoenixia Hunt, Lufeena Boaza</i>
Room 9	<i>Lolohea Hu'avi, Esilovina Lolesio, Muriel Felton, Jakiel Hoskin-Henry</i>
Room 11	<i>Corvette Williams, Whaimanawa Morunga, Adaiah Depree-Fatialofa, Naveyah-Brie Hape-Kora, Raiden Depree-Fatialofa, Manawa Solomon-Slade</i>
Room 12	<i>Eastborne Williams, Carter Depree-Fatialofa</i>
Room 14	<i>Delylah Tunley</i>
Room 15	<i>Junior Fa'aleaoga, MJ Solomua, Lupeautino Atinae, Sasa Suifili, Goriahtau Ianusi, Leeroy Iusi, Faaeteete Atinae, Milo Atinae, Etuavale Isaako, Josielli Talisau</i>
Room 16	<i>Brian Tunley, Lao Maninoa, Jazmine Ianusi, Liaga Isaako</i>
Room 17	<i>Raiden Oliveti, Chris Uota</i>
Room 18	<i>Hyla Tawhara, Chloe Manejable</i>
Room 19	<i>Kensi Turner, Tanielu Atinae</i>
Room 20	<i>Lavinia Maake, Layla Tawhara, Mason Le, Rakhael Reponte</i>

SWIMMING

The Pools iN SchoolZ portable pool is open again for swimming at Wiri Central School. Learning to swim and water safety skills are not only a part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum, but an important life skill. 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
Roopu Tūi	Roopu Pūkeko	Mōkai Āwhina	Fofoa i Vaoese Roopu Pūkeko	Roopu Toroa

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 swimming.

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.

In addition to swimming at school, all Year 3 - 6 students have the opportunity to participate in eight swimming sessions funded by The Sir John Walker Find Your Field of Dreams Trust. These sessions are taught by expert instructors each Thursday starting 24 October. Classes will be transported to and from the Papatoetoe pools by bus for these sessions. Please make sure your child has returned the individual permission slip that was sent home and that they bring their swimming gear to school every Thursday.