

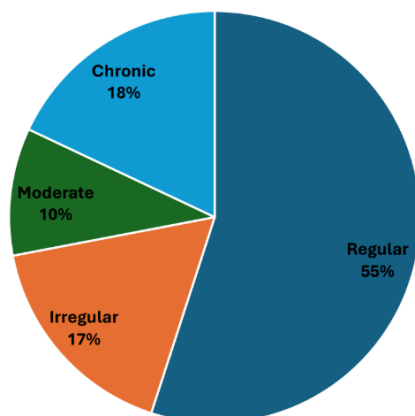


## STAFF CHANGES

Recently Mr Turner left us to take up a new position in another school. For the remainder of Term 2, Mrs Chattergoon will be teaching Room 8. We also welcome Whaea Jahnay to Wiri Central. Whaea Jahnay a new teacher aide.

## IMPROVING ATTENDANCE

Below is the attendance for Wiri Central School students for the past two weeks. When we see the REGULAR section of the graph getting bigger, we will know attendance is improving.



Unfortunately that is 20% fewer regular attenders. That means 64 more students than the previous fortnight had a day off recently.

Best classes in the last fortnight were Room 14 and 15, equal first place with 82% regular attenders and Room 12 also very good with 72% regular attenders.

The winners of the perfect fortnight attendance for weeks 5 and 6 were:

- Miah Rose - Room 7, Geraldine - Room 9, Whaimanawa - Room 11, AJ - Room 13, Antaze - Room 17

## NEW ZEALAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Tomorrow (11 June), our whole school will be attending a short NZSO concert programme at the Due Drop Event Centre. We will have an earlier lunch and then classes will walk to the Event Centre, leaving school around 12.30pm. Following the concert classes will walk back to school, returning about 2.45pm. Please make sure that your child has shoes for the walk and a warm jacket.

## EMAIL CONTACT DETAILS

In preparation for the School Board elections that will be held in September, we need to update email contact details for all families. Last week we sent out an email to current email addresses that we hold, and yesterday a paper notice was sent home. You can either respond to the email to confirm we have your correct details or reply by returning the paper notice to the office.

## NURTURING CULTURAL IDENTITY AT WIRI CENTRAL SCHOOL

Our school recently featured in the Education Gazette (a publication for educators in New Zealand). An article titled "Nurturing cultural identity at Wiri Central School" highlighted our Māori and Samoan immersion units. You can find a link to the article on our school website - [www.wiricentral.school.nz](http://www.wiricentral.school.nz)

## YEAR 5 and 6 BOYS LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

Last week, our Year 5 and 6 boys league team played in a tournament at Bruce Pulman Park. The boys played very well completing the day in fourth place after two draws and two losses. They did however, win the sportsmanship award for the tournament, an achievement which we are very proud of. It is great to know that our students are demonstrating our school values outside of the school gates as well as at school. Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 boys league team! Thanks to Mrs Mauga and parents who supported the team on the day.



## AWESOME STUDENT WRITING

### The Samoan Disaster

I strongly agree that Prime Minister Helen Clark's formal apology was very much needed. The actions of Colonel Robert Logan has affected Samoa gravely. His decisions during the 1918 influenza pandemic has been regarded as, "one of the most disastrous epidemics recorded world-wide in the twentieth century."

The most compelling reason why I agree is the Prime Minister has mentioned that, "it is important for us to acknowledge tragic events which caused great pain and sorrow to Samoa." In addition she also stated that, "we regret the decision taken by the New Zealand authorities in 1918 to allow the ship, Talune, carrying passengers with influenza, to dock in Apia."

Unfortunately- 22% of the Samoan population died and the reason why was preventable. If Colonel Robert Logan hadn't authorised to let the passengers out, one of the worst recorded epidemics of the world wouldn't have happened.

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