



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Last Wednesday our school participated in emergency management training led by Harrison Tew who are experts in this area. Keeping everyone safe while we are at school is a priority and it is pleasing to report that the lockdown exercise went very smoothly and efficiently. Below is an excerpt from the report received from Harrison Tew following the lockdown exercise.

On Wednesday 7th of May 2025, Wiri Central School completed their Emergency Management Plan training and conducted the successful lockdown and evacuation exercises. The lockdown exercise went extremely well. At the conclusion of the exercise, a controlled release of the school was made which resulted in an evacuation where all persons on site were safely accounted for.

Wiri Central School continues to focus on ensuring they have the best procedures to ensure the well-being of all of their staff, students, and any visitors on-site. The Senior Leadership Team of Wiri Central School clearly have a passion and vision for their school, and it is a pleasure to have a continued professional relationship with Wiri Central School.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Pink Shirt Day is this Friday 16 May. 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. As well as participating in learning activities we encourage everyone to wear something pink on Friday.

By taking part in **Pink Shirt Day** on Friday 16 May, you're doing your part to eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!
Kua rite koe? Are you in?

PERFECT ATTENDANCE APOLOGY



I extend an apology to students who achieved 100% attendance in Term 1 and their parents. We had not realised that we had run out of certificates and had to order more. The 58 students who achieved the award enjoyed their ice cream sundae treat on 2 May, however we were unable to present their certificates at assembly as planned.

Great news though, the certificates arrived yesterday so we will present them at assembly this Friday.



PRE-SCHOOL VISITS

The best time for children to start school is as soon as they turn five years old. We encourage parents to bring your preschool child for visits prior to starting school. About 4 weeks before your four year old turns five is an ideal time to start visiting. Please enquire at the school office if you would like to organise visits for your child.

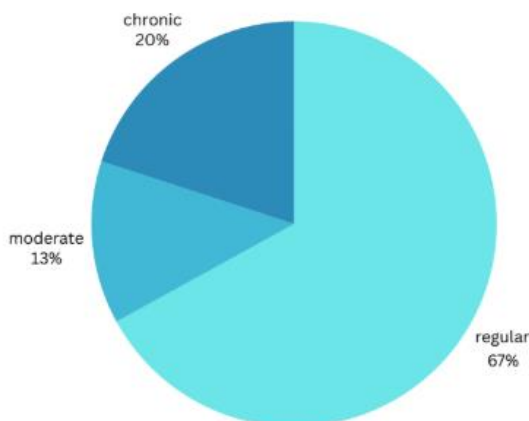
FA'AFETAI TELE LAVA BBM

Another huge thank you to David Letele and the BBM team. On Friday BBM donated enough bread to our school for every child to take a loaf home. This was a generous Friday surprise

IMPROVING ATTENDANCE

Increasing student attendance is one of the two major goals of our school strategic plan. It is important that children attend school regularly. Regular attendance is important if children are to make progress in their learning and maintain relationships with their peers. The Ministry of Education defines regular attendance as being at school more than 90% of the time. All students need to be present at school so they can participate and engage in learning. Students with high levels of attendance are more likely to succeed in their learning. We want every student to succeed in learning.

To let you know how we are going, we will be sharing our attendance data with you in each newsletter. Below is the attendance for Wiri Central School students for the first two weeks of this term. When we see the REGULAR section of the graph getting bigger, we will know attendance is improving.



Attendance in Weeks 1 and 2

At school we
number of initiatives to support and encourage regular attendance:

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- Weekly certificates awarded to classes for every day the class has all students present. When classes have earned 5 certificates they get to choose a brand new board game to have in their classroom.
- 100% attendance award for all students who attend school every day for the term. As well as a certificate the students are invited to have an ice cream sundae treat in the staffroom
- On the last day of each term every student that achieves regular attendance (over 90%) for the term receives an ice block

Last week, we introduced another incentive. Every two weeks, every student who has attended school every day for that fortnight, will have their name entered into a prize draw. Five names will be drawn and those five students will get to choose an item from a box of games/toys. The inaugural winners of the perfect attendance prize draw were:

- Bella-Rose R8
- Rozeiya R11
- Corbyn R19
- AJ R13
- Matilda R5

Congratulations to these students. The next prize draw will be held at the Friday assembly in Week 4 (23 May). In the meantime, come to school every day to get your name in the draw.

SATURDAY NETBALL

Saturday netball has started at Browns Road. Player of the day for Year 5 & 6 was Alysha. She was quick on the loose ball and worked hard on both attack and defense. The team scored many goals. Unfortunately, the Year 7 & 8 team did not have enough players turn up at the game to even take the court. Because of this we have added a few more members to this team so hopefully this won't happen again.