

NEWSLETTER TIMING

Our school newsletter is usually distributed fortnightly. Last week was a newsletter week so normally we wouldn't have one this week. However, as there were a number of things we wanted to communicate, we have decided to share a newsletter this week and there will not be one next week. The next newsletter will be in Week 1 of Term 3.

MATARIKI

Matariki is a special occasion in the New Zealand calendar which marks the start of the Māori New Year. Signified by the Matariki cluster of stars reappearing in our night sky, this is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead.

This year the Matariki public holiday is being held this Friday 20 June. **There is no school on Friday.**

At school we will be celebrating Matariki with a special assembly on Tuesday 24 June at 10.15am (weather permitting) and a sausage sizzle. Mōkai Āwhina will perform at the assembly. Whānau are welcome to join us for the assembly. We would love a few helpers to assist with the BBQ. Please let Salota or Sandra in the office know if you are available to help on 24 June.

Mānawatia a Matariki!



TERM BREAK

Term 2 ends on Friday 27 June. School returns again for Term 3 on Monday 14 July.

HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCES AND MID YEAR REPORTS

Home School Conferences will be held next term on Thursday 24 July between 1.30pm - 6.30pm

Come to school to meet with your child's teacher and talk about the progress that has been made and the next steps for learning. Mid-Year reports will be given to parents at the conferences. A conference booking sheet will be sent home this week. Alternatively you can book using the Skool Loop app or by calling the school office.

You can book your own time through the Skool Loop app. If you have already downloaded the app go to interviews, select the teachers name, available time, select.

YOUR CHILD + YOU + TEACHER = SUCCESSFUL LEARNING

Conferences will start at 1.30pm so children will be going home at 12.30pm on Thursday 24 July. Children will still receive and eat their school lunches before 12.30pm.

**MEET WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AND GO IN THE DRAW FOR ONE OF THREE PAK 'N' SAVE GIFT CARDS
WE HAVE SOME WARM WINTER PYJAMAS TO GIVE AWAY
FREE REFILL PADS AND PENS FOR PARENTS
ENJOY THE FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Every three years all public schools in Aotearoa hold elections for their School Boards, and this is going to happen again in 2025. Our election date is 10 September.

The School Board is a key part of Wiri Central School because they do a lot of things behind the scenes that while they may not be visible, are really important to keeping our school running. Our board is made up of 5 parent representatives, the Principal and a staff rep elected by the staff.

The board need to appoint a Returning Officer, who is responsible for the running of the election and we have appointed Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for our election and to enable the election to be provided online. Election Pilot have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services. Important information like the nomination and voting forms will be sent to you by email directly by Election Pilot. If we don't have an email address for you, Schooled Election Pilot will send these out to you by post.

Your name and contact details have been provided to Election Pilot to enable them to deliver election services for our school as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Wiri Central School only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation. If you have any questions about the election process, then the best people to talk to are the team at Schooled Election Pilot. You can contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process.

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.

STAFF ONLY DAY

The Ministry of Education has allocated four staff only days across 2025 and 2026 to enable teachers to participate in professional learning about the New Zealand Mathematics/Pangarau Curriculum. Our second staff only day for 2025 will be held on Friday 1 August. School will be closed for students on this date.

DRESS AS YOUR INSPIRATION

On Tuesday 24 June we will be having a dress up day - **Dress as your inspiration**. This is an opportunity for students to dress up as an inspirational New Zealander. Come dressed up as someone from New Zealand that inspires you. It could be a politician, singer, actor, activist or sports player that has shown values that you admire.

BOOK FOCUS

Over the next two weeks we are holding our annual book focus. We have a number of visitors scheduled to come in and read to classes. Students will be attending a performance by the Duffy Theatre on Thursday 26 June and will each bring home two new Duffy Books on Friday 27 June. There will also be a Book Fair running from Monday 23 June to Wednesday 25 June. Books for sale will be displayed in Te Puna. Parents and students are welcome to come and view/purchase books during these dates. Payment for books must be made prior to orders being processed. Cash or online payments are accepted.