

It was fabulous to welcome our students back to school this morning and I thank you for your patience with scanning in at the gate or signing in at the office and for wearing your masks. Your support to implement appropriate safety procedures helps to ensure our school is as safe as possible. We have moved fully into the new traffic light framework for all our school activities and events this year. At the current red setting, we are able to support everyone learning onsite.

Greetings and welcome to new families that have joined our school whānau this year. We look forward to getting to know you and your child(ren) and working together to make learning a valuable and rewarding experience.

We welcome two new staff members to Wiri Central School for 2022. Mr McKay Turner is teaching in Room 17 (Year 6, Roopu Tūī). Whaea Awaroa Rapana is teaching in Room 12 (Year 3-5, Mōkai Āwhina). We also welcome back to school Whaea Anet Conroy and Miss Edna Ngere, both returning after a year of study.

In 2022 the school will be providing all students with their initial stationery packs at no cost to families. Free school lunches will be provided every day however fruit for morning tea will not start until 14 February. Students should bring their own snack for the first week of school. Don't forget to let us know if your child has any food allergies or special dietary requirements.

A reminder that students in Year 4 - Year 8 need to wear masks on arrival and leaving and when inside classrooms. Younger students do not need to wear a mask however are welcome to do so if they/their parents would like them to. Parents, we ask that if you are coming into the school grounds that you scan the QR code at the gate or sign in at the office. Masks also need to be worn when coming onto the school site. A copy of our current "Red Level" procedures will be sent home with this newsletter for your information.

The Board and staff are committed to supporting students to return to school. Over the next few weeks I will continue to keep you informed about what's happening at school and look forward to catching up with you again soon. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our staff if you have any queries.

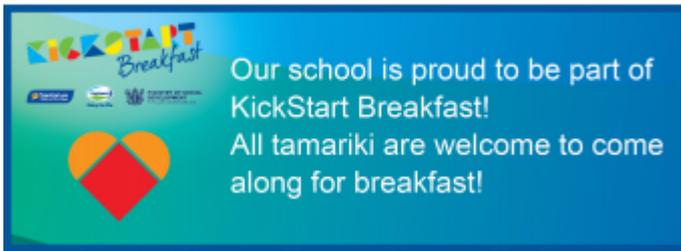
DRESS CODE

Wiri Central students are not required to wear a uniform at school. The Board of Trustees does require all students to dress in an appropriate manner, which is suitable for primary school students. The following dress code is to be observed by all students while attending school or at any school event.

1. All clothing should be clean, tidy and suitable to participate in the full range of curriculum activities.
2. Sleeveless tops are permitted but must fully cover the torso, no bare midriffs.
3. Hooded tops may be worn. No hats, hoods or head wear to be worn inside classrooms.
4. Shirts may have logos except those advertising alcohol, cigarettes or those with offensive language or symbols. No gang colours or symbols are permitted.
5. Shorts and skirts must be of a reasonable length.
6. Footwear should be suitable for inside and outside activities, flat shoes only.
7. Small stud earrings and watches are permitted.
8. Established cultural and religious requirements will be recognised and discussed on an individual basis.

Please name all clothing and personal belongings.

BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club is every school day morning 8.15 - 8.45am

VACCINATION EVENT AT MANUREWA MARAE

A number of Manurewa schools, in partnership with Counties Manukau DHB, Manurewa Marae, and Urban Neighbours of Hope have been working together to organise a special drive-through pop-up vaccination event for schools in our area. This event is part of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout for tamariki (5 to 11 years). Other vaccines, dose 1 and 2 and boosters for adults will also be available. This will be a fun event for the whole whānau, including kai trucks, entertainment, prizes and giveaways.

The new Omicron strain of the virus is highly infectious which means it can be passed on from person to person much more easily than ever before. The vaccine is the best way that we can keep our community safe from COVID-19 and reduces the risk of becoming very ill from the virus (the likelihood of ending up in hospital from COVID-19 is significantly reduced). Although tamariki have a lower risk of getting really sick from COVID-19, the vaccine reduces the risk further especially for children with other health conditions.

Everyone over the age of 5 years is now eligible to have their FREE COVID-19 vaccine – the vaccine for tamariki between the ages of 5 and 11 years was approved prior to Christmas and tens-of-thousands of children in NZ have now joined the millions of kids worldwide who have had their vaccination.

You do not need to book – simply turn up on the day!

Event details:

Saturday 12 February

9am – 2pm

Manurewa Marae – 81 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon Park

Please make sure you and your whānau have face coverings and if possible, bring your NHI number.

A purple-bordered poster for 'TAMARIKI TIME Manurewa Whaanau Fun Day'. The title 'TAMARIKI TIME' is in large, colorful, bubbly letters. Below it, 'Manurewa Whaanau Fun Day' is in black, 'Tamariki (5-11 year olds)' is in purple, and 'Drive-through Vaccine Event' is in purple. A cartoon kiwi bird is perched on the 'I' of 'TIME'. To the right is an illustration of green grass. A teal speech bubble says 'Kai trucks, giveaways and prizes!'. At the bottom left are logos for 'COUNTIES MANUKAU HEALTH' and 'MANUREWA MARAE'. To the right of the logos, it says 'Adult vaccine and boosters available'. The event details are: 'Saturday 12th Feb, 9am-2pm' and 'Manurewa Marae, 81 Finlayson Ave, Clendon Park'.

