

WELCOME TO TERM 2

Welcome back to school for Term 2 everyone.

Term 1 presented lots of challenges with attendance at school being disrupted for staff and students having to isolate due to Covid-19. It was fantastic to see numbers in classrooms increase towards the end of the term. We want to see everyone back at school and attending regularly as we know this makes a positive difference for students socially and emotionally as well as academically. Even though Covid is still around we have procedures in place to ensure school is a safe place. After two years of disruption we are keen for students to be at school focusing on learning alongside their friends.

A special welcome to new families and new staff members who have joined our school this term. Mrs Colleen Sai Louie joined our staff as a teacher aide during Term 1 and Mrs Gata Tosogi is the new teacher in Room 13. We also welcome Whaea Salota in the office back from leave. Congratulations and farewell to Mrs Ramya Kothapalli. While Mrs Kothapalli has been working at Wiri Central School as a teacher aide, she completed training to be a teacher. We wish her well for her new role as a teacher at Huntly School.

COVID-19 UPDATE

At the end of Term 1 the Government announced that all of New Zealand would move to the Orange setting of the COVID-19 protection framework. The decision to move to Orange has been made on public health advice and reflects that we are moving past the peak of cases and our health system is able to cope. We are seeing that cases are declining due to high levels of vaccination and natural immunity after infection.

So what does the move to Orange mean for our school?

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, consider wearing a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

There may be times that we may ask students in Year 4-8 to wear a mask – for example, when we are having an assembly in a smaller, inside space. If there are a high number of cases in the community, we may ask that masks are worn in classrooms for a period of time. We will inform you if masks are required by students at school. Students and staff are always welcome to wear a mask should they choose to do so.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to a few less restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns or queries related to COVID-19.

WIFI OPPORTUNITY - THE CAUSE COLLECTIVE

The Cause Collective have placings of wifi for 10 Wiri Central School families.

The wifi connection is for 12 months at no cost to the family.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Tofilau Ah Chong, Neighbourhood Lead

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HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Thank you to all of the students and whānau who made time to attend the Home School Conferences in the last week of Term 1. Teachers were grateful for the opportunity to share how the school year has started for your child and to discuss future learning goals. Please remember you are welcome to check in with your child's teacher at any time; you are an important partner in your child's learning success.

Congratulations to the winners of our prize draw: Anielle Francois, Salu Wilson, Ailini Finau and Kamini Gounder

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Please remember to contact the school when your children are absent. It is a huge help to us. You can contact the school office by:

- phone 092620594
- text message 0272620594
- Skool Loop



Have you downloaded the app?

Our Attendance Officer, Sandra, will contact you if she has not heard from you. The office staff will inform the classroom teacher about your child's absence.

SWIMMING

The Pools in Schoolz portable pool is being well used. We have had four fabulous weeks of swimming. Swimming days are:

Monday - Roopu Toroa

Tuesday - Fofoa i Vaoese

Wednesday - Roopu Tūi

Thursday - Roopu Pūkeko

Friday - Mōkai Āwhina

Remember - The pool is heated and covered and life jackets are available for use by smaller/younger students if required. As well as bringing their togs and a towel students need to bring a plastic bag to keep their belongings in.

BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA AND LUNCH

Breakfast Club is every school day morning 8.15 - 8.45am. Come to the Food Tech room for breakfast.

We are part of the Fruit is Schools programme. Every child is given fruit for morning tea every day.

We are also part of ka ora, ka ako- the lunches in schools programme. This is provided for every child every day. During term 2 there will be 3 hot lunches every week. For menu details look at the school website.

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