

## BREAK TIMES

Following the first Covid-19 lockdown in 2020 we split the school playground break times into different sessions to enable greater social distancing. Split break times have continued since that time however we now feel it is time to return to whole school breaks. Having breaks at the same time will allow students and staff greater opportunity to enjoy and practice whanaungatanga as a whole school. Whanaungatanga is one of our school values.

Starting next term, break times at Wiri Central School will be:

- Morning tea 10.40 - 11.00am
- Lunch break 12.45 - 1.25pm

Eating will continue to be supervised in class. Fruit/morning tea will be eaten in class just before or after the break, lunch will be eaten in class between 12.30 - 12.45pm.

## FOOD TECHNOLOGY AT WCS

Making and sharing food is a very important feature of many cultures. At Wiri Central School it's also a practical (and often delicious) part of our school curriculum. Recently we updated the Food Tech room so students can continue to enjoy cooking related, "hands on" learning experiences. Here are some photos of students' learning in the newly refurbished Food Tech room.



Our thanks to Auckland International Airport Company and Fisher and Paykel Ltd for the new ovens and ceramic cooktops. During 2021 these companies collaborated to run a prize draw for schools at the airport Covid-19 vaccination centre. We don't know who nominated our school, but we are grateful they did because Wiri Central was the lucky winner.

## END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

We are holding our end of Term assembly at 10am on Thursday (6 April). Parents/whānau/aiga, you are welcome to come along and join us for this whole school assembly.

## HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Thank you to all of the students and whānau who made time to attend the Home School Conferences held recently. Teachers were grateful for the opportunity to share how the school year has started for your child. 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 Pak n Save voucher prize draw:

**Mary Tokele, Charmaine Leota-Lu, McKay Turner**

## LANGUAGE IS A TREASURE

There is lots of research about the benefits of talking and reading in your first language. We have a number of books written in Niuean, Tongan and Cook Island Maori. If you would like some to read and talk about at home they are in the office. Help yourself. They are for you to keep. You do not need to return them to school.

## WWW = WIRI WHĀNAU WAY

Congratulations to Kaipara, the winner of our second whānau reward competition. Your outdoor games afternoon reward will be held on Wednesday 5 April.

## SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

*Recently we have noticed that the road outside the Inverell Ave gate has become quite chaotic and often dangerous at the end of the day.*

*Cars stopping on the yellow lines outside the school gate, stopping in the middle of the crossing, pulling into the school driveway and backing out, or sneaking into the school car park all create hazards for other vehicles and are dangerous for children leaving school. We do not want to see any of our students hurt.*

*To keep all of our children safe we ask that parents/caregivers please use the car park beside the Wiri Community Hall (on Inverell Ave) to drop off and pick up students. The hall car park is only a short walk from the back gate (behind Room 17) and is located well away from the road and traffic hazards.*

*We also ask that adults please use the patrolled crossing on Inverell Ave when crossing with their children. Your good example helps keep our children safe.*

## STAFF ONLY DAY - MONDAY 24 APRIL

A reminder that there will be a staff only day on Monday 24 April. Tuesday 25 April is a public holiday (ANZAC Day) so Term 2 will start on Wednesday 26 April. Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter.

APRIL **School days** **Holidays**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3	4	5	6 Last day of Term 1	7 Good Friday Holidays start	8	9 Easter
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Last day of holidays	26 Term 2 starts - Back to school	27	27		

