



Te Kura o Wilford Newsletter
Term 1, Wiki 6
Paraire 8 Māehe

He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

Positive Culture for Learning - PC4L

Today we've re-introduced MĀRA cards as a way to acknowledge tamariki when they show our values and do the right thing. We'll be handing out MĀRA cards from next week to anyone seen showing our values. Tamariki can then place these cards in the MĀRA box at the office and when that box is full the whole kura will enjoy a reward together. Tamariki will be voting on what that reward might be.

Acknowledging positive actions that align with our values is one of the ways that we are establishing and maintaining a positive learning culture in our kura.

Reading

This week our librarian Jo Salisbury organised a range of fun activities to celebrate World Book Week. Tamariki have enjoyed, among other things, treasure hunts and buddy reading between classes. Every class gets to go to the library every week and tamariki are able to issue books that they can take home to read by themselves or with their whānau.

Did you know that the amount of reading that children do at home is one of the main predictors of success at school? Just by giving your tamaiti time to read (perhaps in bed at night before lights out) or by reading to them (perhaps at bed time) you are establishing the foundations on which your child's success at school is built.

Choir

Choir has started again on Tuesdays at lunch time. Thank you to Sarah Lineham for taking on choir again this year.

Hot Cross Buns for Chromebooks

Remember to get your payments and orders in for delicious Fix Federation Easter treats before **3pm Friday 22 March**. Profits from this Kaiwhakangao fundraiser will allow us to replace some of our slow, worn out Chromebooks and this will very likely speed up learning!

The order form is attached again and we hope that you'll fill it up by selling some of those Fix Federation goodies to your neighbours and whānau. Delivery is to school on the morning of Tuesday 26 March.

Paid Union meetings - early close Tuesday 26 March

The NZEI has called for Paid Union Meetings this term and our kaiako will be attending on the afternoon of Rātū | Turei 26 March. As there will be no teachers on site, we have no choice but to ask mātua to pick up their tamariki early on this day.

Kids Domain will open early so if you are not able to collect your children at 1pm, please book them into Kids Domain. You can either pop in to see Kristen or email kidsdomain@slingshot.co.nz to do this.

Naming of Hats and other clothing

It was really good to see our tamariki taking responsibility for their wellbeing yesterday by wearing their pōtae in the playground. Thanks for your āwhina with this. It was also one of those days that [Tāwhirimātea](#) blew strong and steady all through lunch time and blew some pōtae right off heads.

Please make sure that your tamaiti has their name on their pōtae (and other clothing) so that when tāwhirimātea does blow it off, it gets returned to them. The same applies to jackets and sweatshirts; named clothing will get returned to them and save you and us the hassle of lost clothing.

Order your stick on clothing labels [Precious Name Labels](#) and hopefully, you'll never lose any clothing items in the playground again. (This is another Chromebook fundraiser).

Movin' March

Tino kino te pai to all of you that have been making an effort to hikoi ki te kura for Movin' March.

Remember mātua, you don't have to drop your tamariki off right outside the kura. You can stop your waka a couple of blocks away and let your tamariki join in the Movin' March promotion and walk some of the way.

Thank you to our worker Bees

Last weekend a small group of parents cleared one of the rooms at the back of the library. *Thanks very much for your āwhina.* This had to be done as we're expecting the builders to arrive any day now and start work on recladding the east wall.

Te Reo Māori at Te Kura o Wilford

All tamariki at Wilford are involved in learning Te Reo Māori. Those in our rumaki (Ngā Puawai) do most of their learning in Māori and those in auraki (all the other teams), spend some time each day learning Māori. We are offering our hāpori a chance to come into kura and learn as well.

Te Reo Māori lessons for our staff and community will be run by [Kāuru](#) in Term 2 and Term 3. Put aside your Monday or Wednesday evening so that you can make the most of this free opportunity. See last week's newsletter for more details, and watch out for the sign up information coming out soon.

He taonga te tamaiti

Our aroha goes out to our whānau who lost their pēpi last week and will be holding a tangihanga today.

Our children are precious treasures, hold yours close this weekend.

Ngā mihi
Kathryn Smith
Tumuaki

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Club: Wednesdays and Fridays - school hall 8.30am
Goodtime Music Bus: Mondays
Choir: Tuesdays - school hall 12.40pm
Chess Club: Thursdays - school hall 2pm
Pōhutukawa Club: Wednesdays - 20 March, 3 April
8 March: Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
14 March: Board Community Hui Room 15, 7pm
18 March: School Trustees meeting
18 March: Yr 7 immunisations
21 March to 12 April: Dental van at Wilford School
22 March: Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
26 March: Union Meeting for teachers - 1pm finish for tamariki
29 March to 2 April: Easter break
9 April: School Cross Country (pp 11 April)
12 April: Last day of Term 1

Kupu | Words

Pōtae | hat
Tāwhirimātea | wind
Āwhina | help
Tamaiti | child
Tino kino te pai | Well done
Hikoi ki te kura | walk to school
Tūrei | Rātū | Tuesday
Hikoi | walk
Waka | car
Auraki | learning in English stream
Rumaki | learning in Māori stream
Tangihanga | weeping, crying, funeral
Hapori | community
Mātua | parents
Pēpi | baby
Taonga | treasure
Tamariki | children
Kura | school