



26 July 2019

A warm welcome to **Aisling Moran** and **Phoebe Newman** (Room 1), **Elysa Inocencio** (Room 4), **Casey Gee** (Room 12), and **Loren Gee** (Room 13).



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the start of Term Three. We are now well into the second half of the school year. This term is ten weeks long and will finish on Friday September 27. Term four starts on Monday October 14, with the school year finishing on Friday December 13.

We started this term, as we do each term, with our school powhiri. We welcomed about 15 students who had started at Wilford School either during term two or on the first day of term three. We also welcomed five new staff members: **Jasmine Massey** - the new teacher in room 10 and four new teacher aides: **Kate Jackson, Jacob Pilalis, Katy Salisbury and Niro Bandara**. Jasmine is a beginning teacher, replacing Jamie Marment, who has taken up a new role at Berhampore School. Kate and Jacob are working with individual students in rooms 1 and 15 respectively and started at Wilford School during Term Two. Katy and Niro have started this term, after the Board of Trustees increased teacher aide funding for students who need additional learning support.

BEHAVIOUR

Student wellbeing is very important to us at Wilford School. We firmly believe that school should be a safe and happy place for the wellbeing of every student. Our school's values guide our expectations about how everyone (students and adults) should behave. We have had staff meetings where we have discussed how we deal with inappropriate behaviour in a consistent way, ensuring that all students are aware that inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and that it is being dealt with.

As a staff we have discussed and reviewed our playground duty expectations, including teachers being more visible in the playground. Staff have identified and implemented activities, including lunchtime clubs, which will promote positive behaviour in the playground and classrooms. We will be conducting a student survey in the next few weeks, which will give us a better understanding of bullying and behaviours that are currently happening. We will talk more about what we are doing for student wellbeing at our Student Wellbeing Evening on Thursday 13 August. This is a whole school community event.

PROPERTY UPDATES

During the term break significant progress was made on our property projects:

- A firewall and doors were installed on the eastern wall of room one, the corridor and wall of the new principal's office (the old medical room)
- Student toilets outside Room 2: a new floor has been laid. New fittings are still to be installed
- Medical Room: this has been gutted and new insulation installed. Pipe-work for toilets and a basin have been installed

Work is continuing and the contractors are making good progress. They have indicated that they hope to be finished this stage of work within the next three weeks or so. The next stage of property work will include toilet upgrades in room 11 and Ngā Puāwai, as well as partial hall roof replacement.

The roof of the swimming pool building was replaced over the term break. This was funded by the PTA through the proceeds of last year's gala and other fundraising activities. New doors have been ordered and will be installed by Phil Mai, our caretaker, and Hamish Wright, the swim coach.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding of the disruptions while the construction is happening.

Neil Sargisson

GRADUATE PROFILE AND STUDENT WELLBEING EVENING: Thursday 15 August 7pm

In our last newsletter for Term Two we talked about a community consultation for our graduate profile. A graduate profile is a document which contains the collective aspirations of our school community - parents, students and staff. It outlines the attributes and skills that we want our students to graduate from primary school with. Our current graduate profile for mainstream classes is contained in our school charter (<http://www.wilford.school.nz/documents/2019WilfordSchoolCharter.pdf>).

Alongside our local curriculum, the graduate profile essentially becomes a framework for teaching and learning at Wilford School. We need to hear your thoughts about what you feel your child(ren) should have by the time they finish at Year 8. What attributes are important to you? We also feel that as part of our consultation with community that we revisit our school values. We have had the same school values for at least a decade now. Informal feedback from some students indicates that they find it too hard to remember all our values. We are thinking of reducing the number of values that we have as a school. What are your thoughts about this? Underpinning all of this work is the voice of our students. What does a 6 year old or 12 year old student feel about their learning? What are their aspirations? How can we reflect their aspirations in, not only our profile, but in all aspects of our school mission?

On Thursday 15 August, from 7:00-8:00pm we are holding a Student Wellbeing Evening. The purpose of that evening is three fold:

1. To share with our community what we are doing to build and develop student wellbeing.
2. To consult and hear your thoughts about what the student graduate profile might look like.
3. To consult and hear your thoughts about our school values and what they are in 2019.

The key details for this evening are:

- Date: Thursday 15 August 2019
- Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm
- Venue: Wilford School Hall

All our staff will be present for this evening and we look forward to seeing you all there. Students in each class will be sending home a personalised invitation to their parents/whānau next week. Another notice will be emailed home next week with the current graduate profile attached for you to read and think about with your family and children.

If you have any questions about this evening please email Ailsa Webb - ailsa@wilford.school.nz.

I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Ailsa Webb

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

The newly elected Board held its first formal meeting on Monday 8th July, where Kelly McGregor was appointed as Chair. We will keep you informed as we begin to work together as a new team and have updates on progress and initiatives.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday July 29 in Room 15 at 6:30pm. This is a public meeting and all interested people are welcome to attend.

PASIFIKA COMMUNITY GROUP FONO



Next Thursday 1 August 6:00pm (week 2) is our next Pasifika fono. All families are welcome to come. We share leadership of these fono and it is a good chance to meet other families at Wilford School and to talk about student learning.

Venue: Room 15 (opposite the staff room)

If you can, bring a plate of food to share. We start with a meal together and then have a shared discussion. Please bring your children with you if you wish.

**Aroha Whanaungatanga Respect Responsibility Manaakitanga Excellence
Resilience**

“WILFORD PRIDE AWARD” certificates awarded to students on 5 July (last day of term two) in assembly for meeting one of the Wilford School Values

Room 1: **Amayra Singh** for **Aroha and Resilience** by being a very good friend to others and making great progress in speaking English.

Room 2: **Ruben Bell** for **Excellence** by putting a huge amount of effort to make his writing interesting and exciting to read.

Room 3: **Miley Walker** for **Excellence** by working really hard at your reading and using all the right strategies.

Room 4: **Prince Del Socorro** for **Excellence** by consistently making good choices, and being a great role model in Room 4. Kai pai Prince!

Room 6: **Rome Tavendale** for **Aroha** he kaha tēnei kōtiro i roto i ngā mahi kapa haka.

Room 8: **Jayda Ngatuere-Peckston** for **Takohanga** Te aro me te whakahaere i ngā mahi hui a kura (**Responsibility** for being helpful and organizing our Matariki assembly).

Room 9: **Lui Venu** for **Excellence** by using splendid ideas in his Two-Minute writing.

Malia Lupo-Wairau for **Resilience** by working through challenging situations.

Room 10: **Riley Wirihana, Stella Bennett, Patrick Bradley and Ally Beavis** for **Responsibility** by being such amazing helpers with resources, and helping Jamie and Jasmine.

Room 11: **Emi Hudson** for **Aroha** by looking after our little buddy and making sure they had fun.

Room 12: **Amber Omond** for **Aroha** by being such a kind, friendly and inclusive classmate all term. We love having you in Room 12 as our friend.

Room 13: **Christian Bennett** for **Excellence** by working enthusiastically on organizing the slides for the ‘Kids Got Talent’ show in Room 13.

Room 14: **Helena Beavis** for **Excellence** by working hard on your work about time and continuing to try and learn when it’s tricky. Well done!! **Ethan Grooby** for **Excellence** by writing amazing long stories during daily writing dash, using lots of interesting words – and sharing your reading aloud!

Room 15: **Muly Malavong** for **Excellence** by working hard to solve addition and subtraction problems with decimals. Well done Muly!

HUTT FEST 2019

We are so proud of all our tamariki who performed in both our Kapa Haka and Pasifika Groups at Hutt Fest last term. Such an amazing experience for our tamariki and whānau. A big thank you to our dedicated staff: Koka Aio, Whaea Gina, Stephen Moli and Whaea Teresa and the fantastic parents that helped, for the hard work they put in to these performing groups,.



TERM 3 SPORTS NEWS

Netball is starting again this week so please check what time your child's team is playing on the Netball Hutt Valley website at http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-2473-0-0-0&a=COMPS. Beginning next week on Monday and Tuesday we are starting badminton lessons at school run by Hutt Valley Badminton, and will continue until week 4. Zone swimming sports will be in week 6 Friday 30 August. Students attending will be finalised from Term One results, and more information will be sent home next week.

Stephen Moli, Sports Leader

NGĀ PUAWAI NEWS

- Year 7 Technology next week: Technology begins next Tuesday for our Year 7 students in Ngā Puawai. Please ensure the year 7 tamariki arrive before 8.30am. Wear covered shoes!
- Ngā Puāwai Pakirehua/Inquiry Topic: Our topic we will be exploring this term comes from our Ngā Puāwai Curriculum which is: **Kaitiakitanga**: *Be an ethical decision maker and guardians/kaitiaki of the world of the future.*
- Swimming and Library: Swimming and library for both classes are on Fridays. Please remind tamariki to bring their togs every Friday. If they cannot swim please send the kaiako a message or send a note with your tamaiti.

CONGRATULATIONS DONNA

Congratulations to lovely **Donna Seddon**, in our office, who won the 2019 SCOUT New Zealand National Best Practice Youth Development Award at the National Scout Conference in Auckland. We are so proud of Donna and the contribution she makes to our community through the St Augustine's scout group.



SCOUT Scarf Day. On **1 August each year**, we celebrate our annual **SCOUT Scarf Day** and encourage our members to wear their scarves

(and uniforms) to school or work for the day. We will take a group photo at lunch time of all the Wilford students who participate in this event.

CHESS CLUB

We are wanting to start a chess club here at school during lunchtime. Do you have any spare chess sets or parts of that are not used at home? Could you donate these? If you do please bring them into the office or drop off in the Reading Recovery Room (the old Dental Clinic) to Vanessa P.



2019 WILFORD SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

2019 International Friendship Day



Next Tuesday 30 July is International Friendship day. The Student Council here at Wilford School is organizing a fun day for you to celebrate with all your friends. So, on Tuesday come in a matching outfit with one or more of your friends to celebrate your friendship and there might be some surprises and fun games at lunchtime (Mia and Shaawana modelling this for us). This international celebration of friendship has been running for nine years and all the countries in the UN celebrate what friendship means around the world.

Mia Allwood and Anton St Just - Wilford School Student Council



WATTIES CANS FOR GOOD 2019

Year 7 Year 8 School Council are back running this worthy fundraiser for our local community. This will benefit families here in the Hutt Valley. Wilford School was one of over 200 schools nationwide last year who participated and so this is a great way to support our wider community again. From Monday 5 August - Friday 16 August, each class will have a box for cans and student council will collect these to give to our local Salvation Army team. Please help us to help vulnerable families in need. This aligns alongside our commitment to have a positive presence in our community, led by our senior students.

