



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 5, Term 4, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Natalie Todd

We were thrilled to launch of our very own Mini Woolies store on Thursday 31 October 2024, proudly becoming the 183rd store to open across Australasia! This exciting initiative offers our students a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in retail, money handling, customer service and teamwork, all within a supportive learning environment. The possibilities for our students are endless as they build valuable life skills that will empower them both in and out of the classroom as well as possible job opportunities in the future.



Our grand opening was a special occasion, with our Kapa Haka group performing confidently. We welcomed VIP guests including Sarah Corey, General Manager of Woolworths, the Takapuna Woolworths team, Erica Stanford, Minister of Education and Cameron Brewer, our local Member of Parliament. We were also delighted to have families, staff and students join us in celebrating this milestone. Their presence and support made the event truly memorable.



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The Mini Woolies store is not just a learning space—it's a hub of real-world experiences where our students across our kura can grow in confidence and capability. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this initiative will have on our school community and thank everyone involved in bringing this project to life!

Colour Run Fundraiser photos

The school colour run was an enormous success. Despite the constant rain, it seemed to clear up every time we had a different age group doing the run. It was wonderful to offer the different types of opportunities to all our students by asking them what they would prefer. Some decided to embrace all the colour and wanted to be covered in all the different colours, while others rather wanted to see the teachers being splashed in colour.



Each challenge and obstacle course presented a different colour they could collect. Some of the satellite classes provided an opportunity to integrate with the mainstream school and participate in their activities. Other satellite classes took great initiative in creating their own type of obstacle courses and pockets of colour and fun. A tremendous team effort by all involved, thank you to everyone!

2023 - 2025

WVSS Kaupapa

TŪHURA AKO TUTUKI
EXPLORE LEARN SUCCEED

VALUES : Acceptance Respect Understanding ARU : To follow
VISION : Engaged, empowered and challenged learners.

GOALS

A culturally safe and inclusive environment.

A curriculum that supports our learners to explore, learn, and succeed.

Committed staff with skills, knowledge, & understanding to work across our kura.



What's on at WVSS

13 NOV
World Kindness Day

14 NOV
Gymnastics Rm 5 & GPS 7

15 NOV
Clinic at Base (Dr. Dalton)

16 NOV
Graduation Ball

18 NOV
GIS 37 Waterwise

20 NOV
DoE Silver tramp

21 NOV
DoE Silver tramp
Gymnastics Rm 5 & GPS 7

22 NOV
DoE Silver tramp



WAIRAU
VALLEY
SPECIAL
SCHOOL

Please join us for
Wairau Valley Special
School

Christmas Market

10:00 AM Til 1:00 PM

Thursday 28th November

WHERE: TRANSITION CENTRE TAKAPUNA

1/29 Northcroft Street, Takapuna

WHAT: FOOD AND CRAFT
STALLS

WHO: STUDENTS OF
TRANSITION CENTRE AND
COLLEGE

ALL WELCOME

BRING CASH TO SPEND

PARK: ON NORTHCROFT

STREET



Getting to know the Mini Woolies program

School and post school learning

The Mini Woolies program works with unique schools and a number of post school providers whose main purpose is educating students with disabilities.

We've reached over **6,200** young people with disabilities in Australia and New Zealand since the program launched in 2018.

They aren't real stores

Each Mini Woolies site is set up to look and feel just like a Woolworths supermarket to help students learn.



What does a Mini Woolies look like?



Houses up to two registers, with an option for a wheelchair accessible register as well.



Contains store shelving, fresh food displays, signage, shopping bags & baskets. We will provide ticketing, and supply grocery & fresh items.



Woolworths caps, aprons and badges for 10 participants will be supplied directly to the site, as well as a Free Fruit for Kids stand.



Weekly catalogues will be delivered to the sites, while **Monthly Fresh Ideas Magazines** (Aus only) will be provided by your supporting store.



The program supports everyday learning



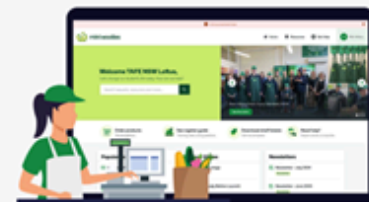
To support teaching staff in achieving student outcomes as well as fostering practical life skills, we have developed **Learning Guides** in numeracy, literacy and store operations. These guides can be easily accessed and downloaded through the **Mini Woolies hub**.



Become part of a learning and supportive community



Share ideas and news in Mini Woolies xpress newsletter, 6 editions per year



Access our Mini Woolies hub for all resources via any device

mini woolies
Community



Attend our online forums, held once per term



Ensure you stay connected with your Supporting Store

Your collaboration with us

Key points

- ✓ Mini Woolies is a space solely intended for the purpose of educating. Please note that this is a **not-for-sale site** which uses educational money only. **Products are not to be on-sold** to staff, students, parents or members of the community.
- ✓ Mini Woolies equipment is owned, branded, and sourced by Woolworths. If equipment requirements change, the **school/ centre must consult with Woolworths for additional needs**. Woolworths is responsible only for equipment installed by them or their representatives and is not liable for damage caused by the school's/centre's own equipment.
- ✓ Being able to comply with food safety measures, privacy of information and a number of other obligations is important to ensure the success of the Mini Woolies collaboration.
- ✓ It is important that both Woolworths and the Site collaborate in the preparation of publicity and marketing materials in relation to Mini Woolies. For example, neither party should invite media, make public statements or distribute promotional materials related to the project without obtaining the consent of the other party.
- ✓ Our agreements are **3-years in duration**.

