

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 1 Wiki 1

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

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Tēnā Koutou katoa, Nau Mai haere mai ki Te Kura Tuatahi o Papaioea

Nau Mai Haere Mai ki te Kura - Welcome back to school! The start of the year is always incredibly exciting and positive as we welcome new and existing tamariki and whānau back to kura. It has been great to connect and re-connect with all of you as we work together for the success of our tamariki for the year ahead.

Staff Learning

Last week, staff had the privilege of listening to two amazing speakers, Shane Fletcher, Manager of the Crusaders Rugby Team and Hana O'Regan, Chief Executive Office of Te Ao Māori from Core Education. Shane emphasised the importance of relationships and making strong connections with people. Hana outlined how we can further grow greater cultural responsiveness and capability and how a deeper understanding of Te Ao Māori supports improved outcomes for Māori. Both of these speakers spoke from the heart, which highlighted their authenticity and passion for the mahi they do. In turn, this has laid a very solid foundation for our learning and has provided our next steps for the year.

Swimming

A common question that many new whānau ask when they come to our school - do you still have a pool? Yes we do! Next week our pool will be up and running for our tamariki to enjoy. We have again asked Kelly Sports to support us with teaching our tamariki water confidence and swimming skills. Your child's teacher will let you know when their class swimming is via Seesaw.

Seesaw

Seesaw is one of our primary forms of communication to you, which is an app that you can download from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. Just like how a playground seesaw works by two sides contributing equally to make the other side work - so it is with the Seesaw app.

We can share a range of information on Seesaw about your child, their learning and achievement. In return, you can view and comment on your child's learning and also message your child's kaiako - an equal balance of support for the child. You can login in to Seesaw with the login details you had last year. If your child is new to our kura, a notice will be sent home with them with how to get the app and login.



Self Portrait Art - Akomanga 9

Ka rawe ngā tamariki!

Early Notice - Teacher Only Day, Monday 24 April

Stationery

All tamariki have their own stationery in class, which we bulk purchase from Office Max. The cost to whānau for stationery is **only \$10 per child**. This is made possible due to our school receiving the government donation scheme, which we use to reduce the cost to you.

Many thanks to those whānau who have already paid. If you haven't already paid, invoices for stationery will be sent out from the Office next week.

Whānaungatanga

The start of the year is an opportune time for all our akomanga to focus on building and fostering strong relationships to set the foundation for a successful and positive year and to build a strong sense of whānau - whānaungatanga.

The picture to the right is a collaborative, team building picture being created by the tamariki in Akomanga 14. While the pictures are not yet finished, it shows the process of learning and the mahi that goes into creating a fantastic piece of art.

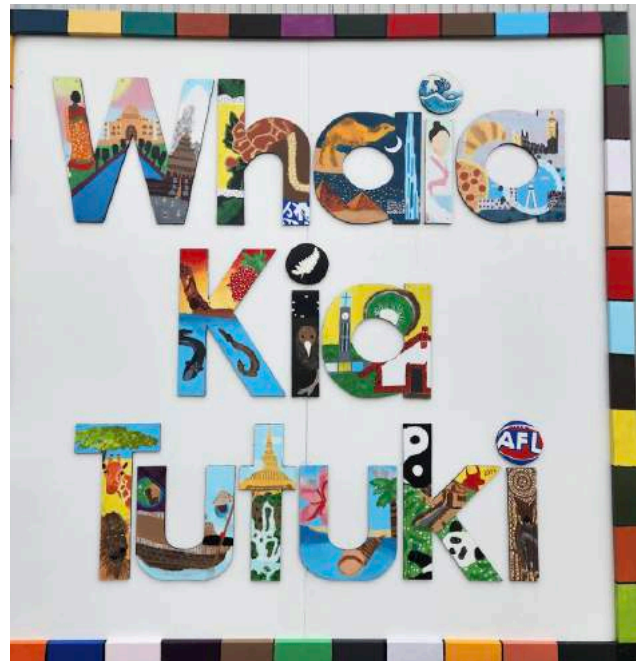
Pōtae

Term 1 is a pōtae/hat term. This means that all our tamariki (and kaiako) need to wear a wide brimmed hat when outside. Hats can be purchased from our school tari (office) for \$12, where Ange and Tina can also write your child's name on the hat with their special silver pen. Tamariki who do not have a hat will be asked to play under the shade.

Whaia Kia Tutuki

Whaia Kia Tutuki - Strive to your Potential is our school vision. Each and every day, we ask our tamariki and kaiako to strive to do the best in anything they set their mind to. We recently asked staff to define what Whaia Kia Tutuki meant to them, some of the definitions included:

- being authentically you
- having a growth mindset
- meeting your own goals
- understanding yourself as a learner and leader



What might Whaia Kia Tutuki mean to you and your whānau?