

# TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

## CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 1 Wiki 3

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

16 Hui-tanguru 2023

**Kia Ora koutou, Ni Hao, Bienvenue**

**Ngā mihi e te whānau - thank you all very much** for your overwhelming support and awhi with our decision to close our kura on Wednesday. After arriving at kura yesterday morning and assessing the risk for our people, the decision was made to close our kura to ensure the complete safety of our kura whānau. We were very heartened by the many messages of support we received, which made the tough decision of closing - the right decision.



We cannot express enough the absolute aroha we send to all whānau and friends who have been affected and suffered damage and heartache in Northland, Auckland, Coromandel, Bay of Plenty and Hawke's Bay. We have been wondering how we can support people in these regions and when we think of something (or you have a good idea), we will let you know.

### Communication

We have two primary ways of communicating with you - Seesaw and Facebook. During times such as yesterday, where we made the decision to close and we needed to let you all know, we first and foremost use Seesaw and Facebook to inform you. If you are on Facebook, search for Central Normal School, like our Page and you will receive all our updates and information. By now, you should all have your login for your child's Seesaw. Please make sure to login and have this on your device so you can check your child's learning and updates from our school.



In the case of a school closure, like we did yesterday, we will also send a bulk text out to you all. With texting it is vital that we have your most up to date mobile number. If you have recently changed your number or you would like to check which number we have on file, please see Ange or Tina in the office.



Our weekly pānui (newsletter) goes out every Thursday, which is only posted to Facebook and Seesaw. Today, we have sent home a paper copy to all families, to let you know about Facebook and Seesaw, so that you can subscribe to Facebook and/or login to Seesaw.

[www.centralnormal.school.nz](http://www.centralnormal.school.nz)

# Early Finish - Friday 3 March, 12.50pm

## The Egg Project

Did you know, you can order farm fresh eggs direct from our school! Click on the website [www.theeggproject.co.nz](http://www.theeggproject.co.nz) and enter the code SCH-017 to order your eggs. If you order before midnight Tuesday, your eggs will be available for collection from the school hall on a Thursday afternoon when you pick up your tamariki. A dozen Free Range Eggs are \$8.50 and a dozen Organic Eggs are \$10.50. For every dozen sold, our kura gets \$1 to contribute towards fundraising.



## Kapa Haka

We are so excited to share that we have secured an amazing Kapa Haka tutor!! Matua Tawaroa and Whaea Sarah will be joining us weekly to support us with our Kapa Haka. Initially, the focus will be on re-establishing Ngā Pou o Tararua. Kapa Haka will start in a fortnight.

## Two dates to be aware of:

There are two key dates we would like you to mark in your calendars:

- **Friday 3 March:** School will finish early on this day at **12.50pm** to allow teachers to attend their Paid Union Meeting. We would really value your support with collecting your tamariki at 12.50pm on this day.
- **Monday 24 April:** School will be **closed** on this day for a Teacher Only Day. On this day, staff will be learning about the refresh of the New Zealand Curriculum. Tuesday 25 April is ANZAC Day, therefore Term 2 will begin on Wednesday 26 April.

## School Board

Every state and state-integrated school/kura in Aotearoa has a board that governs it. The board's role is to oversee the governance of its kura and to ensure that everything that needs to be done gets done - legally, ethically, and as well as possible in the best interests of its tamariki.

Our school board consists of: Felicity Robinson, David Tomlinson, Camile Manning, Rachael Timutimu, Anaru Luke, Sarah Claridge, Rachel Mason (Staff Trustee) and Matua Regan (Tumuaki).

The board meet twice per term to discuss the Strategic Plan of the school and review how well our kura is progressing with meeting our goals. The board has their first hui (meeting) on Tuesday 21 February at 5.30pm.

## Swimming

Swimming is our current Health and Physical Education focus and we are very fortunate to have Kelly Sports for the first few weeks supporting us with swimming lessons. More than just swimming, the focus is also on water safety, how to enter and exit water properly and being able to float effectively should you encounter trouble.

PLEASE make sure your tamariki have their togs and towel EVERY day.