

# TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

## CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 1 Wiki 4

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

23 Hui-tanguru 2023

**Kia Ora koutou, Talofa Lava, Ni Hao, Matō e lelei**

As mentioned on Facebook and Seesaw, next Wednesday 1 March, we are having a dress up in Black and White Day, to raise funds for flood damaged Hawke's Bay - black and white are the regional colours for Hawke's Bay.

We have all been incredibly saddened and disheartened with the devastation that whānau, kura and the wider communities have suffered due to Cycle Gabrielle. Our fundraiser is one small way of being able to help.

Historically, the 'Central Regions' of Taranaki, Whanganui and Manawatū, have always had a positive relationship of tautoko and support with teaching and learning and professional development. Therefore, it seems fitting that schools in the Manawatū and Taranaki (and some in the Waikato) are dressing up in Black and White next Wednesday to support our whānau in Hawke's Bay.

**ALL funds raised** will go to damaged affected kura, their whānau and tamariki.

So, next Wednesday, dress up in your best or funkiest black and white outfit and bring a gold coin donation (or whatever financial contribution you think appropriate) to support affected whānau and tamariki.

### Early Finish

Next Friday, kura will be finishing at **12.50pm** (lunchtime) to allow our kaiako to attend their Paid Union Meeting. The Union Meetings are seeking better conditions for kaiako (such as, improving funding and conditions for tamariki who require significant support), which in turn, leads to better conditions for our tamariki.

We would appreciate you being able to pick your tamariki up at this time next Friday. If for whatever reason you are unable to collect your tamariki, there will be some kaiako onsite to look after them until 3.00pm.

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**BLACK & WHITE DAY**

**1ST MARCH 2023**

*Let's show our support whānau for Hawkes Bay*

**Dress up in Black and White on March 1 and bring a gold coin. All funds will go to HB kura whānau who have been affected by the floods**

# Early Finish - Friday 3 March, 12.50pm

## PTA

Our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) are a small group of dedicated and committed parents and kaiako (teachers) who raise funds to support our tamariki. The last major project our PTA contributed funds towards, was the new playground for our Special Needs tamariki.

The first PTA meeting of the year will be on Tuesday 7 March at 6.45pm.

There is always guaranteed yummy biscuits or cake for those who turn up!

## Happy Birthday to Us!

Next month, our kura is celebrating our 150th birthday! This is a major milestone in our kura and we are really proud of the fact that we were the first and oldest kura in Palmerston North/Papaioea.

On Friday, we are having a pōwhiri to welcome back previous students and kaiako to our kura, followed by a visit/tour of our akomanga and kura.

On Saturday, we will be having a 'party' to celebrate our birthday, with bouncy castles, sausage sizzle and cake, between 10.00am - 12.00pm. All kura whānau are welcome to attend.

## Assistant Principal

As you are aware, at the end of this term, we will be farewelling Whaea Jess (Miss Brett). Whaea Jess has been an outstanding and passionate Assistant Principal, who was been a fantastic advocate for our tamariki. Whaea Jess leaves us to travel the world and see the sights of England and Europe. We will farewell Whaea Jess at the end of this term.

On Saturday the Appointments Committee appointed our new Assistant Principal - Imogen Smith. Imogen comes with an outstanding skillset to support the pastoral and social wellbeing of our tamariki, while also having very strong knowledge about current learning and teaching. We look forward to welcoming Imogen to our kura.

## 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.



*African Inspired Art - Akomanga 5*