

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 2 Wiki 2

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

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Kia Ora koutou, Talofa Lava, Ni Hao, Malo e lelei

Staffing

Ange, our Office Manager, has been a constant friendly and well known face (and voice on the phone) for our kura whānau. However, after 12 years of dedicated and committed service to our kura and whānau, Ange has made the decision to move on and will be relocating to the wonderful Wairarapa.

Ange has been an outstanding Office Manager, overseeing school payroll, school enrolments, first aid and the 'meet and greet' for all our visitors, new tamariki and whānau. Alongside this, Ange has been a consistent and trusted friend for many of our tamariki when they come to the office. We know she will be missed by many of our tamariki and whānau.

Ange's last day with us will be May 25. We will be advertising on SEEK for Ange's replacement.

Dave, our caretaker, has signalled his intention to move on to a different venture. He has taken on a different focus with signing up to a driving contract. Dave's job is currently being advertised.

We recently welcomed three new Teacher Aides to our kura - Whaea Sharon, Whaea Kayla and Matua Pena, who will work alongside some of our tamariki.

Opportunities

We are so grateful that at our school we receive the Government Donation Scheme. Through this scheme, we are able to seek and provide a wide range activities and experiences for our tamariki.

Over the duration of the next few weeks, all our tamariki will have the chance to do Waka Ama on the Hokowhitu Lagoon. This is a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki and those classes who have already been, have raved about the cool experience. This photo shows Reese in Akomanga 19, preparing to paddle on the waka.

Yesterday, we sent 12 tamariki Māori to Whakarongo School for Ngā Taonga Takaro, where they participated in a range of traditional Māori games. Games included Ki o Rahi and Matou Maui.



Kings Birthday - Monday 5 June (school closed)

We also currently have OnBoard Skating here at kura, teaching skateboarding skills to our middle and senior tamariki. This has been a real hit with our tamariki and they are really enjoying learning how to skateboard and perform tricks! This photo shows Olivia from Akomanga 15, trying out some new skateboard skills.

From the PTA

On Tuesday evening, the PTA held their AGM. At the AGM, the following officers were elected:

Chairperson: Karen Phillips
Secretary: Catherine Pallesen
Treasurer: Jackie Tomlinson

The PTA then moved on to their general meeting, where fundraising ideas for the year were discussed. The next fundraiser from the PTA is a Second Hand Book Sale:

Has your child read all of their books? Are you looking for some winter reading? The PTA are organising a secondhand book sale and are looking for donations of books. Have a clean out and bring your old books to school and make space for some new ones. Whaea Mandy will be in Akomanga 16 (by the bike shed) on Thursday mornings from 8.30am - 9.00am to collect any donations. The book sale will be held here at school in Week 8. All funds raised will go towards upgrading and developing our outdoor play spaces and equipment.

Dress Code

As you are all aware, our school does not have a school uniform. However, there are just a couple of dress code expectations that we ask our tamariki to follow:

- Only taonga can be worn as a necklace - please no chains or other neck jewellery
- Only school hats are to be worn, that is, our bucket hat in summer. Please no caps
- Ear studs or sleepers, please no long/dangly earrings.

If a tamaiti comes to school with one of these items, they will be asked to remove the item and place it in their bag for the day, or hand it into the office for safe keeping.

Relationships and Sexuality Education

As communicated to you previously, all our classes are currently teaching Keeping Ourselves Safe and Sexuality Education.

To ensue you are kept up to date with what we are teaching, when classes have completed their lessons, they will post an update to Seesaw to let you know. If you are not signed up to Seesaw, please contact your child's teacher.

