

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 3 Wiki 2

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

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

Winter has really made it's presence known, with a recent spate of icy cold days. Please make sure your tamaiti (child) comes to kura with a jacket and/or jersey to keep themselves warm when they are playing outside. It's also a good idea, especially for our teina (younger children) to pack a spare change of clothes, should they need a change through the day for whatever reason.

Structured Literacy

Many of you will be aware that we are proudly a Structured Literacy school. Over the past 6 years, we have spent a considerable amount of time learning about the best way to teach Reading and Writing, that is based on national and international research. Through a structured literacy approach, we teach in a very specific way, which provides our tamariki with the knowledge and skills they need to learn to read and write and spell. The beginnings of this are learning the first 8 sounds and letters - m, s, f, a, p, t, c, i. Our tamariki learn the sounds of these letters, so that when they see the letters together, such as s-a-t, they can **read** the word by sounding out the letters. No more guessing, looking at pictures and wondering what the word might be - they can sound the letters to read. This forms the foundation of their literacy learning. We teach this approach in both English (Kura Auraki) and Te Reo Māori (Te Arawaru).



This photo proudly shows one of our new entrant tamariki, Matthew, who has learned the first 8 sounds, which he can use to read and write! Ka mau te wehi Matthew!

Who would like a \$100 Countdown voucher?!

We are currently consulting with you about the delivery of our Health/Hauora curriculum. Schools must consult with their kura whānau every two years about the delivery of the Health Curriculum. Last term we taught the Health Curriculum, which consisted of: Relationships and Sexuality Education, Te Whare Tapa Whā, Keeping Ourselves Safe and Personal Hygiene.

We would value ALL of you completing the survey. Every whānau who completes the survey goes in the draw for a \$100 Countdown voucher. The survey will take no longer than 5 minutes and can be accessed [HERE](#). The survey will close on Monday 31 July.

PTA Pie Fundraiser - order by 1 August

PTA

Our hard working PTA are again coordinating their ever popular Pie Order. The pies are from Dough Boys and are always incredibly yummy! All pies are \$8.50 (or three for \$25) and can be ordered through **this form** by 1 August. Payment must be made at the time of ordering into the **PTA bank account: 12-3143-0191899-00**. Please put your child's surname and room number as a reference with PIES as the code. All pies are to be collected from the hall on 9 August between 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

Featherston Street

Over the past 6 months, we (and other businesses and PNBHS) have had ongoing korero with the Palmerston North City Council, as they have been consulting on the re-design of Featherston Street. In particular, the installation of cycle lanes. As a kura and School Board, we were opposed to the cycle lanes as very few of our tamariki bike along Featherston Street (as it is far too dangerous) and it would mean the loss of carparks for our whānau outside our kura.

Recently PNCC announced that they are proceeding with the installation of two cycle lanes on Featherston Street - one on either side of the street.

So - what does this mean for our kura? It means the loss of most of the carparks outside our school. Our next korero with PNCC is about the possible installation of a drop off/pick up bay. We'll keep you updated.

School Assembly

Our school assemblies are held in Weeks 3, 6 and 9. Our first school assembly for this term will be next Friday 4 August at 9.15am, hosted by Whārite. Whānau are welcome to attend our assemblies.

Toys at School

Whānau mā - we do ask that tamariki do not bring any toys from home into kura. Why? Toys and other such items are precious to tamariki and at kura they could become lost, misplaced or damaged. Therefore, we do ask that toys and special items are kept at home. Ngā Mihi for your understanding.

Do we have your most up to date details?

Have you recently changed your phone number? If you have, it's really important that we have your current phone number so that we can get hold of you if we need too. Also, it's really important that we have a current, second contact for your child - should we not be able to get a hold of you.



Akomanga 19 read the story the Kauri Tree and then painted their own Kauri Tree. This amazing pikitia is by Tarra-Jean