

# TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

## CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 3 Wiki 4

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

10 Ākuhata 2023

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

In between all of this wet and cold winter weather, it has been great to see our tamariki make the most of the sun when it shines through. Yesterday, Akomanga 8 had the best time biking around our bike track. Akomanga 8 are our newest tamariki and this was their first time on the bike track, which was really exciting for them. Alongside learning and teaching, it really is tumeke to be able to provide a range of opportunities for our tamariki at kura.

### Staffing

It's with great excitement that we can share with you that two of our kaikako are going to have babies! Whaea Ella and Whaea Jordyn have both recently announced that they are expecting in February next year. This will be Whaea Jordyn's second child and Whaea Ella's first pēpē (baby). On behalf of our kura whānau, congratulations to them both and their partners. Next term, we will advertise their teaching positions for 2024.

Keeping with baby news - Whaea Mere welcomed her first moko (grandchild) last week. Congratulations to Whaea Mere and her whānau.

### Featherston Street

You may recall that we recently shared an update about the upcoming changes to Featherston Street - in particular, the installation of cycle lanes.

This week, PNCC informed us that beginning the week of 21st August, the Council will be conducting roading layout trials. This will involve them counting the number of cars that queue at peak times, new clearways being installed, trialling of separation options for cycle lanes and counting the number of pedestrians and cyclists.

To alert people to these changes, there will be large digital displays placed near our kura.

There are also plans to possibly alter the parking layout on some of the side streets, such as Lombard and Taonui - but we have no further detail on this yet.

We will continue to keep you informed of the changes as we learn about them.

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# Teacher Only Day - 17 November

## Māori Achievement Collaborative

Our kura is part of a Ministry of Education initiative call the Māori Achievement Collaborative (MAC). This initiative is focused on changing the educational outcomes for Māori learners. It involves the tumuaki from cluster schools supporting each other to identify what works to improve the educational outcomes for Māori and to ensure the success of Māori learners.

Recently Matua Regan joined local principals at Te Kura o Awapuni to learn about their approach to supporting tamariki Māori and some of the great initiatives that they have in place.



Portraits - Akomanga 24

## Health/Hauora

At their meeting this week, the Board approved the Health Statement that was overwhelmingly favoured by you. Our approved Health/Hauora Curriculum statement is:

Health and Physical Education/Hauora is one of the eight essential learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa.

With health education, the focus is on the wellbeing of students themselves, of other people and of society, through learning in health related contexts. Through these contexts of learning, students build a deeper understanding and awareness of the four key learning areas of health: mental health, sexuality education, food and nutrition and body care and personal safety.

At Central Normal School/Te Kura Tuatahi o Papaioea, we plan and deliver a range of programmes which promote:

- health and wellbeing
- affirms children's uniqueness, self confidence and hauora
- celebrates cultural diversity and richness
- positive affirmation of self

With this, Aotearoa/New Zealand's population is becoming an increasingly rich and diverse population. As such, we will be aware of the shifting norms in relation to gender and sexuality and work alongside external agencies and whānau to provide support and guidance in these areas.

The rise of social media is a daily influence on our young tamariki and programmes will empower tamariki to be discerning with content and to reinforce their positivity and confidence.

Alongside these programmes, we may also deliver one-off programmes, aimed at supporting a current issue or need, to build students understanding, knowledge and awareness.

Supporting the health curriculum, are our school values and dispositions, which are interwoven into our programmes.

Health Education is an integral part of our school curriculum and we aim to provide a balanced, informed and empathetic approach to promote health and wellbeing.

## Smile!

School photos will be held on Tuesday 22 August and Sibling photos will be held on Wednesday 23 August.