

# TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

## CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 3 Wiki 5

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

17 Ākuhata 2023

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

**Every School Day is a BIG Day.** This is a slogan from the Ministry of Education highlighting the importance of attendance at school. Regular and ongoing attendance at school is critical for well-being and achievement success. It also supports with routine, structure and social development. Obviously, there are genuine reasons to be absent from kura, such as sickness, medical appointments or tangihanga (funeral). If your child is going to be away from school, **please** let us know and the **reason** why they are absent.

All absences are recorded against a Ministry of Education code. For example, if a child is absent because they are sick - this is an Explained and Justified absence. If a child was to be absent due to being on holiday overseas, this is an Explained but Unjustified Absence - that is, it's Explained because you have let us know, but it is Unjustified as it's a holiday during school time.

If we don't hear from you and we can't get hold of you, your child will be marked as **Truant**. Therefore, it is really important that you let us know when and why your child is going to be absent from school.

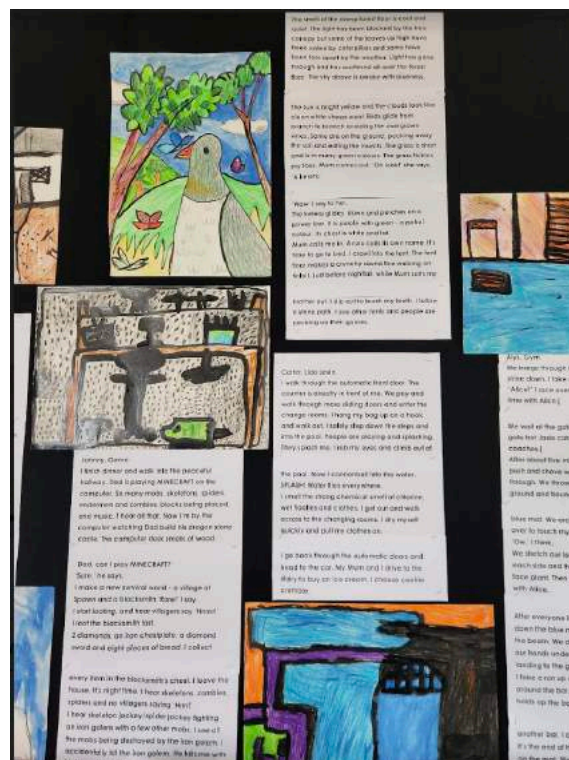
With this, please make sure we have your most up to date contact information.

### Daffodil Day

Next Friday 25 August is Daffodil Day, where we will be raising funds to support the Cancer Society. Tamariki are welcome to bring along a gold coin donation to support this amazing cause. If every tamaiti brought in \$1, we could raise a \$500! Tamariki are more than welcome to wear yellow next Friday in support of Daffodil Day.

### Enrolment

As mentioned recently, our kura roll is over 500 (currently 505) and we will continue to grow before the end of the year. If you, or someone you know lives in our zone and intends enrolling their child at our kura, please get in touch with us. It really supports our forward planning if we know the tamariki who are coming into our kura.



Writing and accompanying art  
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# Daffodil Day - Friday 25 August

## Normal Schools Conference

We are proudly a Normal School! Ae - it can seem like a strange name, but it is something we are very proud of. If you are new to our kura, the name Normal comes from the French phrase "L'Ecole Normale", which means to model/teach. That means, we have a relationship with Massey University to host graduate trainee teachers, to share great teaching and learning practice as they train to become qualified teachers.

Normal Schools are only located in cities where there are Universities that train teachers - Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. There are 29 Normal Schools across the motu.

In two weeks, Matua Regan, Whaea Elly, Whaea Natalie and Whaea Catherine will travel to Auckland for the annual Normal Schools Conference. This is an opportunity for us to network with other Normal Schools and to talk about best practice for teaching and learning. Whaea Imogen will be overseeing our kura, with the support of Whaea Melissa, Whaea Emma R and Miss Mason.

## Toys at School

We have again noticed an increase in toys coming into kura. We do ask that tamariki keep their toys at home and do not bring them into kura. Toys are precious to tamariki and bringing them into school, they could get lost or damaged. Whānau - we do ask for your support with this to keep toys at home. Ngā Mihi.

## Disco Time!


It's time for our tamariki to get their dance on and show their moves at our upcoming disco! Our school disco will be on Thursday 7 September and we sincerely thank our PTA for organising this fun event.

Year 0 - 3 disco: 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Year 4 - 6 disco: 6.30pm - 7.15pm

Kai and wai will be available for purchase as will the ever popular glow sticks.

It's time for another...



Our amazing PTA are hosting a fun-filled Disco on


**Thursday 7th September**

<b>Years 0-3</b> 5.30pm - 6.15pm	<b>Years 4-6</b> 6.30pm - 7.15pm
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in our CNS School Hall (entry via Featherston Street only)

Come dressed in your Disco best for a fun evening of dancing, hanging with your friends, and having the best time EVER!

There will be a sausage sizzle available, and you can't have a disco without GLOW STICKS!! See you there!

<b>Entry:</b> \$2	
<b>Glow Sticks:</b> \$1	
<b>Bottles of Water:</b> \$2	
<b>Chippies:</b> \$2	
<b>Sausages:</b> \$2	