

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 4 Wiki 1

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

12 Oketopa 2023

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

We had the most amazing start to the term, with the unveiling of our tomokanga. The kaupapa is that a tomokanga should be unveiled when the first rays of light begin to shine. Therefore, it was an early start to the day on Monday, with Rangitāne, whānau, staff and the board in attendance from 5.30am.

Pā Lewis from Rangitāne performed karakia and whaikorero and then we unveiled the tomokanga as the first rays of light began to shine. Pā Lewis then blessed the tomokanga, followed by Pā Craig Kawana (the carver) who then shared the korero/narrative about our carving and what it means.

Briefly - at the top of the tomokanga is Tāne, who holds the baskets of knowledge, to share with us. On either side of Tāne are Manaia, which are guardians and can guard us in the kura. The two pou are the korowai/cloaks of our kura, with Te Arawaru on the left and Kura Auraki on the right. At the base of the Te Arawaru pou are the streams of Māharahara and Mātanginui. At the base of the Auraki pou, are fīfī birds, or as they were originally known, Whāriifīfī (Whārite). Therefore, all our teams are reflected in the carving.



We love that we now have this amazing taonga in kura and it has been wonderful to see so many whānau coming into kura to view the tomokanga and take photos of it. As shared by Pā Lewis and Pā Craig, please feel free to touch the tomokanga and put your mauri into the tomokanga - to put a bit of you into the tomokanga.

Staffing

Unfortunately this week, we received resignations from both Whaea Chanel (Akomanga 1) and Whaea Emma C (Akomanga 5). Both Chanel and Emma have won new teaching positions at Monrad Intermediate. We know that both of these kaiako will be amazing teachers at Monrad.

Labour Day - Monday 23 October (school closed)

Whaea Jordyn (Akomanga 12) and Whaea Casey (who is currently on parental leave) have both recently resigned from their teaching positions, as they move into full-time parenthood. Whaea Jordyn will finish with us at the end of the year.

Whaea Ella will also (temporarily) finish with us at the end of the year to take one year's parental leave as her and her partner prepare for their first child.

Therefore, we have a few teaching positions to fill for 2024.

Calendar Orders

Your tamaiti have been busily creating the most amazing art pieces to be turned into stunning calendars, cards or notebooks.

If you would like to purchase your child's artwork on a calendar, notebook or cards, then please complete [this link](#). All items are \$14 and all proceeds will go towards outdoor play opportunities for our tamariki.

Orders will only be taken via the online form and **payment is to be made to the PTA bank account: 12-3143-0191899-00** and reference your child's surname and room number, with ART as the code. Please only submit ONE payment per form.

Cycleway

We shared with you last term about how the Council want to remove all the parking outside our school on Featherston Street to make way for a cycle lane. As a school and board we have been very opposed to this as it removes critical parking for our whānau and compromises the safety of our tamariki, by moving all traffic to Aroha and Beresford Streets, which are already congested. This week the Council further shared their plans for the cycle way and the proposed drop off areas for Beresford Street. As a school and Board we are still gravely concerned about the impact this will have on the safety of our tamariki, with the increase of traffic onto two already busy streets. Next week, we have another meeting with the Council to see what we can change in this space.

Classes for 2024

While we have only just come back to school and started Term 4, we are looking ahead and beginning to plan for 2024. One part of our planning is class placement, that is, placing children into their classes for next year. If there is anything you think we need to consider about **your** child, please either call or email Matua Regan (principal@centralnormal.school.nz) or Whaea Elly (ewarnock@centralnormal.school.nz)



*STEM learning in Mātanginui.
Create a floating vessel to see whose vessel
can hold the most weight*