

# TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

## CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 4 Wiki 2

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

19 Oketopa 2023

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

It's the middle of Week 2 and our kura is again being impacted by staff illness. Yesterday we had 7 kaiako and 2 kaiawhina (teacher aides) away from kura. As you know, where we can, we try and find relieving teachers to go into classes. When this is not a possibility, due to the shortage of relieving teachers, we do split classes. As always whānau, we really appreciate your support and understanding with this.

### Staffing

We have had a big week at kura interviewing new kaiako for the many teaching positions available across our kura. At this moment in time, we are fully staffed for 2024 and are really excited about the new kaiako who will be joining our kura. When all the paperwork has been signed and completed, we will share with you who our new people will be.



*Jessica, Diamonds, Kane and James ready to participate in the Science experiments at Te Manawa*

With Matua Regan moving to the Ministry of Education on secondment for 18 months and Whaea Elly stepping in to be Acting Principal - we required an Acting Deputy Principal. We are really pleased to share that Whaea Catherine in Akomanga 7 will be the Acting Deputy Principal. This is a fantastic opportunity for Whaea Catherine and she will be amazing in this role.

### Cycleway

We have shared many times with you about our opposition to the cycleway that is proposed for Featherston Street and how we have made this opposition clear to Palmerston North City Council (PNCC). Our opposition has been to the removal of the carparks and drop-off zone outside the front of our school and the subsequent impact this will have with increased traffic on Aroha and Beresford Streets. We believe that this will negatively impact on the safety of our tamariki coming in and out of our kura.

This week the Palmerston North City Council informed us that the councillors have endorsed (approved) the cycleway for Featherston Street and that all parking spaces and the drop-off zone on our side of the street will be removed.

PNCC are now asking us for input into the design of possible drop-off zones on Taonui and Lombard Street or other neighbouring streets. We have told the Council that they really need to talk with you - our whānau about what might work as possible solutions. This means that in time,

# Labour Day - Monday 23 October

## (school closed)

people from the Council may be outside kura at drop-off or pick up time to seek your feedback and ideas.

### Haerenga/Trips

This week, Māharahara and Te Arawaru have been on trips, supporting their learning of our terms focus - Science.

Māharahara went to Te Manama, where they participated in a range of scientific experiments. Te Arawaru went to the Herb Farm in Ashhurst, where their learning focused on Rongoā Māori - traditional Māori healing methods.

Both of these haerenga were made possible due to the School Donation Scheme that we receive from the government.



*Akomanga 19 at The Herb Farm making rongoā cream*

### Mark the date

There are some key dates coming up in our calendar that we want you to be aware of so that you can mark the dates in your calendars:

Wednesday 1 November:	John Parsons (internet safety guy) whānau info evening, 5.30pm
Friday 17 November:	Teacher Only Day (school will be closed on this day)
Tuesday 21 November:	Middle School Athletics Day (Year 3 - Year 4)
Tuesday 21 November:	Whānau Open Evening - classes open from 3.30pm - to 7.00pm
Wednesday 22 November:	Senior School Athletics Day (Year 5 - Year 6)
Friday 24 November:	Junior School Athletics Day (Year 0 - Year 3)
Tuesday 12 December:	Year 6 Graduation - Crossroads Church, Church Street
Thursday 14 December:	Last day of school for 2023 - 12.00pm finish

### Labour Weekend

This weekend is Labour Weekend, which means that school is **closed** on Monday 23 October. We hope you enjoy your long weekend.

After Labour Weekend, as per our school policy, all tamariki will need a hat when they are outside. Hats must be a wide brimmed hat - no caps.

School Hats are available from the school office and are \$20. If you purchase a hat for your child from the office, Niki or Tina can write your child's name in their hat with their special silver pen!