

# TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

## CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 4 Wiki 3

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

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

Meet **Awhi**, our soon to be Companion Dog. Awhi will be joining us before the end of term as our Companion Dog. There is significant research and evidence about the amazing benefits of having a pet at kura to support tamariki with their regulation and wellbeing. We know many of our tamariki will enjoy spending time with Awhi and hanging out with him. Awhi will belong to Whaea Elly and she is really excited about having him join our kura. As a Companion Dog, Awhi will attend some training classes to support him with his very important job of supporting our tamariki.



### Whānau Fun Night - Online/Digital Safety

**Next Wednesday 1 November**, we will be hosting a Whānau Fun Evening, where acclaimed cybersafety/online expert, John Parsons, will be speaking with whānau. Many of you may have come to John last year and heard his amazing messages about understanding, supporting and navigating the online world with our tamariki. He is a must hear and we encourage as many whānau as possible to come along to John.

The evening will kick off at 5.30pm with a FREE sausage sizzle. John's presentation to whānau will begin at 6.00pm and while he's talking with whānau - we'll keep tamariki entertained with a range of activities.

During the day, John will also be speaking with all our tamariki about online safety. He will have timetabled sessions with our juniors, middles and seniors, where his messages will be age appropriate for our tamariki about how to keep safe online.

Our children are born into a world surrounded by social media and online content and we value John's expert advice to share with us how best to support our tamariki. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Wednesday.

### Book Fair

Today a large shipment of books arrived in preparation for our annual Book Fair. Our Book Fair will be housed in the library, where you are able to peruse the selection of books on the following days and times: Thursday 26 October - Wednesday 8 November 8.30am - 9.00am and 2.45pm - 3.15pm. Saturday 4 November from 10.00am - 2.00pm. In a world of so much digital media and influence, there is nothing like flicking through the pages of a book or sharing a book with your tamaiti.

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# John Parsons - online safety evening

## NEXT Wednesday 1 November - 5.30pm

### Staffing

As mentioned last week, we have undertaken a comprehensive recruitment process for 2024 and we can now share the new kaiako who will be joining our kura. We would like to welcome the following kaiako to our kura:

Name	Current position
Fiona Hunter	Experienced NZ trained teacher returning from Brunei
Susan MacDonald	Experienced teacher currently at Tokomaru School
Chaliaan du Plessis	Experienced teacher currently at Milson School
Hannah Forth	Exciting! Begins her first year of teaching with us
Georgia Green	Exciting! Begins her first year of teaching with us. Currently a Grad Teacher with us
Jessica Lanceley	Exciting! Completes her teacher registration with us as a second year teacher

Through our process, we also re-appointed Matua Kane (Akomanga 4) and Whaea Leanne (Akomanga 8). With Whaea Catherine becoming the Acting Deputy Principal, we required an Acting Team Leader for Whārite. We are excited to share that Whaea Raewynne (Akomanga 9) will be the Acting Team Leader for Whārite.

### Treats and Sweets

While we are still only in October, there are many shops telling us that Christmas is not too far away. While Christmas is an exciting time of year, it can also be a very challenging time of year for many of our whānau, where financial pressures are felt.

We know many of our tamariki love giving out Christmas Cards and this is absolutely kei te pai - but we do ask that tamariki **DO NOT** include candy canes, lollies, sweets or treats on or in the cards. While the gesture is nice, we do ask that this is not done at kura. Ngā Mihi for your support and understanding.



### School Hats

All tamariki now require a wide brimmed bucket hat when outdoors. Hats can be purchased from kura for \$20.

If your child purchases a hat from kura, Niki or Tina can write their name on the inside of it with a special silver pen!