

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 1 Wiki 10

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

7 Pāenga Whawha 2022

Guten Tag, Kia Ora, Konnichiwa, Hola

Our School Board are responsible for the governance of the school and supporting the leadership team with the strategic direction of the school. A Schools Board is made up of elected parents/community members who have an interest and passion with supporting the school.

The board met on Tuesday night via Zoom, where our Board Chair of over 10 years, Blair Petersen, stood down from the Chair role. Blair has been on our board for 16 years and we thank Blair sincerely for his leadership as Chair and his valued contributions to our school. Blair is staying on our board until the board elections in September. Felicity Robinson was elected as our new Board Chair. Your school board are:

Felicity Robinson	Board Chair
Cara Takitimu	Trustee
David Tomlinson	Trustee
Rachael Timutimu	Trustee
Belinda Southcombe	Trustee
Blair Petersen	Trustee
Rachel Mason	Staff Trustee
Regan Orr	Tumuaki



Pāngarau - Akomanga 14

COVID Update

Tumeke whānau! You truly are fantastic. While masks are no longer required outdoors, we have really appreciated your support with maintaining mask wearing at the gate for pick up and drop off. This is just one thing we can continue to keep doing at the moment to maintain the safety of everyone.

The number of children absent from our school due to COVID related circumstances remains steady, with approximately 20% of our kura away each day. However, we have experienced an increase in the number of our staff needing to be away due to COVID related reasons. Because of this, every day we are juggling classes, where children are being split across classes, our part time staff jumping into a class or merging two classes together if numbers are low. We know this is not ideal, however, it does mean we can sustain full time learning on site and we continually thank you for your support and understanding.

As mentioned last week, during the break we will review our COVID protection measures and then inform you of what measures will remain in place for the beginning of Term 2.

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Sesquicentennial

How about that for a big word!! A sesquicentennial is the celebration of 150 years - which is how old our kura will be next year. We are looking for interested people who would like to be on the organising committee for planning the celebrations next year. If you have some time to give, are interested in the history of the school and have fantastic organisational skills, please email Matua Regan with your interest.

Camp

Next Monday 11 April there will be a camp parent meeting for all parents whose children will be attending camp at the start of Term 2. At this meeting, Whaea Elly and Whaea Jess will share with you the timetable at camp, the health and safety measures that will be in place and answer any questions you may have. The meeting will be held in the hall at 6.30pm - please have your masks on.

Bikes in Schools

We were incredibly excited to have our new bikes arrive at school this week! We now have a fleet of bikes that our tamariki can use to ride on the bike track and pump track. Akomanga 4 had the honour of being the first class to use the bikes and the pump track. We would like to sincerely thank the following businesses for their sponsorship of a bike and helmet:

Openbook Solutions	Doug Bradley Painters	Semtex Limited	Liz Kane Literacy
Total Landscape Solutions	L.P. Robert and Co. Limited	Right Tyre Service Ltd	John Leader Electrical
PPS Engioneering	edLead Consulting	Mitre 10 P.N.	Line Ed Technologies
Ebony Coffee			

We also wish to thank Pioneer New World for their 'Cash for your Community' promotion, where our school received over \$3,000, which we also used towards the purchasing of our bikes.



Looking back on our history...

This photo is of Mr. Robert North Keeling who was the first Headmaster of Central School, located on the corner of Main and Princess Streets.

Mr Keeling was a teacher at Marton School, when he was informed by the Wellington Education Board that he was to be the teacher and headmaster at Central.

On the 22 March 1873, the 'Gazette' of the Wellington Provincial Government notified the public that the Palmerston North School had been officially established and was open "without fee or payment, to all children not under the age of 5 years, nor above the age of 15 years."

This was the start of Central Normal School.