

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 1 Wiki 2

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

10 Hui-Tanguru 2022

Nau Mai Haere Mai - Welcome back!

Tēnā koutou e te whānau and welcome to the 2022 school year. We have had a really settled start back at kura and it has been wonderful to see all of our tamariki and whānau again.

For the first week, Akomanga have been working on establishing class culture and building relationships, which are critical for tamariki feeling safe and confident at school, to engage with their learning. Our focus for learning this term is **Aroha Mai, Aroha Atu** - Paying it Forward/What I receive, I give back. This context for learning will encourage our tamariki to think of ways they can support and help others, without any need for reward - because it's a great thing to do. This context encompasses all our school values of Hauora, Mana, Whānaungatanga, Kaitiakitanga and Manaakitanga.



Akomanga 10 enjoying water play on a hot day

Ngā Mihi e te Whānau

You, our whānau, are amazing! We really value your support and understanding of the measures we have in place for the Red Traffic Light Setting. The measures we have in place ensure the health and safety of all our kaiako and tamariki. We have been really proud of our tuakana in our senior classes who have to wear a mask. To support them with this, teachers have been great at planning many lessons outdoors in the shade, to give our tamariki lots of breaks from wearing their masks. This has made the day a bit more bearable for them.

Like you, we don't know how long we will be at the Red Traffic Light Setting for, but as soon as a shift is announced, we will keep you up to date.

Stationery

All tamariki have their own stationery in class, which we bulked purchase from Office Max. The cost to whānau for stationery is **only \$10 per child**. This is made possible due to our school receiving the government donation scheme, which we use to reduce the cost to you. Many thanks to those whānau who have already paid. If you haven't already paid, Invoices for stationery will be sent out from the Office next week.



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Swimming

In this heat, we feel so lucky that our school still has a swimming pool! There was a period of time where many schools got rid of their pools, so its great that we still have one! Our tamariki are currently enjoying lessons with Kelly Sports, teaching fundamental water and swimming skills. These lessons have again been made possible from the government donation scheme.

School Focuses: 2022

This year we have a number of key areas of professional learning for our kaiako, to support the teaching and learning of our tamariki.

Play Based Learning: This year we are working with Dr Sarah Aiono from Longworth Education with implementing a Play Based Curriculum. Often people hear the phrase 'Play Based' and think children are not learning - however, this could not be further from the truth. Extensive research has shown that Play is vital for child development - physical, fine motor skills, social, emotional and cognitive (brain) development. There is also a very strong correlation between Play and oral language development.

Te Reo: Kaiako in Kura Auraki will be involved in a number of workshops throughout the year to improve and grow our conversational Te Reo. This will support us with using increased Te Reo in the classroom. Haemata Consultancy is supporting us with this exciting work.

Te Arawaru: Kaiako in Te Arawaru will continue to work with Whaea Awhina (Haemata Consultancy) with implementing a Te Ao Māori curriculum and focus. Whaea Awhina will also support us with developing a Te Reo a Waha programme to increase Te Reo in our tamariki.

Structured Literacy and Mathematics: For the past three years we have had a strong focus on building our Structured Literacy and Mathematic approaches. This year we will continue with these critical areas, using our own staff to lead and guide this.

Property Development

Many of you would have seen the exciting property development occurring at our school. Our new bike track was developed on the field and our pump track is currently under construction outside the hall. Akomanga 23/24 are currently undergoing extensive renovation to transform these classes into attractive, useable spaces. We also cannot wait for the renovation of the Gold Room to begin, which will provide our school with a modern and fit for purpose Learning Support Bathroom.



Akomanga 3 enjoying the Loose Parts



Akomanga 19 engaging in Play