

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 1 Wiki 6

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

10 Poutū-te-Rangi 2022

Namaste, Bonjour, Sata Sī akāla, Dia dhuit

Our kura continues to be a hive of activity, with the development of a new pathway to our hall. When completed, this pathway will provide a natural and welcoming entranceway to the hall, especially for when we host pōhwiri. Alongside the pathway, native shrubs will be planted and in time, we aim to install pou and have a waharoa (carved gateway) installed just inside the school gate. This will become a fantastic addition to our school, reflecting the passion and kaupapa we have for welcoming new whānau to our kura.



COVID Update

As with the rest of the country and other schools, we are seeing the impact of COVID increase within our community. We currently have 14 confirmed cases of COVID, and approximately one quarter of our school absent due to COVID circumstances. Again, we cannot say this enough - a MASSIVE thanks to all our whānau who inform us so quickly of their situation. What we have also noticed is the huge amount of aroha and support that has come in from our whānau, wishing each other well and for speedy recoveries. This reflects the wairua of our kura and the awhi we all have for each other. We have started feeling the impact on our staff, where some of our children are having to be split across other classes. Should the impact to our staff begin to affect the delivery of regular onsite teaching and learning, we may consider moving to a hybrid model of distance learning and onsite. This could be that some children learn from home and some learn from school. This would be communicated to you in full **before** this occurred.

Play and Creativity

Despite COVID, our tamariki continue to be immersed in rich and creative learning experiences. One of our key focuses this year is the development of effective Play Based Learning. All our akomanga have been implementing and trialling a variety of provocations and ideas to support Play in the classroom. Yesterday, Akomanga 13 had a great time making potions and created an Invisibility potion!



Te Kahukura, Nikura, Tawhiri

One of the Afternoon ORS Groups had a fantastic time making and blowing bubbles and seeing the amazing patterns that they created.

Kade, Harley

Toys and Other Items

We have started noticing an increase in the number of toys and precious items being brought from home to school. Please can you check that your child doesn't bring such items to school, so that they are not lost or damaged. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

