

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 1 Wiki 7

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

17 Poutū-te-Rangi 2022

Tēnā Koutou, Ni Hao, Malo e lelei, Bonjour

As mentioned previously, one of our focus areas this year is developing effective Play Based learning across our kura. On Wednesday, Akomanga 2 had a great time in the Loose Parts area, creating their own Carnival!

The tamariki had spent time planning and organising their activities and then created them from the loose parts materials. The tamariki also decided that each activity at the Carnival would 'cost' and decided to use counters as their currency, which incorporated maths. When the carnival was finished, the tamariki had to count their profit and then pay Whaea Emma a tax of 10% for using the equipment!

This is an excellent example of how play based learning allows for creativity and exploration of children's ideas, while at the same time, being rich in authentic learning.

COVID Update

Following on from Monday's update on Seesaw and Facebook, COVID related absence is really hitting our kura now. On average, we have about 1/3 (150) of our tamariki away from kura each day. There has also been an impact with our kaiako, with some of our kaiako needing to be at home isolating. At this current moment if kaiako are away, we are 'borrowing' a teacher from within kura to teach the class, or splitting our tamariki across classes within their team. We know this can create unease amongst our tamariki, but we continue to support them as best as we can. As mentioned many times before, during this unsettling period, our people come first - our tamariki, kaiako and whānau. If there is any support you or your whānau need, please let us know. Your support and messages to us and our whānau through all this, have been very much appreciated, thank you so much!



Visual Pepeha - Akomanga 12

Due to the significant disruption of absence with our tamariki, we have reviewed how this terms reporting will be on Seesaw. If your child has been absent from school for a length of time due to

a COVID related situation, it is highly likely that they may not have a formal reporting post on Seesaw, eg: Reading Post. While learning and teaching is important, time and energy will be put into supporting our people, rather than chasing up assessments and reports.

Did You Know?

For new whānau to our school, did you know that our kura is the oldest kura in Palmerston North? Te Kura Tuatahi o Papaioea translates to mean, 'The First School of Palmerston North/Papaioea'. Our school has an amazing, rich history, which we are incredibly proud of.

Our first school started as nothing more than a small hut on a clearing of land, where the Cobb Hotel now stands. Our second site was on Campbell Street, before it was moved to it's present day site here on Featherston Street.

Next year, our school will celebrate its 150th Jubilee, which is a remarkable milestone (the city celebrated 150 years last year). After our School Board meeting in April, we will be seeking interested people to form a Jubilee Committee to organise our 150th Jubilee.



The newly built Central Normal School on Featherston Street - 1922.

The top storey was removed after the 1939 earthquake in Napier.

Donations Wanted

To support us with our our Play Based Learning, we are seeking donations of the following:

rings of wood of different size and thickness	dowel	fishing nets	milk bottle lids
CD cases	buttons	golf tees	handles
nuts and bolts	forks and spoons	tubes	springs
fabric	ribbon	embroidery thread	pinecones
empty picture frames	corks	guttering	fake grass

Also, if anyone has access to an overlocker, we would appreciate your help with overlocking some material for us. Thanks in advance!



Left: Self portraits, Akomanga 4



Right: Jen Stark Art, Akomanga 1