

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 1 Wiki 8

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

24 Poutū-te-Rangi 2022

Tēnā Koutou, Ni Hao, Malo e lelei, Bonjour

On Tuesday some of our tamariki had the chance to learn some rugby skills with a couple of players from the Manawatū Turbos. Our tamariki had a great morning of training, learning from some of the best!



COVID Update

This week we have started to notice a slight decrease in the number of tamariki who are absent from school for COVID related reasons. Data from this week certainly shows that it was last week where we recorded the higher number of absences. Auckland has passed through the peak period and it's possible that we are in the plateau period, as we begin to move through the peak period. Every day this week it has been wonderful to welcome back tamariki and to see some of our classes steadily growing again.

Please continue to let Matua Regan know if your child or someone in your household tests positive. Children who are absent due to COVID related circumstances will be sent a hard pack of learning to complete at home. Hopefully the tamariki get a little excited receiving a courier parcel in the post addressed to them!

Many of you may have heard our Prime Minister on Wednesday talk about the upcoming changes that the government have announced. Not much has really changed for our kura, with mask wearing still in place and drop off and pick up at the gates. Reminder: Aotearoa is still in the **Red Setting** of the Traffic Light System.

Camp

Whaea Elly and Whaea Jess are busily preparing camp for our tuakana and it is shaping up to be a fantastic experience for our tamariki. Camp is the first week of Term 2, with Camp 1 (Ako. 15, 16, 1, 3) heading away Monday 2 May - Wednesday 4 May and Camp 2 (Ako. 2, 4, 9) heading away Wednesday 4 May - Friday 6 May.

A parent information session will be held on Monday 11 April at 6.30pm in Akomanga 4. Enter via Aroha Street, where a staff member will show you the way to the class.

Thanks to the Government School Donation Scheme, the cost of camp is subsidised from \$200 to **\$100**. Camp fees must be paid in full by Friday 8 April or by arrangement with Matua Regan, Whaea Elly or Whaea Jess.

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Teacher Only Day - Friday 3 June Queen's Birthday - Monday 6 June

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As noted above, we have a planned Teacher Only Day on Friday 3 June, to coincide with Queen's Birthday Weekend, making it a 4 day weekend for our tamariki.

On our Teacher Only Day we will have Emma Nahna join us, who is a literacy focused speech language therapist. In particular, Emma will share with us about sound walls, which are images/posters to support students articulation of sounds and the various letter patterns that represent those sounds. This approach

fits within the Structured Literacy approach that we have at

our school. We are really excited about Emma coming to share her knowledge with us.



Our newly completed path to the hall.

Term Dates

Term 1 finishes on Thursday 14 April, as Good Friday is on Friday 15 April. Term 2 starts on Monday 2 May.

A little hold up

Some of you may have noticed that the renovation work on Akomanga 23 and 24 seems to have stopped - which it has! We are awaiting Council consent for structural work that needs to be remediated on the inside of the building. Once consent has been given, we will be all systems go again! We can't wait to have these classes renovated to make them attractive and functional learning spaces. Once these classes are complete, work will begin on The Gold Room and Akomanga 1 and 2.

Aroha Mai, Aroha Atu

As part of their learning to support others, Akomanga 9 have made messages of encouragement, welcome and friendship for the children of Ukraine. Soon, New Zealand will welcome Ukrainian families and their children to our motu, where each arriving family will be given welcome messages such as these, from tamariki from across Aotearoa.

