TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 1 Wiki 9

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential —

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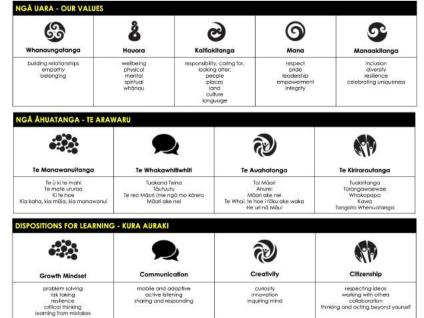
Guten Tag, Kia Ora, Konnichiwa, Hola

Whaia Kia Tutuki - Strive to your potential is our school vision. This vision encapsulates our core beliefs of never giving up, doing the best you can and having a growth mindset. Every day we encourage our tamariki and kaiako to live through our school vision of doing the best they can.

Supporting our vision are our school values and dispositions, which were developed from our kura whānau. Values are commonly held beliefs, while Dispositions are qualities and/or skills which guide and underpin our learning and way of being.

Writing

One of our focus areas this year is writing and it's been wonderful to see the quality



of writing from across our kura. Here is a great piece of writing from Liam in Akomanga 9: I see the sun shining down on me. It is very warm. I am sitting next to my friend Johnny. I see the leaves wiggling and giggling. The wind is teasing the trees. This is an excellent piece of writing using adjectives and personification for rich description. Tumeke Liam!

COVID Update

Two years ago we were plunged into a nationwide lockdown because of a new pandemic called COVID-19. Today, we continue to live through this pandemic and it's ongoing impact. As mentioned last week, with the recent government announcement of lessening COVID restrictions, not much has changed for our kura.

Despite masks not needing to be worn outside from Monday 4 April, the Ministry of Education still recommends that whānau and kaiako wear masks at drop off and pick up. Therefore, we will maintain our current procedure of drop off and pick up at the gates with masks on. We would really appreciate your support with this as we



Patterned Crazy Quilts - Akomanga 6

continue to do the best we can to reduce the spread of Omicron.

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

Please continue to update us with your whānau circumstance of where you are at, that is - letting us know about the first household case and any subsequent household cases that may occur. This helps with our monitoring of attendance and who we need to follow up with.

When tamariki have been away due to COVID related circumstances, we have sent hard packs of learning out to our tamariki. Unfortunately, we have had some sent back, which means we do not have the most up to date address for some of our whānau.



If you have recently moved house or changed your phone number, can you please let Ange or Emma in the office know so that they can update your records.

Special Needs Playground

Due to the arrival of COVID, our plans to install a new Special Needs playground were shelved however, we've dusted off the plans and looking to move ahead with this project! The plan involves the complete removal of the existing playground and the installation of a combo playground - where there are multiple pieces of equipment which can be used in a variety of ways. This equipment will greatly aid our tamariki with their fine and gross motor skills and movement. Our school PTA has been fundraising for the past 2 years for this exciting project.

Outdoors

We have had an incredible summer and the fine weather just keeps continuing! It has been great to see our tamariki enjoying the outdoors and making the most of the fine weather. Every day, our tamariki are outside playing football, basketball, playing on the playgrounds, or creating their own games. Tumeke ngā tamariki!



150 years old

As mentioned earlier, our school will celebrate 150 years next year. Here are three photos of our school:



1873: The first Central School on the corner of Princess and Main Streets

1895: The newly built Central School on Campbell Street (then known as Campbell Street School)

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1922: The impressive building of the new Central School on our current site. Normal was added to our name in 1956.