

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 2 Wiki 1

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

5 Haratua 2022

Tēnā Koutou katoa

We have had a terrific first week back at school and it's been great to have our kura back to some degree of normality!

We had a fantastic pōwhiri on Monday to welcome our newest tamariki and whānau to our kura. We have not been able to host a "proper" pōwhiri all year, so it was really exciting to have pōwhiri and to have the whole school come together.

We currently have 445 tamariki in our kura.

COVID Update

Despite the 'circuit breaker' of the school holidays, our kura is still being impacted by COVID, particularly with staff absence. We currently have 5 staff away due to COVID related circumstances, where we are juggling relievers and part time teachers to teach in our classes. However, our relievers and part time teachers are doing a phenomenal job and our tamariki can be really proud of their resilience and flexibility to adjust to the changes.

Please keep contacting us if your child is going to be absent from school due to COVID, as this helps keep our records up to date, especially for monitoring attendance.

Camp

We could not have asked for better weather for camp this week! Akomanga 15, 16, 1 and 3 went to camp from Monday - Wednesday and they have had the most amazing time, enjoying all the great activities that are on offer. Akomanga 2, 4 and 9 left for camp on Wednesday for their turn to experience camp and all the fun activities. Akomanga 2, 4 and 9 will return back to kura at 2.30pm on Friday afternoon.

A **MASSIVE** thanks to all the parents and staff who went on camp, to ensure our tamariki had the most amazing time.

Building Update

Our school was an absolute hive of activity during the school holidays with a lot of different building work being undertaken. The renovation of Akomanga 23/24 is now full steam ahead and we are looking



Teacher Only Day - Friday 3 June

Queen's Birthday - Monday 6 June

forward to the transformation of these spaces to become comfortable and warm places for learning.

Akomanga 9 has had to have weather tightness repairs, which has resulted in a new gully trap around the perimeter of the class and new wall linings and windows to the north-west side of the classroom.

Akomanga 3 and 4 had new carpet installed, which has made a huge difference to these two spaces.

Assembly

With the change to the Orange Traffic Light setting, we will resume having school assemblies. Our school assemblies are a celebration of our tamariki and their learning. Our first assembly will be held next Friday 13 May at 11.45am hosted by Māharahara. Whānau are welcome to attend and we ask that you please wear a mask.

School Lunches

As you know, every day, our tamariki receive a free school lunch. This is a fantastic initiative whereby our tamariki receive a nutritious and yummy lunch each and every day. This term, there will be at least 3 hot lunches per week, with a great menu available. The weekly menu is posted to our school Facebook page, so that you can see what lunch is available each day. Please make sure to still pack brainfood, morning tea and a water bottle for your tamariki each day.

Structured Literacy

Structured Literacy provides a systematic, consistent and cumulative approach to the teaching of reading (and writing). Schools, including ours, have seen fantastic gains in student achievement, where our learners are able to confidently read and decode unknown words using the skills they have learned. We have been very strategic and focused with our implementation, which has seen amazing results for our learners and our teachers. This term, we have two groups of principals from Whakatāne and Rotorua coming to our kura to view our approach to Structured Literacy. This is a fantastic accolade of the terrific work our kaiako are doing to implement this practice in our kura.



Central Normal School Celebrating 150 years - 2023



Looking back on our history...

By 1914 it was evident that the Campbell Street School (Central School) was being outgrown by the large number of students enrolling at the school and the significant population growth of Palmerston North. A new site was found on Featherston Street.

In 1922, the new Central School opened on our present day site. On 12 April 1922, the students of Campbell Street School walked down the street to the new, purpose built school on Featherston Street.

The Headmaster at the time was Mr L.F de Berry and the roll of the school was 820 children!

Central School was a large, imposing brick school. After the 1931 Napier earthquake, the top floor of the school was removed, due to doubts about the structural soundness of the building.