

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 2 Wiki 3

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

19 Haratua 2022

Kia Ora koutou, Ni Hao, Guten Tag, Talofa lava

As a kura, we work hard to actively live and demonstrate our school values - they sit at the heart of what we do and believe. We also believe in full inclusion of all our tamariki, that is, every child is included and valued for who they are. On Monday, we received the most amazing email from a parent sharing and celebrating the terrific tamariki, kaiako and whānau at our kura. Please take the time to read this email, which we have permission from the whānau to share:

"Dear Matua Regan,

I would like to provide some feedback regarding the conduct of the staff, parent support, and students who attended the Year 5 and 6 camps at El Rancho. Whilst I was able to vocalise these matters directly to the students, staff, and parents who were present on Friday afternoon I do not feel that I was able to convey my message effectively at the time. I also feel that the parents, teachers, and children who were not present should have an opportunity to understand just how amazing this experience was.

It was my immense pleasure to have been able to attend both Camp 1 and 2 of the 2022 Central Normal School Year 5 and 6 Senior Camp at El Rancho during the week of 02/05/2022 – 06/05/2022. Firstly, I wish to convey my absolute awe at the level of professionalism, enthusiasm, and dedication exhibited by Whaea Elly and Whaea Jess during the duration of both camps. Their planning (super RAMS ladies), encouragement of others, ability to function on little to no sleep, and sheer enthusiasm was infectious and ensured that all who attended had a fantastic time.

As one of the parent helpers during Camp 1 I felt supported by Whaea Jess, Whaea Elly, the teachers, and other parents who were present and that feeling enabled me to ensure that I provided my absolute best to the students.

I witnessed the students encouraging each other, trying new things (even if they were scared to), and fully engaging in the camp experience.

It was not until Camp 2 however that I understood just how amazing the staff, students, and parents of Central Normal School truly are. Camp 2 saw me shift my focus from being a parent helper, to being the parent of an ORS Student. It was in this capacity that I witnessed the five (5) key values of Central Normal School (Mana, Hauora, Kaitiakitanga, Whanaungatanga, and Manaakitanga) so ingrained into the psyche of all present that the result was overwhelmingly emotional for me.

As a parent the only thing you truly want for your child is to feel as though they belong, to not be treated any differently to any other child of the same age, and to be able to experience everything. I was able to witness first-hand the way my son was treated by his teacher, other teachers, the parent support, and his peers and it was enough to bring me to tears on Thursday night. Now please do not misinterpret this to be sadness, these were tears of absolute joy and pride. Pride in what my son had personally achieved by being encouraged to fully engage and immerse himself into the camp experience, but more so pride in every single student who ensured that they



Collaborative Bee Art - Akomanga 22



Ava, Akomanga 14, on our new bikes!

Teacher Only Day - Friday 3 June

Queen's Birthday - Monday 6 June

made time to engage with my son. Whether during activities, at meal times, during free time (especially the Ripapa Rugby boys for unanimously, seamlessly, and enthusiastically adjusting the rules so that my son was able to score a try) the whanaungatanga, manaakitanga, and kaitiakitanga were clear and present.

Parents, if I was fortunate enough to interact with any of your children, whether camp 1 or camp 2, you should be immensely proud of your son or daughter. Your child is truly amazing, they pushed themselves outside of their comfort zones, encouraged others, and clearly showed that the five school values (Mana, Hauora, Kaitiakitanga, Whanaungatanga, and Manaakitanga) are not simply aspirational concepts but are living and thriving within your child, their school, and the wider school community.

Tū ake he tāngata. E tū ake ana hai wāhine. E tū ake ana hei kura, a, ka whakakake i a koe anō. Ko ia ā muri ake, a, he mārama to wā heke.

Stand up as men, stand up as women, stand up as a school. The future is yours and your future is bright."

Craig

Learning Conferences

On Thursday 7 July, we will be hosting Learning Conferences. Learning Conferences are an opportunity for you to catch up with your child's teacher to chat about your child's learning, progress and achievement. Learning Conferences can be booked online by going to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and entering the code: **ku6rn** If you have any trouble making a booking online, please contact Ange or Emma in the office, who will happily help you make a booking.

Please Note:

- School will finish early on this day (Thursday 7 July) at **12.30pm** to allow Conferences to begin at 1.00pm.
- Due to another commitment on the same day, Whaea Laurel (Akomanga 12) will finish at 4.00pm on Learning Conference day. If the available times are all booked and you were unable to make a booking, please contact Whaea Laurel to make another time.

Change of Clothes

There are many different reasons why our tamariki may require a change of clothes at school and it is all kai te pai. However, our school supply of clothing has all but gone. Therefore, if you know your child may need a change of clothes through the day - please send a change of clothes with them to kura in their bag. Or, if you have spare clothes at home that you could donate to us, that would be much appreciated.

Cross Country

On Tuesday 31 May, we will host our school cross country. Mātanginui and Akomanga 15/16 will race at 10.00am at Coronation Park. Māharahara and Akomanga 17/18 will race at 10.30am at Coronation Park. Whārite and Akomanga 13/14 will race at 11.45am at school.



Loose Parts play based learning - Akomanga 12

Learning how to make water flow through pipes