

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 2 Wiki 7

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

16 Pipiri 2022

Malo e lelei, Tēnā Koutou, Sata sī akāla, Dia dhuit

Wow! What a wild, wet and windy week we have had! (tamariki - if you read this, that was a great example of alliteration!). The week began on Monday with an incredible storm, that saw the skies light up with lightning accompanied by the repeated claps of thunder! Many of our children came to school on Monday, sharing their stories of the storm, from the thunder and lightning, to bringing in the hail that had fallen.

While it has been incredibly rough and horrible over the past few days, a massive thanks to all those whānau who parked and/or dropped off their children **safely** at the entrances of our school. While it may seem like the best idea to park as close as you can to drop off your child - we ask you to consider the **safest** way to do so. Sometimes the safest way is to park a couple of metres from the crossing, to ensure traffic flow and the safety of others.



Akomanga 2 at The Wild Base Discovery Centre

Attendance

Some of you may have heard that the Government have released a new strategy to improve the attendance of our tamariki at school. Research shows that continued and ongoing attendance at school leads to better outcomes for our tamariki later on in life. If for some reason your tamaiti cannot attend kura on any given day, PLEASE let us know by phoning or texting us. Should we not hear from you and we are unable to make contact with you, your child's absence is recorded as **truant**. Ngā Mihi whānau for your support with this.

Learning Conferences

How is my child doing? Are they making progress with their learning? These are questions we can answer at our upcoming Learning Conferences. Our 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: **k u 6 r n** 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.

Matariki Public Holiday - Friday 24 June

School is Closed on this day

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.

I'm a part of Central Normal School/Te Kura Tuatahi o Papaioea, but what do I REALLY know?

We are all incredibly proud of our kura, but Did You Know.....

- We are quite a unique kura in Palmerston North as we have both Māori and English Medium teaching and learning and we are a fund-holder for the provision of Special Education for ORS tamariki - this is incredibly unique in comparison to numerous other schools throughout New Zealand,
- We are the OLDEST school in Palmerston North. Our Te Reo ingoa is Te Kura Tuatahi o Papaioea, which means, The first school of Palmerston North.
- We are a Normal School, which means we support the training of graduate trainee teachers. Normal is from the French term, 'L'Ecole Normale' which translates to mean, 'to train, or teach'.

Happy Birthday Central Normal!

Next year, our kura is celebrating 150 years of age! Some of you may have noticed the new sign on Featherston Street advertising our 150th Sesquicentennial. Next March, we look forward to hosting a weekend of events to celebrate our 150th birthday. If you or someone you know are interested in attending our 150th celebrations, email your interest to: cns150@centralnormal.school.nz



Aotearoa New Zealand Histories

Some of you may be aware that from next year, Aotearoa New Zealand Histories/Te Takanga o te Wā is being added to the New Zealand Curriculum/Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. We are currently working through our understanding of this curriculum area and next term we are planning our learning based on this curriculum. We have had initial conversations with Rangitāne, who are going to support us with our learning of Palmerston North/Papaioea. Part of our learning will also be about our team names, Whārite, Māharahara, Mātanginui, Te Arawaru and where they came from.

What's Coming Up?

Friday 24 June:	Matariki Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 7 July:	Learning Conferences
Friday 8 July:	Last day of Term 2, 3.00pm
Monday 25 July:	First day of Term 2, 9.00am