

# TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

## CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 2 Wiki 8

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

23 Pipiri 2022

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

We have just had the shortest day of the year and we are fully in the midst of winter. The days are cold and bleak, which requires us to wrap up warmly. Please make sure your tamariki are clothed for the winter conditions when they come to kura as too often we see tamariki arrive without jerseys or jackets or even shoes and socks. Wrapping up warm supports our health and wellbeing, as there are plenty of winter colds and sniffles around at the moment.

### Staffing

Like so many other schools and workplaces, our kura is being fully impacted by all the flus, colds, coughs and sniffles that are going around. We are noticing that it is no longer COVID being the dominant impact on our staff and children, but all the other winter ailments - hence why it is so important to wrap up warm. Due to the impact of colds and flus on our teachers, we are currently averaging about 5 teachers away each day and relieving teachers are as scarce as hen's teeth! Therefore, we are often splitting classes, where tamariki will spend the day in another class. Our tamariki are absolutely amazing and are very accommodating and resilient when they are split into another class.

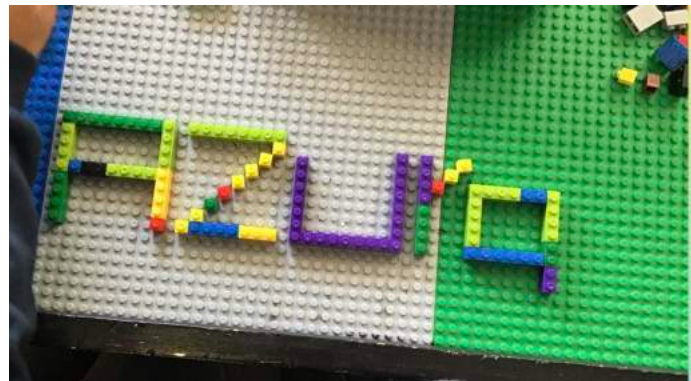
This also highlights a nationwide issue where teachers are in short supply. Once upon a time, the teaching workforce was very strong and well staffed and relievers were aplenty. Now, numerous schools struggle to adequately staff their schools and relievers are very hard to find. Recently, I (Matua Regan) attended a national hui in Wellington with other Tumuaki and the primary issue facing all of us was staffing. The Ministry of Education were in attendance at our hui and we provided a range of feedback about what could be done to support this issue.

### Learning Conferences

Our Learning Conferences are in two weeks and it would be terrific to have a strong turnout of whānau at our Conferences. As of today, we have 60% of our whānau who have made a time to come into see their child's teacher. At these Conferences, we will share with you about your



Matariki Stars - Kade, Akomanga 12



Tamariki in Akomanga 7 have been having a great time making their names with lego

# Matariki Public Holiday - TOMORROW (Friday 24 June) School is Closed on this day

child's learning, progress and achievement. Learning Conferences can be booked online by going to: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://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.

## Please Note:

- School will finish **early** on this day (Thursday 7 July) at **12.30pm** to allow Conferences to begin at 1.00pm.

## Building Development

Akomanga 23 and 24 will be completed by the end of next week and we cannot wait to enjoy these beautiful new spaces. These two classes were in desperate need of renovation and modification and the end result is excellent. Our next building development is the complete refurbishment of Akomanga 1 and 2 and The Gold Room. The Gold Room is having a new kitchen installed and a purpose built Learning Support bathroom, which has been long overdue for our school. Akomanga 1 and 2 will move across to Akomanga 23/24, while their classes are being renovated.

## Upcoming Events from the PTA

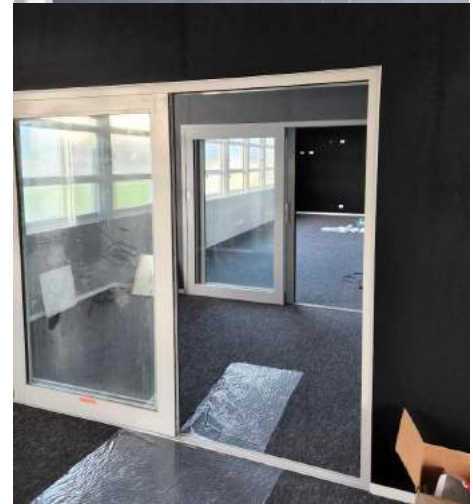
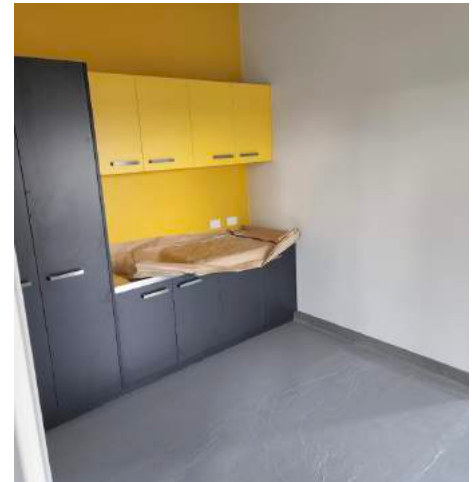
- July 26: PTA Meeting in the staffroom, 6.45pm  
August 1: Pie Fundraiser Month. Orders open on this day  
August 4: Mid Winter Christmas Discos  
Year 1-3: 5.30pm - 6.15pm  
Year 4-6: 6.30pm - 7.15pm  
August 22: Pie Orders close, 3.00pm  
Sept. 1: Pie Orders handed out  
Sept. 12-23: Teacher Raffles on sale  
Term 4: Calendar Art fundraiser

## Matariki

Tomorrow is our first Public Holiday to celebrate Matariki. We hope you and your whānau enjoy celebrating Matariki tomorrow.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to one of our kura parents, Jackie Tomlinson, who is the inaugural winner of the Technical Official of the Year by Hockey New Zealand. Great achievement, Jackie!



### What's Coming Up?

Friday 24 June: Matariki Holiday  
(school closed)

Thursday 7 July:  
Learning Conferences  
**Early Finish at 12.30pm**

Friday 8 July:  
Last day of Term 2, 3.00pm

Monday 25 July:  
First day of Term 2, 9.00am

