

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 2 Wiki 9

Wahia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

30 Pipiri 2022

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

We sincerely hope you and your whānau had a wonderful day last Friday celebrating New Zealand's first Matariki Public Holiday. It was incredibly special to be able to celebrate this day, as we remembered the past, appreciated the now and looked towards the future.

School Board

The School Board are a group of elected parent representatives who govern the school. Many people often wonder what Governance is and how this differs from Leadership (or Management) Governance sits with the School Board and Management sits with the Principal (and Leadership Team). A great way of understanding Governance and Management is; Governance is 'Brains On' they support and provide strategic thinking into the direction of the school. Management is 'Hands On', which is about the day to day running and operation of the school. Our school board is made up of 6 elected parent trustees, 1 staff trustee and the Principal.



Matariki soup preparation - Akomanga 17

This year is election year for the School Board and we are seeking interested people to put their had up to be on our board. If you are interested in learning about what the board does or what is involved, next Thursday during Learning Conferences, members of the School Board will be in the staffroom during Learning Conferences for your korero and pātai.

One key aspect that we want for our board, is a board that reflects the unique nature of our school. The uniqueness of our school is that we offer Māori Immersion learning and are Ministry of Education fund-holder school for the Provision of ORS education. Therefore we seek to have representation on our board that reflects our unique character, that is, a parent trustee who has a child in Te Arawaru (our Māori Immersion classes) and a parent trustee who has an ORS child.

Please also read the supporting information about the upcoming elections. If at any time you have any further questions, please contact Matua Regan or our Presiding Member, Felicity Robinson, frobinson@centralnormal.school.nz

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

First day of Term 3 - Monday 25 July, 9.00am

Learning Conferences

Our Learning Conferences are **NEXT WEEK** and it would be terrific to have a strong turnout of whānau at our Conferences. There is still time to make a booking to see your child's teacher. At these Conferences, we will share with you 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.

Please Note:

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

Absences

We are completely in the midst of the cold and flu season, where we are seeing a large number of our tamariki absent from school. It is a requirement of all schools to keep accurate records of all student attendance and absence. If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, we need to know this each day, even if they end up being away for 5 days. We would rather hear from you each day, through text or phone-call, then not hear from you at all. If we don't hear from you, your child is marked as **truant**.

Similarly, if you need to go out of town for a few days, eg: tangi or whānau holiday, please let us know the dates your child will be away, as this helps us with keeping our records accurate. Ngā Mihi whānau for your support.

150th Sesquicentennial Celebrations

We are really excited about our 150th birthday early next year! Did you know....

- In 150 years, our kura has only had 9 Principals - Matua Regan is the 10th. Therefore, on average, each Principal has stayed for 15 years! The first Principal, Mr Watson, was affectionately known as Pa by the children. Mr Watson was at Central for over 30 years.
- 1956 a Teachers Training College was established in Palmerston North and Central School was affiliated with the College to support with the training of student teachers. This is when our name changed to Central Normal, from the French word 'L'Ecole Normale, which means to train or teach.

If you would like to sign up to be registered for our birthday celebrations, please email: cns150@centralnormal.school.nz

What's Coming Up?

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Early Finish at 12.30pm

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