

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 3 Wiki 4

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

18 Here-Turi-Kōkā 2022

Kia Ora koutou, Bienvenue, Zdravo, ဟယ်လို, Hallo

The past two weeks has seen many of our staff absent from school, which is reflected nationwide. Across the motu, numerous schools are feeling the pinch of absences with their staff, due to COVID and other winter ailments. With less relievers available, it is becoming more and more challenging to find relievers to cover classes. Where we can, we are using our well known part-time teachers to cover classes, or, we are having to split classes. Please know, we are doing the best we can to maintain learning and teaching for all our tamariki and we really do thank you for your massive support and understanding during this winter period.



*Aotearoa NZ Histories Curriculum learning
History of Papaioea - Akomanga 18*

COVID and Winter Illness

As with the above, many of our tamariki are also suffering from COVID or other winter ailments, such as the flu or head cold. Many of you ask us when it's ok for tamariki to come back to school. Here is some advice from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education:

- If your child has been unwell with a respiratory illness other than COVID, they can return to school 24 hours after they have significantly improved and are behaving/eating normally
- Following vomiting or diarrhoea, a child should be symptom free for 48 hours before they can return to kura
- If your tamaiti still has a runny nose or dry cough without any other symptoms, such as a fever vomiting or diarrhoea, then they are unlikely to be infectious and can be considered well enough to attend school.

Staff Farewells

As shared with you a couple of weeks ago, Emma in the office is finishing with us tomorrow. Emma has been at our school for 9 years and she has been an amazing Office Manager. From sorting our financial accounts to looking after our tamariki who need an ice-pack or some TLC, she has done it all with a smile and positive attitude. We wish Emma all the best for her new role at Manawatū Toyota.

On Monday, Bruce our caretaker (or Mr B as he is known to our tamariki) announced his retirement. Bruce has been at our school for 10 years and has decided it is now time to spend quality time with his grandchildren in Taranaki. Mr B will finish at our school on September 9. We will be advertising for Mr B's replacement on both Seek and the Ministry of Social Development websites.

School Photos - Tuesday 23 August

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Our school photos have crept up on us and are this coming Tuesday 23 August - apologies for the short notice. On this day, there will be class and individual photos. If you would like your children to have a sibling photo, please complete the form that was shared on Facebook/Seesaw, or call into the office to fill out the form. After the photos are taken, within a couple of weeks, photo codes will be made available for you to order - please have patience with this, as it can take a few weeks for these to be made available. All orders for school photos are done online.

Normal Schools Conference

As you all know, we are a Normal School. While it may seem like a strange name, Normal is from the French word 'L'Ecole Normale' which means 'to teach or model'. Basically, this means that we have a relationship with Massey University to support the development of trainee teachers. Recently, this has extended to teacher trainees from Te Wānanga o Raukawa.

Next week, Matua Regan, Whaea Elly, Whaea Natalie and Whaea Jess, will be attending the Normal Schools Conference in Christchurch. There are 29 Normal Schools in the country and the conference is a time for all the Normal School leaders to come together to discuss teacher training.

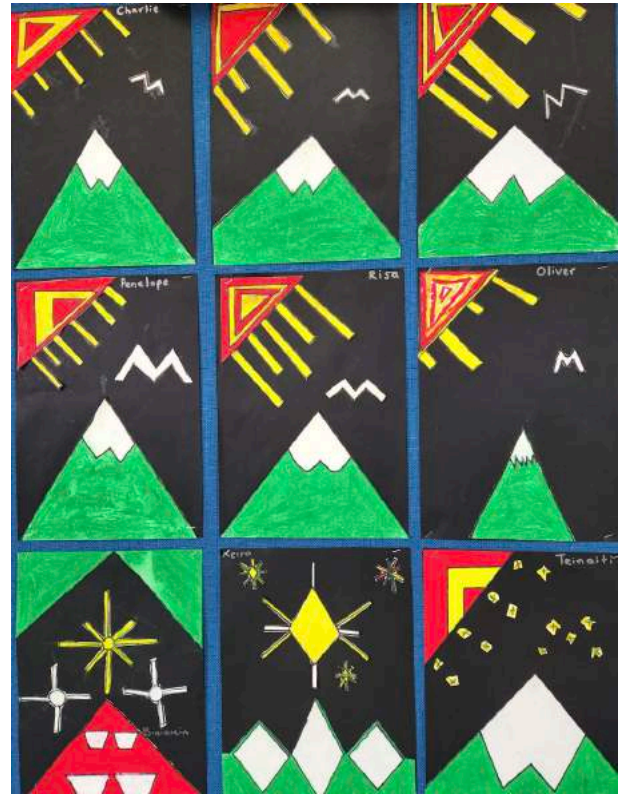
In our absence, Mrs Howard (who many of you will remember) will be overseeing our school, along with our Team Leaders - Miss Mason, Whaea Melissa and Miss Pallesen. If there is anything you need support with during the week, please see one of these people.

PTA

Our wonderful PTA are the primary fundraising group of our school. Currently, the PTA have pies for sale and the ordering of these closes on Monday 22 August. Please refer to the sheet that was sent home with your child. We have also teamed up with The Egg Project, whereby you can purchase your weekly eggs through our school. Please check out our Facebook page for more details.

School Lunches

We are incredibly grateful to be a part of the Ka Ora, Ka Ako/Lunches in Schools programme. This programme means that every single day, our tamariki are provided with a free lunch! Often at the end of the day, we have many spare lunches leftover, which we can pass out to any tamaiti or whānau who wants one! More often than not - spare school lunches will be available at the Featherston Street gate with Whaea Jess. If you see surplus lunches at the end of the day - please take one, as we would rather pass them to whānau, rather than throw them out.



Akomanga 4 have recreated our Team tukutuku panels, depicting our four kura teams - Whārite, Māharahara, Mātanginui, Te Arawaru