

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 1

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

4 February 2021

Nau Mai Haere Mai - Welcome back to school!!!

Tena Koutou e te whānau - it's great to be back! School started yesterday with an amazing pōwhiri, where we welcomed nearly 40 new tamariki and their whānau to our kura. Given that we have been away for nearly 6 weeks - the waiata and haka from our tamariki was outstanding! They performed beautifully.

We have had a great start to the year and we look forward reconnecting with you all over the next few days and weeks.

School Lunches

We can't wait to have our free school lunches begin on Tuesday 9 February. Every child in our kura will be provided with a free lunch. Thanks to those whānau who have contacted Whaea Elly with regards to the necessary dietary requirements for their tamariki. Please note, when our free school lunches begin - your child will still require a packed morning tea, brainfood and water bottle **each** day.

What's in a Name?

Across our kura, many of our kaiako (teachers) are known by their first name, prefixed by either Matua or Whaea - but what do Matua and Whaea mean? Matua is a respectful term meaning 'father/uncle'. Whaea is a respectful term meaning 'mother/aunty'.

Start and End of Day

The school day for our tamariki begins at 9.00am and finishes at 3.00pm. The school gates are unlocked at 8.30am to allow our tamariki into school. Gates are locked again after the 9.00am bell - this is to maintain the safety of our children. The school gates are unlocked again at 2.55pm to welcome whānau in before the end of the school day. During the day, the pedestrian gate on Featherston Street is always unlocked so whānau can come into the school office. Any whānau who need to come into school during the day, do need to sign in at the school office and scan the COVID-19 barcode. We sincerely thank you for your understanding with this.

Long Weekend

This Saturday we will celebrate Waiting Day. As it falls on a Saturday, the holiday is Mondayised. Therefore school will start again on Tuesday 9 February.

Save the Date

We will have our first community event on Thursday 18 February, 5.30pm - 7.00pm. This will be a Bangers (sausages) and Maths evening, where we will provide a free sausage sizzle, while whānau and tamariki can play and learn maths games.

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First day learning!
Top: Akomanga 5
Bottom: Akomanga 4

