

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 3

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

18 February 2021

Kia Ora e te whānau

We are living in a time where COVID-19 continues to dominate the daily headlines and it is frequently at the forefront of most peoples minds. These uncertain times were again highlighted this week as we moved up to Alert Level 2 on Monday and then returned back down to Alert Level 1 today.

During these changes, we greatly appreciated and valued your support of our measures to ensure the health and safety of our tamariki, kaiako and whānau.

It was incredibly positive that we moved down to Alert Level 1 so quickly. With this, we send our aroha and awhi to our Auckland whānau, who continue to work down through the Alert Levels.

At all times, our absolute focus and attention is on the wellbeing of our tamariki, whānau and kaiako. If at any time you feel like your child needs additional pastoral support or you yourself need extra support - please do let either your child's teacher know, or a member of the Manawatū Team. We are here to help.

A reminder - while we have now moved back down to Alert Level 1, our Bangers and Maths whānau evening has been called off. We hope to be able to do this later in the term. We will keep you informed.

Cash for your Community

Cash for your Community is an initiative by New World, whereby when people buy their groceries they are given a token to put into a schools donation bin. We can confirm that we will have a donation bin at Pioneer New World where people can donate their token to our school!

The promotion will run from March to November. At the end of the promotion, \$50,000 will be distributed across the participating schools, based on the percentage of tokens they receive. We can use these funds to purchase resources for our school or put it towards a much larger project. Please let all your whānau know that if they shop at Pioneer New World to please support our kura - ngā mihi.



Ricky sharing his maths counting

Akomanga 21

Sophia's beautiful artwork



Te Ipu Korero

This week Whaea Emma C, Whaea Mere, Whaea Pam and Matua Regan are on a 3 day Te Ipu Korero course. This course is about increasing and accelerating the understanding and use of Te Reo Māori with our tamariki. One aspect of the Te Ipu Korero programme that we have been practising is Whakamahana - a warm up activity.

Here is a whakamahana that you can practice at home to increase your reo! This whakamahana uses repetition to improve vocabulary. One person leads the whānau by saying a kupu (word), eg: putiputi. The next whānau member must say the first word and then add a second word, eg: putiputi, tūru. The third person must repeat the first two words and then add their own word, eg: putiputi, tūru, whare. The whakamahana continues with each person building on and adding a new kupu.

Give it go and see how many kupu your whānau can get up to!

Kupu used above: putiputi - flower, tūru - chair, whare - house
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Mural Development

This year we have again employed Whaea Carolyn to work alongside some of our tamariki to design and paint a new school mural. The last mural we had painted was in 2019 of our school values, which is on the wall in-between Akomanga 13 and The Hub. This year our mural will be of Whaia Kia Tutuki, representing the rich diversity of cultures across our kura. When completed, this mural will be on The Hub wall facing the junior playground. We can't wait to have this new artwork in place!

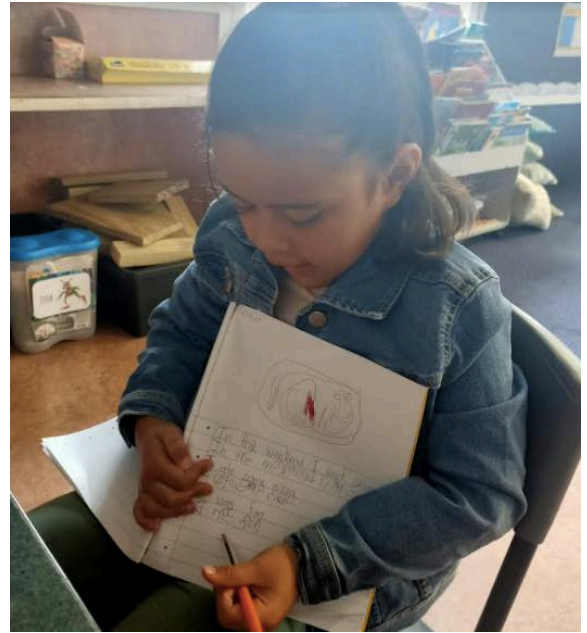
PTA

Our PTA are the primary fundraising group for our school. The PTA organise a range of activities and events to help raise funds for our school. Due to the recent Alert Level 2, the scheduled PTA meeting was cancelled. When we have a new day and time for the next meeting, we will let you know. New whānau are welcome to attend.

Save the Date - Wednesday 10 March

Leading expert on cybersafety, John Parsons, will be at our school on Wednesday 10 March. He will spend the day talking with our tamariki about how to be safe online. We will then host a whānau session in the evening, where he will talk with you about how to keep your children safe online and also about your child's safety with social media. John's message and advice is amazing and he is not to be missed. When we have finalised the details of how this evening session will look, we'll let you know.

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Charlee-Rose with her story about her weekend



Akomanga 3 practising maths games

Akomanga 8 enjoying their school lunches

