

# TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

## CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 1

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

29 July 2021

### Tēnā Koutou Katoa e te whānau, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei

Nau Mai Haere Mai - Welcome back to school! The term started with full school pōwhiri on Monday, where we welcomed a large number of new tamariki and whānau to our kura. We also welcomed some new staff who started with us this term. Our tamariki have come back to kura refreshed and ready for learning. Kaiako have commented that classes are settled and tamariki are really pleased to be back and are readily engaging in their learning.

### Hauora

This term our concept for learning is Hauora, underpinned by our school value of Hauora. Hauora focuses on mental and physical wellbeing, personal safety, hygiene and general wellness. For our junior children, the key areas of learning will be fire safety, road safety and personal wellbeing.

As per the pānui that went home this week, tamariki in Māharahara, Mātanginui, The Whare and Akomanga 15/16 will be learning about Keeping Ourselves Safe and Sexuality Education. Keeping Ourselves Safe is a personal safety programme, which has been designed to give tamariki the skills they require to work through situations involving others. There can often be apprehension or nervousness when whānau read we are teaching Sexuality Education and what that might mean - it certainly doesn't mean what the name implies. Sexuality Education is one of the seven key areas of learning in the Health and Physical Education/Hauora Curriculum. For tamariki at Year 4-6 level it is about friendships, making good choices, body development and an introduction to puberty.

We will be having an information evening on **Monday 2 August** for whānau of Māharahara, Mātanginui, The Whare and Akomanga 15/16, to learn the content of what we will be teaching. We encourage you to come along to understand the lessons being taught and to ask any questions you may have. Please accept my apologies (Matua Regan) as I will be in Rotorua, however, kaiako, Whaea Elly and Whaea Jess will be in attendance. Please note the times for the hui:

Māharahara and The Whare: 5.30pm  
Mātanginui and Ako. 15/16: 6.00pm

### Intermediate: 2022

Information has gone out to our Year 6 tamariki about their Intermediate options for 2022. St Peter's is also an option that whānau may wish to explore. If you are interested in your child going to St Peter's, their Open Evening is on Thursday 12 August from 6.00pm in the School Gym.



*Eva with the karate school diorama she made as part of Akomanga 1 holiday project. The focus was to design their own alternative school, which exemplified our school, disposition of Creativity.*

# Whānau Information Evening - Monday 2 August

## Keeping Ourselves Safe/Sexuality Education

### Whānau Reo Classes

This Sunday, Whaea Mere and Whaea Melissa will host the next Whānau Reo class from 3:30pm - 5.00pm in The Whare. The afternoon will focus on revising prior learning and continuing with sentence structure development. All whānau are welcome to come along!

### From the PTA

Our next PTA Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 August at 6.45pm in the staffroom, new parents are welcome to come along. On Thursday 19 August, the PTA will be holding a Mid-Winter Christmas Disco for our tamariki. More details will be shared in next weeks newsletter.

### Whānau Open Evening

Last term we hosted our Whānau Open Evening. We are really keen to hear your feedback about the evening - what you thought, successes and possible areas for improvement. We also want to hear from those whānau who didn't attend and to understand why you might not have come along. We have created a short survey for you to complete, which will take no longer than 2 minutes. All people who complete the survey will go in the draw for a \$50 Countdown voucher. You can complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/N2ECAziqKBTy4GSCA>

### Property Development

We are getting closer to being "shovel ready" with the next round of our major school property developments. The next phase of our property development will see major upgrades to some of our spaces, which will include: the renovation of Rooms 23/24 into vibrant, functional and useable teaching spaces, the development of a fit for purpose special needs toilet and bathroom in The Gold Room, remediation of weather tightness work on Akomanga 9 and the complete renovation of Akomanga 1 and 2. Our bike tracks have been scheduled to be constructed in the summer school holidays, which will be a great asset for our kura. Also in the summer holidays, we will have a new pathway and garden leading towards our school hall.

We really look forward to these projects getting underway.



Keeping Ourselves Safe - People who help us  
Akomanga 21

### What's Coming Up?

Mon. 2 August:	Whānau Information Evening
Tues. 3 August:	PTA Meeting
Mon. 9 August:	Y6 visits to Ross Intermediate
Wed. 11 August:	PNINS Roadshow at our school
Tues. 17 August:	Ross Intermediate Open Day/Evening
Wed. 18 August:	Ministry of Education visiting our school to view our literacy programmes
Thurs. 19 August:	School Discos
Tues. 24 August:	Board of Trustees meeting