

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 3

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

12 August 2021

Bula Vinaka, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste

Aue! What a bitterly cold start to the week we had! However, it was very impressive to see the snow down low on the Tararua Ranges. On these really cold days, please make sure your tamaiti has either a warm jersey or a warm jacket, as we saw many tamariki without either. All our tamariki are eligible for a free jacket from Kids Can, which have all been passed out. Keeping warm also helps to keep the sniffles and colds away.

Ministry of Education

Next Wednesday we will welcome the Ministry of Education to our kura. Many schools across Aotearoa/ New Zealand are implementing a structured literacy approach, to provide a systematic, consistent and cumulative approach to the teaching of reading (and writing). Schools, including ours, have seen fantastic gains in student achievement, where our learners are able to confidently read and decode unknown words using the skills they have learned.

We have been very strategic and focused with our implementation, which has seen amazing results for our learners and our teachers. Because of this, the Ministry of Education is very keen to learn more about Structured Literacy, the impact it has on teachers and students and what this may mean for curriculum implementation in New Zealand Schools.

Through this approach, our kura has also reduced the disparity between Māori and New Zealand European achievement, where Māori achieve equitably with New Zealand European - this is something the Ministry are very interested in seeing. This is a wonderful opportunity for our kura and a tremendous accolade to our staff, who have all invested significant time and energy with implementing a very positive approach to support our tamariki.

School Discos

On Thursday 19 August, the PTA will be holding our school discos, with the theme 'Mid Winter Christmas'. Tamariki are encouraged to come along dressed in their favourite Christmas costume. Entry is \$2 and on sale there there will be sausages (\$2), chips (\$2), bottles of water (\$1) and glow sticks (\$1).

Year 0 - Year 3 Disco: 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Year 4 - Year 4 Disco: 6.30pm - 7.15pm

All proceeds from the discos will go towards the establishment of our new Special Needs playground.



Paintings of The Very Hungry Caterpillar from our newest learners in Akomanga 12

Discos next Thursday

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that our next scheduled Teacher Only Day will be on Tuesday 26 October, the day after Labour Day. This means our tamariki will be able to enjoy a 4 day weekend! On this day, each team will be visiting a range of different schools, in relation to focus areas for that team:

Te Arawaru: Naenae and Otaki Kura. Immersion and Reo Rua settings.

Whārite: Greenmeadows and Nelson Park Schools, Napier. Play Based Learning and Mathematics.

Māharahara: Whakarongo and Ashhurst Schools. Digital Technology.

Mātanginui: Worser Bay and Khandallah Schools, Wellington. Rich Task Mathematics.



Learning about shapes
Akomanga 14

Early Pick Up

Whānau - we need you help please. We have again begun to notice, especially on a Friday afternoon, the number of our tamariki who are being picked up early. Sometimes, pick up is beginning from 1.45pm and continuing until 3.00pm. Picking up your child early disrupts their learning and the learning of the class. While it may only be your child that you are picking up, sometimes we are contacting the same class multiple times. We would REALLY value and appreciate our tamariki being picked up when school finishes at 3.00pm. Of course we understand that there are times when you need to collect your child early, eg: for an appointment, but unless there is a valid reason for an early pick up, we would really like your support to minimise this. Thanks for your understanding whānau - much appreciated.



Rich Task
Maths
Learning,
Akomanga 10

What's Coming Up?

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| 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
Y0-Y3: 5.30pm - 6.15pm
Y4-Y6: 6.30pm - 7.15pm |
| Tues. 24 August: | Board of Trustees meeting |
| Fri. 27 August: | Matua Matt's last day |
| Tues. 31 August: | School Photos |
| Wed. 1 September: | Sibling Photos |
| Mon. 6 September: | Possible visit from The Hui |