

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

Term 1 Week 1

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

5 February 2020

Tēnā Kotuou Whānau mā





Welcome back to school! It's really exciting being back at school and it has been wonderful to catch up with so many of you over the past few days.

On Monday we held a full school pōwhiri, where we welcomed nearly 50 new children to our school! We also welcomed our new teachers Matua Sam, Whaea Casey, Miss Coulston and Whaea Bridget (our Mathematics Support Teacher). We also welcomed two new support staff, Faith and Wiki, who will be working alongside our ORS children. We have started the year with 414 children, which is more than what we started with last year. The first few days back have been outstanding and there is a great vibe and buzz across the school.



Dispositions for Learning

DISPOSITIONS FOR LEARNING

 Growth Mindset	 Communication	 Creativity	 Citizenship
problem solving risk taking resilience critical thinking learning from mistakes	mobile and adaptive active listening sharing and responding	curiosity innovation inquiring mind	respecting ideas working with others collaboration thinking and acting beyond yourself

Our Dispositions for Learning outline the characteristics that we believe are important for learning in any situation. This year, we will be focusing on one disposition each term, to build a deeper understanding and application of that disposition. This term, our focus is Citizenship - what does it mean to be an effective citizen at home, at school, in the community, in the global community? Alongside this, we will continue to focus on and build our understanding of our school Values. Our current focus is our school vision - Whaia Kia Tutuki - strive to your potential.

Property Development

Many of you may have noticed over the term break a number of property developments occurring across the school. We have had new decks built outside the new library and Rooms 21/22. We are now awaiting the glazed doors to be installed, which will create a fantastic indoor/outdoor flow for these classrooms and the library. The scooter



School will be closed tomorrow for Waitangi Day

track has been completed and we have purchased 20 new scooters for the children to enjoy riding on the track. The pool has been completed - yay! Just in time for this heat. The school continues to be painted and should be finished in approximately 3-4 weeks. The old library has been transformed into a new class (Akomanga 9) and looks terrific.

Community Picnic

We will hold our annual Community Picnic on Tuesday 18 February from 5.30pm - 7.00pm. This is a great chance to come along with some kai, play some games, meet the staff and chat with other members of our school community. A sausage sizzle will also be available and the school pool will be open (for CNS children only). We look forward to seeing you all on the 18th.

Seesaw

We use the online platform, Seesaw, to provide you with regular updates about your child's learning, their progress and achievement. Seesaw can also be used as a communication tool between home and school. Soon, we plan to phase out our papers newsletters, whereby they will be electronically available either on Facebook, our school website or on Seesaw. All new children who have started at our school, have been signed up to Seesaw and all new parents should have received information about how to sign into Seesaw by the end of this week. The last paper newsletter will be distributed on Thursday 27 February.

Teacher Only Days

Last week, staff were involved in two very productive and engaging Teacher Only Days, in preparation for the year. The last day ended with a staff lawn bowls competition! It was a lot of fun and a great opportunity for many staff to try something new.



Car Park/Basketball Court

For whānau who are new to our school, we only allow parents/family of our ORS children to drive onto the basketball court to drop off/collect their children. This is for the health and safety of our ORS children. Over the holiday period, we had new parking lines painted in the school carpark. One park closest to The Whare is a designated Disability Park - can this please be kept clear for those people who hold a disability permit - thank you for your support with this.

Kapa Haka Tutor

Do you know someone who has the passion and mana to teach Kapa Haka? We are looking for a Kapa Haka tutor to teach our Kapa Haka groups and very importantly, work with Ngā Pou o Tararua to prepare them for the Regionals. If you know of someone, please contact Matua Regan or Whaea Mahi.



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