

# TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

## CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 11

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

15 April 2021

**Kia Ora Koutou, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, တယ်လို့, xin chāo**

Ngā Mihi koutou e te whānau, it was wonderful to see so many of you at our recent Bangers and Maths evening. Our maths facilitator, Dinah, enjoyed sharing insight into our changing approach to teaching mathematics. A lot of what Dinah shared was met with 'ah ha' moments and 'I wish I was taught that way when I was a kid!' We are increasingly making the learning explicit with children, using a range of materials and strategies so that they develop a better and connected understanding of mathematical concepts. After Dinah spoke, we then had about 45 minutes where parents and children were engaged in a range of rich and fun mathematical tasks facilitated by the teachers. It was a great night and we were absolutely delighted with the turn out.

### PTA

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA), are the main fundraising group for our school. Every year they plan and organise a range of events to raise funds to support many of the amazing things we have on offer here at our kura. The PTA are holding their AGM on Tuesday 4 May in the staffroom at 6.45pm. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the PTA is welcome to come along. At the conclusion of the AGM, the PTA will hold their regular meeting.

The PTA would sincerely like to thank all whānau who booked a time with Clicks Photography. All time slots have now been booked.

### Visits

During this term, we have had a number of schools and teachers visiting our kura to observe and learn about Structured Literacy. Structured Literacy is the approach we use to specifically teach reading and writing, especially for our younger children. We are incredibly proud that many schools are visiting us to view our practice as a leading school in this area. We are seeing amazing results in our tamariki with this approach and it is wonderful to be able to share our successes with many other people.



# End of Term 1: this Friday 16 April, 3.00pm First day of Term 2: Monday 3 May, 9.00am

## Growth Mindset Challenge Day

This term we have been learning about our school disposition of Growth Mindset. To celebrate and share our learning of this, we are having a Growth Mindset Challenge Day tomorrow! All Teams will be setting up a range of activities that will challenge children to problem solve, make mistakes and take a risk. Whānau are welcome to come along and be a part of this. The timetable for the day is:

Team/Year Level	Time
Years 0-2 (Whārite and Te Arawaru)	1.40pm - 2.30pm
Years 2, 3, 4 (Māharahara and Te Arawaru)	11.30am - 12.45pm
Years 4, 5, 6 (Mātānginui and Te Arawaru)	9.00am - 11.00am



*Miles speaking to our Year 6s*

## Year 6 Leadership

This year we are implementing a new model for developing Year 6 leadership. Rather than selecting a core group of children to be young leaders, we recognise and value that every child has leadership potential, which can be developed. Each term, we will host a series of breakfasts/hui with interested Year 6s, where they will have time with a well known leader. Yesterday, almost all of our Year 6s came to breakfast to hear leadership inspiration and advice from Miles Pearce, former Manawatū Jets and Otago Nuggets basketball player. Our tamariki also got a chance to ask their own questions to Miles, such as, "who was your inspiration" and "what makes a good leader." We are currently planning our next leadership session and will let our tamariki know when this will occur.

## Property Development

Last night at their Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees discussed the upcoming property developments for our kura. One exciting agenda item, was that the Board approved the quote for the installation of our new bike and pump track! This will be an amazing asset for our school.

Rooms 23/24 (behind Akomanga 15) are very rarely used, because they are so tired and unwelcoming. Therefore, these classes will be the first to be renovated. This will create much needed additional space in our school. At the completion of this project, Akomanga 1/2 will be completely remodelled and renovated. While Akomanga 1/2 get renovated, the tamariki from these classes will temporarily move across to the newly renovated Rooms 23/24. We are also hoping to have a new Learning Support Toilet installed into the Gold Room.

As many of you know, the demand and timeframe for tradies is absolutely stretched, so as of yet, we do not have a confirmed timeframe of when these works will be completed.

## Start of Term

Tomorrow is the last day of Term 1. Term 2 starts on Monday 3 May at 9.00am. A reminder that the first day of term always begins with full school pōwhiri to welcome our newest tamariki and whānau. All current whānau are welcome to attend.