

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 4

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

25 February 2021

Kia Ora e te whānau

Tomorrow is our first community event with our school tryathlon, which we are really excited about! With the disruption of last year and even last week, we are looking forward to hosting an event, where our whānau can come in and support our tamariki. As the name suggest, our tryathlon focuses on giving it a try - having a go and doing the best you can. This fits beautifully with our current focus on growth mindset. For children who are participating in all three events (biking, swimming and running), their bikes should be taken to the courts outside Akomanga 13/14. Staff will be there to label bikes and place them in the right place. It would be easier if children came to school dressed with their togs underneath their clothes and please make sure they have applied sunblock.

Whānau, when you come into school, **PLEASE** scan one of the COVID barcodes that will be located by the gate or on the field.

The order of events are:

Seniors: 9.10am

Middle: 9.50am

Juniors: 10.30am

Whakamahana - Pao Pao

Last week we introduced you to Whakamahana - Warm Up activities. This weeks Whakamahana is a pao pao, which means to chant. This Whakamahana takes a well known waiata or whakatauki, where children (adults) in turn say the words of the waiata. An easy one to begin with is the well known waiata, A ha ka ma na pa ra ta wa ngā wha, E he ke.... The first person says 'A', the second person says 'ha', the third person says 'ka' and so on around the group. Good luck with giving it a go!

Save the Date - Wednesday 10 March

Our first whānau evening will be held on Wednesday 10 March, 5.30pm - 7.00pm. Leading cybersafety expert, John Parsons, will be here to talk with whānau about how to keep your children safe online and also about their use of social media. At 5.30pm, we will kick off the evening with a free sausage sizzle. John will then speak with parents/caregivers from 6.00pm. While John is talking, we will keep the children entertained with the pool open, activities on the field and also a bouncy castle! We hope to see heaps of whānau at this event, especially to hear John's message.



Some of our ORS children enjoying water play

Rich Task Mathematics

We are maintaining our focus on providing a range of rich mathematical tasks, which require a deeper level of thinking and application, as opposed to basic yes/no questions. In this maths task, Crystal-Azaria and Ashley were told that there were 13 aliens in a space ship, of which 6 were purple. It was then up to them to decide and work out what the remaining number was and how this could be made up. Crystal-Azaria and Ashley worked out that one option they could have was 6 purple aliens, 5 green aliens and 2 pink aliens. This task required them to think, problem solve and check their working. The low-level opposite of this would have been, draw 13 aliens. Ka mau te wehi Crystal-Azaria and Ashley, great mathematical learning!



Mural

Our new school mural is progressing incredibly well! The children have sourced images to represent the various cultures in our school and are now painting the images onto large Whaia Kia Tutuki letters. We cannot wait to see the end result!



PTA

Your PTA had their first hui of the year on Tuesday, where they discussed various fundraisers for the year. One of our popular fundraisers, Doughboy Pies, will be held again this year in June. Details of this will be sent out closer to the time. Funds raised last year and this year will be used to upgrade the Special Needs playground - a valued and much used playground in our school.

Did you know?

A few did you know facts about our kura, especially for our newer whānau:

- we are the oldest school in Palmerston North, which is referenced in our name Te Kura Tuatahi o Papaioea (the first school Papaioea)
- we have four teaching teams: Whārite, Māharahara, Mātanginui and Te Arawaru. These names were gifted to us by Rangitāne. The first three are peaks in the Tararua Ranges and Te Arawaru is in reference to the fire that Rangitāne would light on top of the ranges to signal to whānau on the other side of the range
- this is the third location of our school. The other two locations were Campbell Street and the corner of Main and Princess Streets
- we are one of only 5 primary schools in Aotearoa to be a Ministry of Education fund-holder for the provision of our ORS teaching and learning
- we have our own school song, Ko Tēnei te Kura Tuatahi o Papaioea
- we still have a school pool!



Akomanga 4 abstract self portraits