

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 7

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

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Te Kura Tuatahi o Papaioea - The First School of Palmerston North/Papaioea. Our school has an amazing, rich history, which we are incredibly proud of.

Our first school started as nothing more than a small hut on a clearing of land, where the first children were educated. Fast forward nearly 150 years and our school sits within the central business district of Aotearoa's 8th largest city, among expansive grounds, a number of classrooms and fantastic tamariki, kaiako and whānau.

This week, we were gifted a selection of old photographs of our school from the City Library. These will be treasured among the other taonga we hold of our school. The photo to the right shows our school when it was situated on Campbell Street - our schools second location (our current site is the schools third location). We have enjoyed looking through the old photos and seeing the development of our kura.

Te Hotu Manawa o Rangitāne o Manawatū Marae

On Tuesday, Te Arawaru had a great trip to Te Hotu o Rangitāne o Manawatū Marae on Maxwell's Line. Our tamariki were involved in pōwhiri, rakau and waiata.

This experience definitely enriched the children's understanding of tikanga and the kaupapa of Rangitāne.

Bangers and Maths

We are really looking forward to our Bangers and Maths on Wednesday 7 April (this will be the first day we come back to school after Easter). Our maths facilitator, Dinah, will be here to share with you our approach to maths and how maths is not something to be scared of, or something to hate - but a subject that is rich in patterns, fun and problem solving. Maths is also not just about solving equations and basic facts, but applying strategies to find solutions, to try, make mistakes and have a go! Many of us grew up with a negative mindset about maths and we are really trying to stop that for our tamariki - we want our tamariki to love maths!!



On Wednesday 7 April at 5.00pm, Dinah will talk with whānau for about half an hour about our changing approach to maths, which is also backed up by research and evidence. Dinah is a great presenter who easily engages people. While she is talking, we will entertain the tamariki with games and activities. We will then provide a free sausage sizzle (bangers), followed by fun maths games and activities for our tamariki and kaiako to play and share with you - hence the name, Bangers and Maths!

Teacher Only Day

On Thursday April 1, we will be having a Teacher's Only Day - and no, this is not an April Fool's joke! On this day, our staff will be working with Carol Lynch from edLead Consulting, about the concept of professional coaching. Coaching has the belief that the individual has the answers to problems within them. The coach is not an expert, but rather is focused on helping the individual (through skilled questioning) to unlock their own potential. With Carol's support, we aim to develop our own coaching model to use across our staff to support our professional growth as teachers.

We have coincided Teacher's Only Day with Easter, to make it an extra long weekend. Therefore, school will be closed from Thursday 1 April - Tuesday 6 April. School will resume again on Wednesday 7 April.

Matua Damein

Yesterday, we regretfully farewelled Matua Damein from our school. Damein has been an instrumental teacher aide with supporting our tamariki, especially our young tāne, who have often required kind, supportive guidance and awhi. Damein has touched the lives of many tamariki and kaiako and we wish him and his whānau all the best with their next venture in Perth, Western Australia.



Whakamahana

This weeks whakamahana is saying, repeating and acting instructions. Say an instruction, for example: E tū (stand up). Whānau must listen to the phrase, say it and then do it. Continue repeating and adding on other instructions to create a series, for example,

E tū (stand up)

E tū, e huri (turn around)

E tū, e huri, pakipaki (clap)

E tū, e huri, pakipaki, e noho (sit down)

Give it a try to develop your reo!

Bottom Left: Original Central School Swimming Baths (1937)

Bottom Right: Original Central School, Featherston Street (1922)

