# TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 8

• Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential —

25 March 2021

Aue - ka mau te wehi!! Our new school mural is absolutely amazing!! Yesterday we had an unveiling ceremony, to officially unveil and share our new mural with our tamariki, kaiako and whānau.

Whaia Kia Tutuki - Strive to your potential, is our school Vision, which encourages every tamaiti and kaiako to achieve and excel the best they can - to be the best version of themselves. Whaia Kia Tutuki celebrates the individuality of everyone, where being yourself, is your greatest asset.

In relation to this, we are incredibly proud of the rich diversity we have in our kura. We have a beautiful blend of cultures and ethnicities, where tamariki are valued for who they are and what they bring to our extended kura whānau.

With this, Whaia Kia Tutuki becomes a whakatauki, which recognises and values the mana of every culture, the mana of every person, the rich diversity of our kura and the power of everybody striving to do the best they can.

A HUGE thank you to Whaea Carolyn, our art teacher and our tamariki, Mitchell, Alana, Liam, Te Aroha, Ava, Eva and Lylah - who designed and painted our mural. You can all be so proud of your effort and achievement.

Our new mural has become another treasured taonga within our kura.

### **Lateness to School**

Recently, we have noticed a large number of our tamariki arriving late to kura, well after the bell has rung. We understand that mornings can be incredibly busy, with lots going on, but we would really value our tamariki being at school on time to start the day.

Starting the day on time sets our tamariki up for success, where they are a part of the morning routine and know whats happening for the day. Being late 10 minutes in the morning might not seem a lot, but over the course of a week - this is nearly an **HOUR** of lost time. We would really



appreciate our tamariki being at school on time - ngā mihi for your support and understanding with this.

## Bangers and Maths Wednesday 7 April from 5.30pm

#### **Easter and Term Dates**

We have had some whānau checking if we are really closed on Tuesday 6 April after Easter - yes we are. Schools have always traditionally had the Tuesday off after Easter. However, in recent years, Easter has been included in the school holidays and in the case of last year, it was at Easter and within Lockdown. With this, we are also having a Teacher Only Day next Thursday 1 April.

Therefore, our school will be closed from **Thursday 1 April - Tuesday 6 April.** School will reopen on Wednesday 7 April. The remainder of the term dates are as follows:

<u>Term 2</u>: Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July. Includes Queen's Birthday (Monday 7 June) and a Teacher Only Day on Friday 4 June.

Term 3: Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October

<u>Term 4</u>: Monday 18 October - Wednesday 15 December. Includes Labour Day (Monday 25 October) and Teacher Only Day (Tuesday 26 October).

#### **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!!

### **Clicks Photography**

Our PTA are again hosting the very popular Clicks Photography as a fundraiser for our school. For the price of \$10 you will get a professional sitting, where three different photos will be taken - extra photos will be available to purchase at a special discounted price.

This year, sitting times are to be booked online through our School Interview site. Payment must be made online at the time of booking. Details of online payment will be shared when you book a sitting time.



Zac and Mia with their watercolour painting Akomanga 19



To make a booking, go to: <u>www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</u> and enter the code **anzcq.** If you have any further questions, please see our PTA Chair, Karen Phillips, or email her: <u>pta@centralnormal.school.nz</u>

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