

# CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

Term 2 Week 12

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

2 July 2020

## Tēnā Koutou katoa, Bula Vinaka, Ni Hao, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava

We are almost there.....the end of the longest school term we have had for many years! It has been a most unique term and year, which is remarkable and worthwhile to reflect back on.

Term 1 began with stunning weather and news of a new virus outbreak called coronavirus, which was showing some alarming signs overseas. Before we knew it, we were moving into Alert levels and going into nationwide Lockdown, with the school holidays being brought forward.

Term 2 then started via Distance Learning on Wednesday 15 April, where the majority of our learning was facilitated online. We then moved to Alert Level 3, where we had two small bubbles operating at school under strict health and safety measures, while also facilitating online learning.

School reopened for everyone at Alert Level 2, with physical distancing and health and safety measures being maintained and drop off/pick up only for families at the gate.

We then moved to Alert Level 1, where the "normal" concept of school was restored, while still maintaining some of the measures from the previous Alert Levels.

When you think back through this and the enormity of what we have all collectively managed through, it is little wonder that there is a great sense of tiredness and lethargy. Coupled with this, we are now in the throes of winter and everyone is ready for a well earned and much needed break.

Whānau - it has been a most significant and challenging first half of the year and we have appreciated your support and aroha through this time. Take the time in these school holidays to rest, relax and enjoy your children. Our children are incredibly tired and may need a few extra sleep ins, extra cuddles and extra patience and understanding as they unwind from a very different year and term.

### Administration Building

For those of you who have been into the Administration/Office building in the past two days, you may have noticed things starting to look a bit different. A while ago we discovered that a lot of the floor was rotten, causing sink holes. As a result, all the carpet and vinyl has to be uplifted and removed to repair all the damaged floor. However, this also means that ALL the furniture has to be moved out! Best case scenario is that this work will be completed in the next two weeks and we will be back in the building for the first day of Term 3. Alternatively, if the work is not completed in time, the office will be temporarily located in the hall. A positive outcome is that when the work is completed, we will have new carpet and vinyl in the administration building, completely revamping this space.

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**Lockdown Writing**

*Amelia, Paige, Keanah, Natasha, Thea, Aniwa*

# End of Term 2 - tomorrow

## Start of Term 3 - Monday 20 July

### Learning Conferences

As mentioned last week, we will be holding Learning Conferences early next term. These have been planned for Tuesday 4 August 3.20pm - 7.00pm and Wednesday 5 August 3.20pm - 5.00pm. While there will be no Mid Year Reporting expectation given for your child (due to COVID), we will still be able to talk and share with you how your child is going, their current learning and their next steps. All bookings for conferences can be made online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) The booking code is **kannt**.

### Market Day

Next term the focus for our learning will be engaging in a rich and authentic inquiry learning process, working towards a Market Day. The Market Day itself will be a showcase of products that our children will have made as a result of their inquiry learning. It is envisaged that on this day, children and our school whānau will be able to come into school to view and buy the products (this event will not be open to the general public). Learning such as this is incredibly rich and meaningful as it integrates all areas of the curriculum and fully exemplifies our school values and dispositions. The Market Day is planned for Wednesday 2 September.

### Staffing

Today we farewell Whaea Karen who was one of our ORS teachers. Karen has been an incredibly committed and dedicated ORS teacher, who was incredibly admired and respected by her key children, their families and our staff and tamariki. Karen leaves us to take up a new entrant teaching position at Winchester School.

Tomorrow we will farewell Miss Crawford (Akomanga 4), who was originally leaving us to move to Australia. However, due to the current COVID restrictions on travel, Miss Crawford and her partner have decided to travel extensively around our beautiful country. Miss Crawford has been a highly valued and respected teacher on our staff, who was very much loved by her class.

We wish both Whaea Karen and Miss Crawford all the very best for their next chapters. Whaea Melissa will be teaching in Akomanga 4 for the remainder of the year and we are currently advertising for a replacement ORS teacher.

### Science

This term our curriculum learning focus has been science, where our children have engaged in a number of scientific experiments. The photos to the right show a range of products/games made by our tamariki using electrical circuits.

