

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

Term 3 Week 1

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

23 July 2020

Tēnā Koutou katoa, Nau Mai Haere Mai - Welcome back to school!

It was wonderful to start the term with a full school pōwhiri, which we have not been able to do since we started school back in February! At our pōwhiri, we welcomed our newest tamariki to our kura in both Kura Auraki and Te Arawaru. We also welcomed our newest teacher, Heidi Boyer, who is our new part time ORS teacher. A big thank you to Pā Lewis for speaking on the paepae and to Whaea Melissa and Whaea Mere for their beautiful karanga.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, we have not had the whole school together for over a term and we were incredibly proud and impressed with our children's outstanding mana, respect and waiata during pōwhiri - ka mau te wehi ngā tamariki.

School assemblies will resume this term and will be held on Friday 21 August and Friday 25 September, both starting at 9.20am.

Learning Focus

Our focus for learning this term is based on our school Market Day. This will be an incredibly rich, authentic and highly engaging process of learning, integrating almost all areas of the curriculum, with a deeper focus on Inquiry Learning and Financial Literacy. Inquiry Learning is an investigation into a topic, issue or problem with a focus on children constructing their own learning and understandings. Inquiry enables students to learn through curiosity, discovery and collaboration rather than teacher led instruction. Through Inquiry Learning, the process of learning is arguably more important than the product of learning.

Currently the tamariki in our classes are working to understand the concept of what a Market Day is and explore their wonderings and questions. From here, they will then identify and explore their market group and what products they could make.

In preparation for Market Day, some children may wish to start doing odd jobs at home to earn pocket money to spend at Market Day. Market Day will be held on Wednesday 2 September.

Mathematics Learning

During the term break, teachers had one day of professional learning and development with our mathematics facilitator, Dinah Harvey. Dinah engaged our brains with incredibly rich and challenging mathematical thinking and



The power of creativity.

The children in Akomanga 11 were given a few boxes and other bits and pieces and created this amazing townscape!

Have you booked your child's Learning Conference? Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 August

problems, which we can use in our teaching and learning programmes. Dinah will be back working with our kaiako and tamariki towards the end of August.

Property Developments

During the term break, the Administration carpet was completely removed to fix the floor where old drainage issues were causing holes in the floor. From this process, we now have new carpet which has been laid and the Administration area looks very smart. For those of you who have been in, you would have noticed that the office counter has been removed. This will be replaced in time.

Kiekie Tangiao (Akomanga 15/16) has had a new roof to stop the major water issues that were affecting these classes. Now that the roof has been finished, the internal damage can now be repaired and painted. It is hoped that our tamariki will be back in these classes by the end of next week.

Learning Conferences

In a couple of weeks, we will be holding our Learning Conferences. These will be occurring on Tuesday 4 August 3.20pm - 7.00pm and Wednesday 5 August 3.20pm - 5.00pm. While there will be no formal 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 The booking code is **kannt**.

PTA Fundraiser- Pie Orders

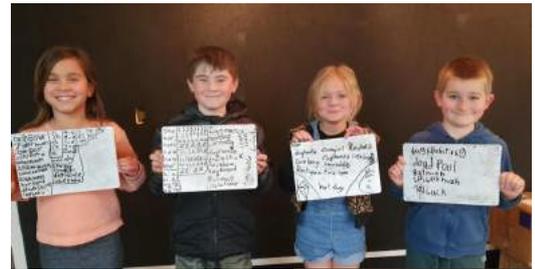
Middle of winter, feeling cold and needing a pie? Our PTA are currently undertaking their annual pie fundraiser. This year, the process for ordering pies is slightly different:

1. Paper copies of pie order forms sent home to whānau.
2. Whānau order how many and which pies they will like (this could include extended whānau and friends) - record this on the paper sheet.
3. One whānau member then totals the number of pies to be ordered and the amount.
4. The total number and amount is then ordered and submitted on the **online form with only one payment**.
5. Whānau to keep the paper form for their record.
6. Pies passed out to the one whānau member. It is then up to the one whānau member to pass out the pies to extended whānau members and friends.

The pie order forms will be sent out on Monday 27 July. For ease of ordering, you can scan the QR Code or type in the link. If you have any questions, please email the PTA Chair: kphillips@centralnormal.school.nz

Camp

A reminder to our Year 5/6 parents to complete the camp permission and medical consent form. This can be done by visiting the following link <https://tinyurl.com/yyxz3xpy> or scanning the QR Code.



Matilda, Kyren, Kaiya, Jack and Ihaka with their learning about compound

