

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 1

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

15 October 2020

Nau Mai Haere Mai ki Te Kura Tuatahi o Papaioea - Welcome to Central Normal School

We have had a fantastic start back to school, with a wonderful vibe and feel across our school and our tamariki settling very well back into their learning.

School began on Monday with a full school pōwhiri. After the unsettled nature of Alert Levels through the year, it was really nice to be able to have the whole school together, which strengthened and enhanced our sense of whānaungatanga and manaakitanga. Our pōwhiri welcomed our newest learners to our school and also three new support staff.



Year 5/6 Camp - Bonfire singalong and roasting s'mores

Our Year 5/6 classes are currently away on camp at El Rancho in Waikanae. From what we have heard, they are having an absolute blast and we look forward to all their stories and updates when they return.

Gathering your Voice

In the next few weeks we will be sending out a survey to gather your feedback and voice about our Strategic Plan. Our Strategic Plan outlines what we aim to achieve at our school and we are interested in your thoughts. We are also keen to hear from you what other ideas or initiatives we could consider in our kura. As we want to hear from as many of you as possible, every family that completes the survey will go in the draw for a \$70 Countdown voucher - so keep an eye out for this survey soon.

Korero Māori

This weeks phrase to learn is a common phrase asking how people are:

"Kei te pehea koe?" "How are you?"

"Kei te _____ au." "I am _____."

harikoa: happy

pouri: sad

ngenge: tired

hiamō: excited



Kia Kaha te Reo Māori

Shake Out

Tomorrow our school will participate in the national Shake Out drill. While the official day for this drill is today, we have chosen to hold ours tomorrow when we have our full school on site to be a part of the drill. An announcement will be made for our tamariki that there is an 'earthquake'. The procedure we use is DROP, COVER, HOLD. As part of our procedure, when the "shaking" stops, we evacuate to our evacuation assembly area.

Teacher Only Day - 27 October (school closed)

Labour Weekend and Teacher Only Day

Labour Day is on Monday 26 October where school will be closed. Our school will also be closed on Tuesday 27 October for our Teacher Only Day. Therefore, our tamariki will have a 4 day weekend. Our Teacher Only Day will be focused on professional learning, where we will be developing our local curriculum and reviewing our teaching appraisal requirements.

We thank you for your support with accommodating this, as it enables us valuable time to work through these key areas.

Contacts

Have we got your most up to date contact information? Sometimes we try to contact our whānau and the phone number we have on file is out of date or not working. Or, you may have changed your emergency contact person and the person we have listed is not correct. If you are unsure if we have your most up to date information, we would welcome you contacting us to check if what we have on file is correct - ngā mihi.

2021

We are currently in the early and draft stages of planning for next year. As mentioned above, this includes the actions and ideas we will include in our Strategic Plan. It also includes organising the school structure and drafting classes for next year. If you think there is anything we should know about your child that we should consider when drafting classes, please see either Matua Regan, Whaea Elly, Mrs Howard or Miss Brett. Please note, while we do consider your information, we cannot accommodate every request as we also have to balance the needs of **all** children and classes across the school.



Kindness Buckets

Akomanga 11 made these Kindness Buckets - when they see someone do something kind they fill their bucket with a token.



*Self Portraits with face masks
The Whare*



Lost

One of our children has lost their hearing aid at school. It looks like the one in the picture, but is black with a soccer ball sticker. If found, please return to the office - thank you.