

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 6

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

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Kia Ora Koutou, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei

Whānau - you are absolutely amazing! This year's Scholastic Book Fair has been our most successful yet!! Your support of this book fair has been overwhelming, with purchases totally nearly \$5,000! This is up more than \$1,500 on last year! This means we will receive nearly \$1,300 to spend on books for our library! A massive thank you to Mandy (our librarian) for coordinating the book fair and for her expert advice and support. Also a big thanks to our wonderful parent helpers who supported Mandy with the book fair.

Visiting Schools

On Tuesday we had two kaiako (teachers) from Tuahiwi School in Christchurch visiting our kura.

Next Monday, we have teachers from Roslyn School visiting us. These schools are coming to view our approach to teaching literacy (reading and writing).



From the beginning of last year, we have adopted and implemented an evidence based, structured approach to the teaching of reading and writing. In its basic form, it is teaching our children about phonological awareness (the sounds of letters and how the sounds come together to make words) to read and write. The structured approach we use follows a very systematic and sequential process.

Our staff have been engaged in professional learning over the past two years learning how to successfully and effectively implement this approach to support our tamariki. Through this approach, we are noticing great shifts in progress with our children's learning.

Staffing

As you are aware, Mrs Howard is leaving our kura at the end of the year, after 23 years of astute and amazing teaching and leadership at our kura. The Board of Trustees are pleased to share that Natalie Cooper will be the new Assistant Principal, with oversight of ORS and Special Education. Natalie comes with an extensive background and skillset in Special Education and ORS.

This week the Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Whaea Mahi from Akomanga 14 in Te Arawaru. As described above about our approach to the teaching of structured literacy - Mahi has modified, adapted and written a similar approach for teaching literacy for learning Te Reo Māori - Te Reo Matatini, which we teach in Te Arawaru.

The incredibly strong interest from across Aotearoa of how we teach Te Reo Matatini, has led to Mahi developing her own company to support kura across New Zealand! From next year, Mahi will be facilitating and leading schools in their own journey with a structured approach to teaching Te Reo Māori. This is a great acknowledgement for Mahi

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Last day of term - Tuesday 15 December

and we wish her all the very best. Mahi will however, be in our kura next year, continuing to support Te Arawaru with Te Reo Matatini.

We recently appointed Whaea Emma to Te Arawaru, who will teach in Akomanga 14 next year. We are currently in the process of appointing a new Team Leader for Te Arawaru. We also recently reappointed Matua Sam, who will continue to be with us next year.

One of our wonderful and long serving teacher aides, Laura, is leaving at the end of the year to move to Tauranga. Laura has been a great support to many of our ORS tamariki and know that she will be sadly missed by them. We wish Laura all the best for her next venture.



Pakiwaitara

Pakiwaitara (storytelling) is our context for learning this term. Akomanga 21 have been learning about and retelling the story of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. The above picture shows the wonderful and creative retelling of this story through Visual Art. If you look closely, you can see the the bear hunt trail, the swishy grass, the snow blizzard and the mountains. Ka pai ngā tamariki!

What's coming up?

As the end of the year rapidly approaches, there are a number of events to mark in your calendars:

Week 7	Thursday 26 November: Inter School athletics for selected students
Week 8	Monday 30 November: Whānau Hui, 5.30pm Tuesday 1 December: Open Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm. Thursday 3 December: Year 6 students to Ross Intermediate (those who are enrolled) Friday 4 December: Year 6 Road Patrollers movie
Week 9	Tuesday 8 December: Pōwhiri for Natalie and Emma Wednesday 9 December: Volunteers Morning Tea Friday 11 December: Māharahara End of Year Trip Friday 11 December: Whārite Fun Day
Week 10	Monday 14 December: Final Assembly, 11.30am Tuesday 15 December: School finishes, 12.30pm

Open Evening

After our last Learning Conferences, we reviewed the effectiveness of these. In summary, we found that our conferences weren't quite hitting the mark and we weren't seeing enough of our whānau. Therefore, our reporting to you this term about your child's progress and achievement will be much more informal. We will hold an Open Evening, where all classes will be open from 3.30pm - 7.00pm on Tuesday 1 December. During this time, you and your child are welcome to come into class, your child can show you their learning and your child's teacher can share with you their progress and achievement. There will be no booking at all - classes will be open for that duration for you to pop in at whatever time suits you. It is hoped that this is a much more informal and whānau centred evening. We look forward to seeing you all then.