

Maharahara

CNS · YEAR 3+4 · 2019

Welcome to Term 1 2019!

Kia ora whanau

We hope you have all had a great summer break with your children and they are returning to school refreshed for lots of learning.

This year we have 2 teachers who are returning to Maharahara from last year, Miss Rose and Mr Pahi, and two teachers new to CNS, Matua Matt and Whaea Emma. There is a bit more about each of us on the second page of this newsletter. We are really excited about the year ahead!

Our classrooms are fun, vibrant spaces and students are encouraged to develop creativity, learn to engage with others and become independent, self-directed learners. Our hope is that your tamariki will be excited about school and want to jump out of bed to get here every day.

Building work - work has been going on over the holidays and there are new glass sliding doors in between Pods 6 and 7. Come and take a look at our new spaces.

Swimming - this term is a swimming term and we will be swimming from week 2 (next Monday). Maharahara's swimming days are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Please ensure your child brings togs and a towel to school on these days - it is so hot that they will really benefit from a dip! We will let you know later in the term when the pool closes.

School Picnic & BBQ - there is a School Picnic on Tuesday 12 Feb here at CNS from 5:30-7.00pm - this is for all children and their whanau. Bring your own kai or purchase a sausage from the BBQ. The pool will be open (for school students only). We hope you can make it.

Lastly, if you have any queries or concerns please contact your child's classroom first of all and we will do our best to help. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children this year.

Nga Mihi,

Matt Costley, Galatia Rose, Emma Riley & Floyd Pahi

Reminders

- **Morning drop-offs:** School classrooms are open from **8:30am** after the bell. Please try not to drop off children earlier than that as teachers are busy preparing for the day.
- **Sunhats:** these are **COMPULSORY** this term - please ensure your child brings theirs to school every day. If your child does not have a hat, these can be purchased at the school office.
- **Sunscreen:** please put sunscreen on your child before school starts - we do not have sunscreen at school.
- **School Assemblies:** these are every second Friday (from wk 3) at 9.15am. We will take turns in hosting these throughout the year. All welcome.
- **Brain food:** a reminder that this needs to be healthy food, eg fruit, crackers, but not in a packet please.
- **Drinks:** water is the only drink allowed. Milk is provided by the school.
- **Waitangi Day:** school is closed next Wednesday 6 February.
- **Stationery** - School Stationery this year can be purchased online from <https://www.myschool.co.nz/> Search for Central Normal School, select '**Pods 5,6,7,8**' and follow the instructions on the website.
- **School Facebook Page:** Please do 'Like' our page to stay in touch with updates. <https://www.facebook.com/CentralNormalSchool/>

Sharing our learning

Seesaw is where we regularly share what we are doing and learning. Your child will bring home information on how you can connect to their Seesaw account - it is as easy as a free app for your phone. Please know that more than one whanau member can connect to an account, so if you have other whanau members who would like to see your child's work and comment on it, please do share.

We know that whenever kids get a comment from a loved one it really makes a huge difference to their learning so please do leave the odd encouragement.



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Maharahara team 2019

Pod 5 - Galatia Rose

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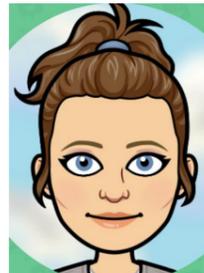
Talofa! I am lucky to be teaching in Maharahara again, in 2019! I am excited to work with a new bunch of fabulous kids to guide them through this year of their learning journey. I am passionate about teaching, particularly visual arts and maths. Family is really important to me. I am a step-mum of 2, and I live with my partner, Trev, and our crazy dog, Rogue. I absolutely LOVE dogs! I also really enjoy reading, being creative and getting out into the great outdoors. Please feel free to come in and say hi!



Pod 6 - Emma Riley

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Kia Ora! My name is Whaea Emma and I am really excited to join the Maharahara Team for 2019. For the last 7 years, I have been teaching in Levin and I can't wait to contribute to the Central Normal community. I have a keen interest in music, (particularly singing) and I love getting involved in Science! Conservation and New Zealand wildlife are two other areas that I am passionate about. Outside of school I enjoy spending time with my young family. I'm looking forward to meeting the whanau and tamariki in Pod 6 and working alongside the passionate and collaborative staff at Central Normal School. Please feel free to drop by our pod if you would like to chat or have any questions or concerns regarding your child.



Pod 7 - Matt Costley (Team Leader)

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Kia ora koutou, I'm Matua Matt and I am really excited to be joining the teaching team in Maharahara. I have previously taught at Takaro School and Whakarongo School. I am passionate about seeing children excited to come to school and being motivated to learn. I have particular interests in Maths, Reading, music and sport of any kind. I was born and bred in Palmy and returned to live here after many years living in the UK. I am married to Kate and we have four children aged 6-13 plus a dog. I look forward to meeting all of the whanau here at Central Normal School.



Pod 8 - Floyd Pahi

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Kia ora whanau! This will be my third year teaching in Maharahara. I am really excited to see all of our awesome tamariki back after the long break! I am also very excited to meet all of the new students that will be joining Maharahara this year. My passions are PE, Rugby, Te Reo Māori and Maths! Home for me is the mighty King Country, where I grew up in the small town of Taumarunui. Whanau is very important to me. I have 8 nieces and nephews who I love spending time with and are the reason I became a teacher. My door is always open so please feel free to stop in after school for a chat or contact me if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child.



Term dates

WEEK 1: 31 JAN - 1 FEB

Thurs 31: School year begins 9am

WEEK 2: 4 - 8 FEB

Wed 6: Waitangi Day (no school)

WEEK 3: 11 - 15 FEB

Tues 12: School Picnic 5:30-7pm

Fri 15: Te Arawaru leading assembly

WEEK 4: 18 - 22 FEB

WEEK 5: 25 FEB - 1 MAR

Fri 1: Wharite leading assembly

WEEK 6: 4 - 8 MAR

WEEK 7: 11 - 15 MAR

Fri 15: Maharahara leading assembly

WEEK 8: 18 - 22 MAR

WEEK 9: 25 - 29 MAR

Fri 29: Matanginui leading assembly

WEEK 10: 1-5 APR

Sun 7: Daylight Saving ends

WEEK 11: 8-12 APR

Fri 12: Te Arawaru leading assembly
Term ends 3pm

