

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

Wahanga 4 Wiki 7

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

2 December 2021

Tēnā Koutou katoa, Malo e lelei, Talofa Lava, Namaste

We really enjoyed seeing so many of you at our recent Learning Conferences. The Conferences provided a great opportunity for you to catch up with your child's teacher and for your child to share their learning with you. Given that our current restrictions mean whānau aren't able to come into school, we really valued this time with you to connect kanohi te kanohi/face to face.

COVID-19

For the second year in a row, COVID continues to dominate much of our daily life and many of you have commented about COVID fatigue and the impact this is having. Remember, if you ever need any support, please let us know.

As of tomorrow our region will move to Orange in the Covid Protection Framework (CPF) Traffic Light system. While our region will move to Orange, there won't be any changes to our current measures at school. Advice from the Ministry of Education is to maintain current Alert Level 2 measures until the end of the year, so that we/schools do not have to make any major changes to our structure in the final weeks of school. Therefore, we will continue with our current Alert Level 2 measures until the last day of school.

In the new year when school returns, we will let you know what school will be like under the CPF framework.

Graduation

Yesterday a note went home to all our Year 6 tamariki, explaining how Graduation will look this year. Due to COVID restrictions, we have taken a health and safety/cautious approach to Graduation, while still making sure that we can recognise and celebrate our fantastic Year 6 students. Graduation will be held at Crossroads Church, Church Street on Tuesday 7 December. Each Year 6 class will have their own Graduation, with times needing to be strictly adhered to. The order of events will be:

5.00pm - 5.30pm: Akomanga 1
5.45pm - 6.15pm: Akomanga 3

6.30pm - 7.00pm: Akomanga 4
7.15pm - 7.45pm: Akomanga 16

On Monday, each Year 6 student will be issued with **2** tickets, to invite 2 members of their whānau along. It will be a condition of entry that adults **MUST** show their Vaccination pass and their ticket on

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entry. Without either, there will be no entry. We absolutely understand and acknowledge that some whānau will be unable to attend, so each Graduation will be recorded and posted to Seesaw on Wednesday.

We thank you for your understanding and awhi as we ensure we can make Graduation work for our tamariki, while maintaining COVID health and safety measures.

End of Year Celebrations

Teams have been creative in their planning to ensure that classes can still celebrate the year that was and finish with a fun and enjoyable celebration. Yesterday, Te Arawaru had a brilliant day of fun with a water slide, swimming in the pool and a bouncy castle!

Camp 2022

A notice has gone home to all Year 4 and 5 tamariki who will be attending camp next year at El Rancho. If you would like to be considered as a parent helper on camp, please return the form to school by TOMORROW.

Staffing

We recently appointed two new teachers to our school, Laurel Winiata and Sarah Carpendale. Laurel will be a beginning teacher, who will be teaching Year 1/2 in Whārite and Sarah is an experienced teacher, who will be teaching Year 5/6 in Mātangiunui. Whaea Jordyn recently shared with us that her and her husband are expecting their first baby, which is exciting news for them! Whaea Jordyn will be with us until the end of Term 1. Miss Rose will resume her full time teaching position next year and Mrs Lees will be with us one day a week. Like Whaea Luana this year, Whaea Hine will be on study leave for most of next year to pursue a Diploma in Te Reo Māori. At the end of the year, we will farewell Matua Sam, who has decided to become a tradie!

End of Year Calendar Dates

Friday 3 December:	Wearable Arts parade for all Teams (unfortunately, no whānau will be allowed on site)
Monday 6 December:	Team Transition. Children will spend some time in their 2022 Team
Monday 6 December:	School Board meeting, 5.30pm
Tuesday 7 December:	Māharahara Pool Party
Tuesday 7 December:	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 9 December:	Sausage Sizzle Day and Whārite Fun Day
Thursday 9 December:	2022 Class Placement letters go home
Friday 10 December:	Class Transition. Children will spend some time in their 2022 class. Our new teachers will also be with us.
Wednesday 15 December:	School finishes for the year - 12.30pm

Sympathies

On behalf of the students, staff and whānau of Central Normal School, we would like to extend our deepest sympathies and aroha to the whānau of Wiki Mulholland. Wiki was a much loved member of our school community, who though her brave fight, also championed for better access to cancer drugs. Wiki's husband was also a member of our School Board. Wiki, moe mai rā i roto i ngā ringa o tipuna.

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