

# CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

Term 1 Week 11

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

11 April 2019

## Tena Koutou Katoa, Bula Vinaka, Guten Tag

Our school roll has continued to grow over the term, with our roll now at 421 children. Over the past two weeks we have welcomed Te Pounamu (Akomanga 13), Naomi and Havyn-Reign (Room 19) to Central Normal School/Te Kura Tuatahi o Papaiōea. We wish you all the very best for your learning at Central. We also extend a warm welcome to your family and whānau to our school.

As the term draws to an end, it is timely to reflect back on the activities and events that have happened during Term 1:

- Whānau Picnic
- Whānau Hui
- Tryathlon
- Class swimming
- Inter school sports events
- and the roll out of our new iPads.

## Duffy Books in Schools

Our school belongs to the Duffy Books in Schools programme, whereby our children are able to receive a free book three times a year. The purpose of the Duffy programme is to provide children with their own books to grow and foster a love of reading. On Tuesday we held our first school-wide Duffy assembly, where we were joined by local sports celebrity, Steph McKenzie. Steph spoke with our children about the importance of following your dreams and passions and about how important reading is. Steph then passed out the books to our tamariki. It was absolutely delightful to see the joy and happiness on our children's faces as they received their books.

## Drive In Movie

Our drive in movie last week was a huge success! We sold over 200 tickets for this inaugural event, which was absolutely terrific! We were absolutely amazed by all the wonderful cars that had been created. An event such as this was brilliant for bringing children and family together to work on a shared project - thank you all very much for your efforts with creating the cars (and other vehicles that came along). A big thank you to the PTA for organising this event. Funds raised from the drive in movie will be used towards establishing a fitness track at our school.



*Duffy Books in Schools assembly*



# End of Term 1 - tomorrow, 3.00pm

## Food at School

As per our policy and procedure, we do ask that children/parents do not bring sweets, treats or cakes into school for their children's classes. While we acknowledge that it is a kind gesture, we are mindful that some of our children have allergies to various products, and that the bringing in of items can cause a precedent for others to 'have to do the same'. Thank you very much for your understanding and support with this - it is much appreciated.

## Pod 7 trip

As part of their learning about the history of Central Normal School/Te Kura Tuatahi o Papaiōea, Pod 7 did a walking tour of the previous sites of Central Normal School. Before our current location, Central Normal (or Central School as it was called) was previously located on two former sites; on Campbell Street (where the Campbell Street kindy is) and on the corner of Princess and Main Streets, where the current Empire Hotel is. Pod 7 also visited The Square to see Te Marae o Hine - The Courtyard of the Daughter of Peace. Te Marae o Hine is a story from Rangitāne iwi, which describes how the courtyard received its name.

## End of Term

A reminder that the school term ends tomorrow, Friday 12 April at 3.00pm. There will be a school assembly tomorrow at 9.15am. The school term starts again on Monday 29 April at 9.00am. This year, both Easter and ANZAC Day fall within the school holidays.

## Block 5 Redevelopment

We have had the final plans drafted for the redevelopment of Akomanga 15/16. The plans have been put through for building consent and at this stage, we are hopeful for a Term 3 start for this work. During the redevelopment of these classes, Akomanga 15 and 16 will be relocated to other areas within the school.

## Teacher Aide

We are currently looking for a teacher aide to work in our school. The position is for 10 hours per week to work alongside nominated children. If you are interested in this position, please contact Regan or view the advertisement on Trade Me.



*Amelia, Aya and Hadassah with the capsicums they grew.*



*Pod 7's Central Normal historical walk*



## Advanced Notice - Teachers Paid Union Meeting

We have been informed of the next Paid Union Meeting date (which was postponed from last month). We will finish early on **Friday 10 May at 12.50pm** to allow staff to attend their Paid Union Meeting on this day.