

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

Term 1 Week 3

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

14 February 2019

Tena Koutou Katoa, Ni Hao, Bonjour

It was wonderful to see so many families and whānau at our school picnic on Tuesday evening. The weather was terrific and it was great to see everyone enjoying the sunshine, good kai, sports activities and catching up with other whānau. We value events such as this where the community comes together, as it contributes towards the fantastic culture we have here at Central Normal.

ValueFocus

Our value focus for the next two weeks is Manaakitanga. Manaakitanga is about: inclusion, diversity, resilience and celebrating uniqueness.

Feedback

It is always a pleasure showing new whānau around our school and sharing with them the vision we have for learning and teaching, the classroom programmes that we have here at Central and our great tamariki. Last week when I showed some parents around our school, they were quick to comment about the 'great feel' we have in our school and how happy and polite our children were. This is wonderful feedback for our school!

Seesaw

This week you may have received an invite to join up to Seesaw. Seesaw is an online portfolio, where each child has their own Seesaw portfolio, where they can share a range of learning with family and whānau. Seesaw allows children and teachers to post; learning, teaching, photos, samples of students work and video, so that you can see more of what your child is learning at school. Seesaw also allows communication between teacher/whānau and whānau/child, where comments and posts can be made (similar to Facebook posting). Seesaw is completely private to only those who are granted access - typically the teacher/child and parent. Seesaw is an app that can be downloaded onto your phone, so that you can receive regular posts about your child's learning. As we want to use Seesaw to share and celebrate your child's learning and for regular communication - we aim to have **every** parent sign up to their child's Seesaw account. Every parent that signs up to their child's account before Monday 25 February, will go in the draw for a \$40 Countdown voucher!

Swimming

It is with great regret that we have had to close our school pool effective immediately. A large crack has been discovered on the base of the pool, which has lifted the concrete and allowed the water to get in underneath. We will be working to fix this issue, but it is not a quick fix. It is highly likely that the pool will be out of action for the remainder of the summer term.

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Breakfast Club

Starting the day with a full tummy, ensures children (and adults!) are fuelled to start the day right. We are fortunate at our school that we facilitate a Breakfast Club, where children can have breakfast if they haven't been able to have any at home. Currently, we run this programme two days a week (Monday and Friday) from 8.30am - 9.00am, thanks to a team of volunteers. We are seeking more volunteers to run this programme for three days a week - to include Wednesday. If you are able to help oversee this programme on a Wednesday, please see our Assistant Principal, Jess Brett.



Tikanga Māori

This year we are fortunate to have Matua Kapene teaching Tikanga and Te Reo across all classes in Kura Auraki. Matua Kapene takes each class for a number of sessions to teach them te reo, waiata, rakau games and tikanga. This supports the schools and Board of Trustees goal to ensure all children can experience and enjoy Tikanga Māori. Matua Kapene is also taking the various school kapa haka groups, including Ngā Pou.

I tried the Tri

I tried the Tri is a fantastic triathlon event that gets children out and about and active. The event is run at Skoglund Park and Freyberg Community Pool, where participants run, cycle and swim. The event is run every Monday, from Monday 11 February - Monday 11 March. Entries can be made on the day of the triathlon. For more information, go to:

<http://www.triclub.co.nz/crank-it-specialized-i-trid-tri-series>



Matua Kapene teaching tikanga and the reo

Student Success

Congratulations to Kaylee (Hub 9) who represented Manawatū in touch rugby over the summer break. Ka mau te wehi, Kaylee!

Framed portraits, Rooms 19-21

Ko Wai Au?

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, one of our learning focuses this term is Ko Wai Au? Who am I? This is all about classes learning about each other to develop successful class relationships, which sets the foundation for a positive year. Children in Rooms 19-21 have been learning about themselves and each other and painted beautiful frames to hold their photos.



Dogs

A reminder, our school policy states that dogs are not permitted on school grounds - thank you.