

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

Term 1 Week 6

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

7 March 2019

Kia Ora Koutoua, Malo e lelei, Talofa

The Tryathlon last Friday was an incredibly enjoyable event, with all our tamariki giving it a go and participating with loads of energy and enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see so many families and whānau here, enjoying the day and cheering on our children - thank you very much for supporting this event.

Value Focus

Our value focus for the next two weeks is Kaitiakitanga. Kaitiakitanga can be described as: responsibility, caring for and looking after; our people, places, land, culture and language.

Mathematics

One of our professional learning and development areas for our teachers this year is mathematics. We are working with two facilitators, Dinah Harvey and Ros Bartosh, who are supporting and challenging us with building better maths programmes for our tamariki. The teaching of mathematics has changed a lot since we all went to school and Dinah and Ros are helping us to provide rich and engaging maths programmes, based on sound research. Some of the new approaches include: providing complex, deep problems for children to solve, increased collaboration between learners to work on problems, use of a range of materials and resources to help children 'see' the maths, not having rote learning of times tables/basic facts and continually testing these and accepting and praising mistakes in maths.

Forms, forms and more forms

Today your child will bring home an envelope containing either 2 or 3 forms (3 forms if your child is in Year 5/6). These forms are **VERY** important and we need you to take the time to read them and return them to school.

1. Permission Form (green form - everybody). This form asks your permission for a range of things, such as, allowing your child to go on local trips, allowing us to administer first aid and giving us permission to publish your child's learning and image online.
2. Student Profile Sheet (white form - everybody). This form asks you to read over and check the details and information we have for you and your child/ren. This form is **really important** as it lists the contact details (phone numbers and addresses) for you and other caregivers, that we may need to use to contact you at any time. The form also asks you to update and provide us with any medical information that we should be aware about for your child.
3. Student User Agreement (yellow form - Year 5/6). This form outlines the procedures for children using mobile devices at our school. The Board of Trustees have purchased new iPads to allow our children in Year 5/6 to have 1:1 access to a mobile device to support their learning. This form outlines the rules of use and what children should do if they come across a problem when using a device.

We would like **ALL** forms to be returned to your child's class by **Thursday 14 March**. Every form returned by 14 March, enables you to go into the draw for a \$50 Countdown voucher.

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Value Focus:



KAITIAKITANGA

Te Arawaru Whānau Hui - Wed. 13 March 6.00pm

Drive In Movie

On Thursday 4 April at 5.30pm, we are hosting our first ever drive in movie at Central! Children are encouraged to make their own car to sit in for the movie. The movie to be screened is *The Incredibles 2*, which is a high action superhero movie. Tickets for the movie are \$5 and can be purchased from the school office. Rather than giving out actual tickets, the office will write down your child's name as proof of their purchase. The \$5 will give your child entry to the movie and a snack box to enjoy during the movie.



School Donations

Every year the Board of Trustees seeks a school donation from our whanau to assist with the learning and teaching opportunities we provide at our school. The Board has set the donation at \$50 for one child or \$70 for a family. Receipts are provided and marked 'Donation', which may be claimed as a tax exemption. We would greatly appreciate your support if you can pay the donation.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Fou family who have won the \$40 Countdown voucher for promptly signing up to their children's Seesaw account. If you haven't already done so, please make sure to sign up to your child's Seesaw account to view their learning and posts.



Tryathlon Slip and Slide

Grandparents raising Grandchildren

Are you a grandparent raising grandchildren? Grandparents raising Grandchildren is an organisation that can support you. Free assistance, advice and support on issues you may have including financial assistance and support services for your grandchildren. GRG has a local group who meet once a month. For more information, phone 0800 472 637, website www.grg.org.nz or your local coordinator 021 229 0455.

Legend of Okatia - The Whare

Hauora and Wellbeing

We are noticing now more than ever, the importance of wellbeing and hauora, especially in our tamariki. Many of our children experience anxiety, low self-esteem or have lots of worries. On Wednesday 13 March from 9.30am - 11.30am, Parentline Manawātū are hosting a seminar on understanding children's anxiety and providing strategies to support them. The seminar will be held at Hancock Community House, 77-85 King Street. Phone 366 1655 or 0800 4 FAMILY to register.



Paid Union Meeting

A reminder that we are finishing early on Friday 22 March to allow our teachers to attend the Paid Union Meeting. A form went home last week indicating if you can pick your child up early on Friday 22 March at 12.50pm. We need ALL forms returned please, as we will not let children walk home early without an adult. If you have misplaced your form, new forms can be found on our Facebook page.