

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

Term 2 Week 10

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

4 July 2019

Kia Ora koutou, Bula Vinaka, Guten Tag

We really appreciated catching up with so many of you last week at our Learning Conferences. As you know, we have changed how we report to you about your child's learning, progress and achievement. Most of our reporting to you is through Seesaw, which provides regular updates and celebrations of your child's learning in Literacy and Maths, but also in other areas such as The Arts, Science and Technology. Learning Conferences focused on sharing with you your child's achievement in relation to the core areas of the curriculum - Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Early next term, we will survey you to gather your feedback about our revised reporting.

We also appreciated many of you taking the opportunity to view our children's fantastic artwork on display in the hall. Feedback from many of you was how tremendous the art looked.

Fun Run

What an absolutely amazing day we had last Friday for our Fun Run! The sun shone, costumes were worn, and fun was had as children, teachers and parents ran laps around the field in support of Kids Can. Numerous people have commented about the positivity and enjoyment of the Fun Run. Astonishingly, our school has raised in excess of \$9,000 for Kids Can!!!!!! That is a remarkable figure! Congratulations to all those children who have raised money for Kids Can, as we value and appreciate the service we receive from Kids Can. In particular, special mention to Aisha (Akomanga 15) who has individually raised over \$600 for this amazing cause! To those children who raised money - your prizes can now be ordered online. If you have any issues, please see Miss Brett.

John Parsons

It was a privilege to have John Parsons in our school yesterday talking with our tamariki, pouako and whānau about online safety. While John shared many real experiences about the issues of what can happen online, he also shared a number of very practical ideas and strategies about online safety, risk management and how to support your child with being a positive digital citizen. If you missed John's message, you can learn more here: <http://www.simulate2educate.co.nz/john-parsons>



End of Term 2 - tomorrow, 3.00pm

Tools for Schools

On Saturday Miss Brett, Zoe, Aliyah and Taetyrn competed in the Tools for Schools competition at Mitre 10. Our team competed against Riverdale and Parkland Schools, where they had to create a scarecrow from materials sourced at Mitre 10. Each school had to make a scarecrow resembling one of the Breakfast radio hosts from More FM Manawatū. After an intense competition, Parkland were crowned the winners, with our team coming a commendable 2nd place!!!

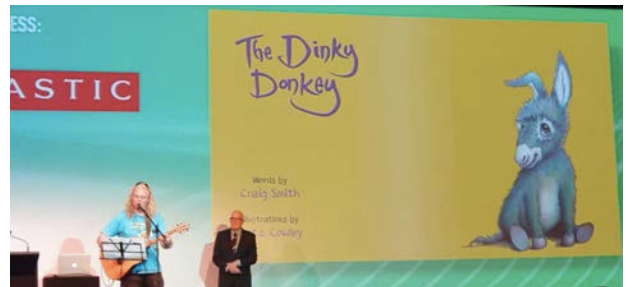


Lockdown

On Thursday last week, we held our planned Lockdown drill. Our children and staff are to be commended for their quick response to this drill and for following school procedures. One aspect we reviewed as a part of this procedure was how we would communicate with whānau if a Lockdown did occur. To ensure we could communicate with more of you in the actual event of a lockdown, we would send a bulk text message out to our whānau. We would also still let you know via Facebook.

Principals Conference

This week I am attending the New Zealand Principals Conference in Auckland. We have been fortunate to hear from many inspirational speakers, who are sharing best practice in teaching and learning. One outstanding keynote speaker was Dr Yong Zhao, who talked about harnessing the interests and passions of our children to really engage them with their learning. Dr Zhao also talked about how schools need to be fundamentally different places than what they were 20 years ago, to better meet the needs of today's children. We also had the world premiere of Craig Smith's new book The Dinky Donkey. This promises to be another world wide hit like his previous book, The Wonky Donkey.



Lost Property

We have a **LARGE** amount of Lost Property that is currently unclaimed. Please make a point of checking the Lost Property to see if there are any items that belong to your child. All unclaimed Lost Property will be donated to the Red Cross on Friday afternoon.

End of Term

Tomorrow is the end of Term 2. School finishes at the normal time of 3.00pm. School resumes again on Monday 22 July at 9.00am.

Assembly

Our final assembly of the term will be tomorrow at 9.10am. This assembly will be hosted by Te Arawaru. All family and whānau are welcome to attend.