

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

Term 2 Week 3

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

16 May 2019

Talofa Lava, Malo e Ielei, Kia Ora Koutou

Yesterday, Akomanga 15 and 16 had a fantastic trip around the wider Mananwatū, visiting historically significant sites to Rangitāne iwi. Places they visited were: Whakarongo Lagoon, Awapuni Lagoon, Makueraua, Mautoa Sluice Gates, Shannon and Foxton Estuary. The tamariki and pouako learnt about the importance and cultural significance of these places to Rangitāne. A big thank you to one of our parents, Siobhan, who facilitated the trip and shared the knowledge and history with our tamariki.

NZEI Union Strike

You have probably heard through the media that the NZEI Union and its members (primary teachers) have called for a nationwide strike on Wednesday 29 May. This strike will also be held alongside the PPTA Union and their members (secondary teachers). This will be the largest education strike in New Zealand's history, where both primary and secondary teachers will be on strike together. We appreciate that we have been on strike twice before, but members have voted to go on strike again, with the support of our secondary colleagues, to really enforce to the government the key messages and issues affecting education. Some of the key messages and issues are:

- Increased funding and support for children with special and/or behavioural needs
- Significant pay jolt to increase the pay of teachers to attract and retain teachers in the profession
- Improved workload conditions
- Recruitment of teachers to address the staffing crisis

Our Board of Trustees have chosen to close the school for instruction on Wednesday 29 May, as our staff will be on strike. We apologise for the disruption this may cause, but appreciate your support and understanding as we campaign to the government about the issues affecting education.

New Murals

Over the next two weeks, we have Carolyn Dodd working in our school developing new wall murals with some of our students. Carolyn is a primary teacher who is an incredibly talented artist, who loves to inspire and develop a love of art with children. Carolyn and our children will be developing new murals representing our five values, which will be proudly displayed on the backboard/wall facing the courts by Matanginui.



Akomanga 15/16 trip

School Closed for Strike - Wed. May 29

Ross Intermediate Board of Trustees

With Board elections, parents of children in Year 6 can be on the parent roll for their current school (Central) and the Intermediate School that their child is likely to attend. Therefore, addresses of children enrolled in Year 6 at our school are passed on to the Intermediates for the purposes of Board elections. This information is **ONLY** used for the purposes of the Board elections. If you have any further questions about this, please see Matua Regan or Emma in the office - Returning Officer for the Board Elections.



Social Socks - Pod 7

Board Elections

By now you would have received your information relating to the upcoming Board Elections for our school. If you would like to stand for the Board, you need to have your nomination form and candidate statement (optional) in to the Returning Officer (Emma in the office) by 12 noon on Friday 24 May. Elections for the Board, if required, will be held by 7 June.

School Donation

Every year the Board of Trustees seeks a school donation from our whānau 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 and sincerely thank those families who have.

Pā Ropata

A reminder that we are having a school assembly tomorrow morning to farewell Pā Ropata. Pā has been the Team Leader of Te Arawaru for 7 years and we welcome all family and whānau to the assembly on Friday.

Red Cross

The Red Cross are offering free curtains to people with Community Services Cards and Gold Cards to help keep their homes warm in winter. Pop along to the Red Cross at 24B Domain Street on a Wednesday or Friday to collect your free curtains.

Support Staff Day

Today is Support Staff Day, where schools around New Zealand celebrate the wonderful Support Staff we all have. At Central we are incredibly fortunate to have a fantastic team of Support Staff, which includes our Teacher Aides, Office Staff, Cleaners and Caretakers - they are all quite simply amazing. If you see one of our Support Staff today - give a big shout out to them!



Balloon painting - Room 19 and Room 2