

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

Term 2 Week 5

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

30 May 2019

Talof lava, Malo e Lelei

A **MASSIVE** thank you for your overwhelming support of our Strike action yesterday. We also sincerely appreciated your messages of support and gratitude towards our teaching team. Central Normal School teachers, including many of our teacher aides, joined our other colleagues on the corners of Rangitikei Street and Tremaine Avenue, to share our message loud and clear to the government about improving resourcing and conditions for our tamariki and pouako. The strike then moved to The Square, where teachers from across the wider Manawatū came together for a mass rally, with primary and secondary teachers standing together in solidarity and support. Again, we thank you for your support and for making any required arrangements for your tamariki to be looked after for the day.



Extra Long Weekend

This weekend will be an extra long weekend for Central Normal School tamariki. School will be closed on Monday for Queen's Birthday and our school will also be closed on Tuesday for Teacher's Only Day. On this day we will be having professional learning and development with Roly Fitzgerald of Rangitāne Iwi. Roly will be leading our staff through Te Tiriti o Waitangi, with a particular focus on Rangitāne. School will resume as normal on Wednesday 5 June at 9.00am.

Education Review Office (ERO)

This week we were notified that the Education Review Office (ERO) will be visiting our school in Week 8 of Term 3 (September). ERO are responsible for externally evaluating schools. An ERO review should compliment a school's own self review and provide next steps for improvement. A full school pōwhiri will be held for ERO on the Monday when they arrive at our school and family and whānau will be welcome to join us. As the time gets closer, we'll keep you notified.



Wildbase Discovery Centre

Last week, Akomanaga 13/14 and The Whare enjoyed an informative and fun trip to the Wildbase Discovery Centre in the Esplanade. Wildbase Discovery is the new information and animal centre, which contains many native animals and plants. The children also went for a hikoi to the Okatia Steps, which reinforced their learning about the legend of Okatia and the Manawatū River. A big thanks to all the parents and whānau who came along and supported this haerenga.



School is closed Monday and Tuesday

Focus on Reading

Over the course of Term 1 and this term, Hub 9 have been logging the number of combined minutes they have been reading for. This has been to develop their love of reading and reading mileage. Last week, Hub 9 reached the soaring total of 10,000 minutes of reading! To celebrate this great achievement, the children made fruit kebabs, which they enjoyed last Friday. Tino Pai rawa Hub 9!

Digital Technologies

This year, a new learning area of the New Zealand Curriculum was introduced - Digital Technologies. Digital Technologies is a part of the Technology curriculum, which focuses on computational thinking, problem solving, and core programming concepts, so that children can become creators of digital technology - not just users. Many of our classes have been engaging in unplugged activities, which teach children about basic coding problems and designs and to develop coding skills without the use of technology. Room 19 had a great time creating their own large scale directional coding map.

Cross Country

Tomorrow is our school cross country, which all family and whānau are welcome to attend. The order of events is as follows:

Central Normal School Field:

9.15am: Year 1 and Year 2 tamariki

Coronation Park:

9.45am approx: Year 3 and Year 4 tamariki

10.15am approx: Year 5 and Year 6 tamariki

An update will be posted on FB if we need to postpone due to rain.

