

CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL

TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA

Term 3 Week 10

Whaia Kia Tutuki ~ Strive to your Potential

26 September 2019

Kia Ora Koutou, Malo e Lelei, Ni Hao, Namaste

Here we are nearing the end of the term and the children are ready for a well deserved break. The children (and teachers) have worked exceptionally hard this term and they can be incredibly proud of all their mahi and what they have achieved. Our Science focus this term has gone incredibly well and all classes have thoroughly enjoyed undertaking their various scientific experiments, reflecting our school wide focus of "Think Like a Scientist." Our focus next term is Health and Safety and we will have a visit from the Life Education Trust with Harold the Giraffe.

Staffing

We are delighted to share with you that Whaea Mahi will be the permanent Team Leader of Te Arawaru. Whaea Mahi has demonstrated positive and considered leadership, who is very passionate about Māori Immersion learning. She is also leading Te Arawaru with the implementation of teaching Te Reo Māori from a phonological approach.

Tomorrow is the final day for Matua Kapene. This will be a sad day for our Kura as we lose a treasured taonga who has greatly supported and taught Tikanga and Te Reo Māori in our school. Kapane has also been instrumental with leading our Kapa Haka groups, in particular Ngā Pou o Tararua, to the highest standard. This was evidenced by Ngā Pou making it to Regionals and Nationals. We know Kapane's tipuna are calling him back and we wish him all the very best in the Mighty Waikato. A poroporoaki will be held for Matua Kapene in The Whare at 2.15pm tomorrow and whānau are welcome to come along.

Before Matua Kapene's departure, we had Matua, Mrs Lees and some children from Ngā Pou o Tararua, record a number of waiata, including our school song at The Stomach Recording Studios. This will then allow us to have a recording of these waiata to use in our kura.

Staff v Students Netball

There was great excitement and competition on Monday with the Staff v Students Netball game. Everyone played with passion and pride and it's fair to say that netball was the winner on the day!



Last day of Term 3 - Friday 27 Sept. 3.00pm

Donations Scheme

The Government recently announced that Decile 1 - 7 schools (we are a Decile 4) can opt into a Donation Scheme, which means that these schools can receive additional funding of \$150 per child. If schools do opt into this scheme, they are then not allowed to seek a School Donation from parents. Currently our school donation is set at \$70 a family and \$50 for a child. There are other guidelines about what this money can and cannot be used for. The accompanying table shows what schools can or cannot seek payment for.

The Board of Trustees discussed the School Donation scheme at their recent Board Meeting and went through the advantages and disadvantages of this scheme. Currently, our school brings in approximately \$3,000 from School Donations. This scheme would bring in \$67,500 for our school. This money could then be used to broaden the curriculum experiences for our children to enhance learning and teaching. The funding would come into effect for the 2020 year.

As the table clearly shows, schools can still seek a donation towards the cost of school camp. With sports, as these are deemed optional activities, parents are still expected to pay for these.

The Board believes that opting into this scheme would be incredibly beneficial to our school. If you have any feedback or questions regarding this scheme, please see or make contact with Matua Regan before **Friday 25 October**.

Similarly, if you have any ideas of how this funding could be utilised to support our tamariki, please let Matua Regan know by **Friday 25 October**.

Classes: 2020

It won't be long before we start considering and drafting the classes for 2020. If there are any considerations you think we should know about or be aware of regarding your child, please see either Matua Regan, Whaea Elly, Mrs Howard or Miss Brett.

School Donation Scheme:

What can or cannot schools seek donations for?

X = schools cannot ask for a donation

✓ = schools can ask for a donation towards costs (but not compulsory).

P = parents must pay

Overnight Camps

Schools can ask for a parent donation towards the cost of a school camp.

✓

School Donations

Annual School Donations

X

Day Trips

For example: Going to Ngā Manu

X

ICT

Asking students to pay for online programmes

X

Swimming

Swimming at school or off-site

X

The Arts

Tuition from a school Arts teacher

X

Learning Support

Additional support to help your child, such as, Reading Support, Maths Support, ESOL

X

Sports Teams

Playing for a school sports team, such as, touch, hockey, netball

P

School Uniform

School Hats, and if we ever had a uniform that was offered to children.

P

School Stationery

Purchasing your child's stationery for school

P



Team culture at Touch Rugby

Kapa Haka

Do you know someone who can teach Kapa Haka?

We are seeking a Kapa Haka tutor. If you know someone, please see Matua Regan