



# NEWSLETTER

MISSION: Together we will encourage, challenge and inspire each other towards a love of learning.

**Central School**

Te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu

Mā te ākonga te iti kahurangi e whai atu

Strive for excellence

**17 November 2015**

Ngā mihi ki te whānau o te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu

***Totō hau tōkiga nei auā na tupulaga e fāi mai.***  
*Plant a seed today for your future generations.*

***Ka Whangaia, Ka Tupu, Ka Puawai***  
*That which is nurtured grows, develops and blossoms.*



## **MEET NICK CREERY AND HIS FAMILY**

Nick is joining our teaching team in 2016. A New Plymouth man, he, his wife Rebecca and their two young daughters, Annabelle and Daisy are returning to NP in December after 12 years in the UK. Nick is leaving his position as Director of Academic Studies at his school in Kensington, London.



## **WELCOME BACK TO JESS MCKENDRY in 2016**

Since Jess has finished her teaching practicum with us, she is regularly back at school. Room 9 was lucky to have her expertise in their SOMAD performance and I think Jess was certainly more nervous than they. Jess heralds from Wellington and after completing her Bachelor of Commerce, Double major: International Business and Economics, Jess was employed as a senior international trade officer for the Chamber of Commerce. We are delighted that Jess has taken up the challenge of teaching.



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO BRITTANY COATES**

You may have seen some of the Oceania Sevens tournament on television last weekend. Our Brittany and her Fiji Woman's Sevens team won the tournament and this earned them entry to the Rio Olympics. Brittany certainly knows how to tackle! We will continue to watch Brittany's career with interest.



## **THANK YOU NPDC, WALT and THE LIBRARY BUS**

With the opening of new classrooms, we have packed up our library at some stage each year for 3 years now as we have had to prioritise a classroom over this precious resource. Walt and the PukeAriki team at NPDC have come to our rescue with regular visits of the library bus each time. Our sincere thanks to you all for ensuring the power of books remains to the fore.



### **BOT ELECTIONS 2016**

Next March the triennial Board of Trustee elections are to be held. We have 2 long serving members of the Board standing down and are hopeful that there will be parents and whānau amongst you who may be interested in standing for the school governance positions. If you would like to know more please contact

Nik Marinovich (0272481024 7695595) or Kathryn Scown (021 898 964 7589224) .

### **KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOU**

We have a substantial number of emails failing to make some of your inboxes. If you have changed your email address please let us know urgently. If you think you may be missing communications from us please check that we have not made an error when recording your email address.

### **PLANNING FOR 2016**

If you know that your child will not be attending Central School in 2016, please email or ring Vicki at the office. This information helps us plan more effectively for the following year. Year 6 students

do not need to check in with us. Sadly we are regretting their leaving us already. Equally, if you know of any four year olds who are likely to start school with us next year, please check that we have the details in our pre enrolment book at the office.

### **FOOTBALL EXCELLENCE**

Congratulations to Stirling and Xavier for being selected for the Rikki Herbert National Elite Football training squad. The boys will attend a three day camp in Taupo Feb 5-7 next year. They will be some of the youngest there.



### **Weetbix Kids Tryathlon - 30 March 2016**

Get your registrations in for the Weetbix Tryathlon. The event is held at Ngamotu Beach on Wednesday 30 March. Children aged 7 years and older can enter this event.

Go to [try.weetbix.co.nz](http://try.weetbix.co.nz) when you register link Central School and enter this code - **CENT1414** for school to go into the draw for spot prizes. If you would like any further information regarding this event please see Bonnie Mills or email [bonnie.mills@central.school.nz](mailto:bonnie.mills@central.school.nz)

### **QUIZ NIGHT 25 NOVEMBER**

We hope you are busy getting your team of 6 together for the upcoming Central School Quiz Night on the 25 November. Hopefully your child has brought home the flyer/registration form but we have attached just in case you need it. We have some AMAZING raffle prizes on the night also, so be sure to bring along your wallets! Contact Sarah on 021 2930 744 or [sarah.w@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:sarah.w@slingshot.co.nz) if you have any questions.



### **SOMAD 2015 DVD - Final Days to Order**

It's the final week to order a copy of this years' SOMAD performances on DVD, only \$20 from the school office. Orders (including payment) close this Friday, 20 November 2015. There have been a good number of orders already so thank you to all who have supported the school so far with this fundraising.

### **SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB**

#### **Last brochure for 2015**

The last chance to order from Lucky Book Club brochures for the year, Issue 8 will be coming home with your child this week. You may order online or by using the order form in the brochure. Order forms can be dropped off at the drop box located in the office with your payment. (Cheques made out to 'Scholastic NZ Ltd'). Orders need to be submitted online or to the school office drop box by 9am Wednesday 25 November. (No late orders accepted sorry). All orders earn rewards for our new school library.

With Christmas on the horizon we will be offering a 'Secret' service for this issue for parents/ caregivers wishing to place a secret order. These orders will not be delivered to the students and will need to be picked up from the school office. In order for this to work there are a couple of things that must be done. Secret orders **MUST** be in the parent's name (not the child's) and **MUST** have 'LIBRARY/SECRET' as the classroom. The order needs to have an email contact address, so I can notify you when the books are ready for pick up. For online LOOP orders, follow the directions for adding a new child under your account, fill in the parents name as the new child, you **MUST** mark your class as Library-James. Any orders under 'library' will not go to your child, any orders in a students name/or with a classroom number will go to the child's classroom as usual. Any queries to Tracy (Jez and Bebe's mother) or Lynne in the library.

#### **Missing your Scholastic order from Issue 6**

We had an order placed with no name or contact details for issue 6. If this is your order could you please see Vicki in the office, you will need to tell her how many books you ordered and what they were.

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

Education Act update 1989

Minister of Education, Hekia Parata launched a public consultation on November 2 to update the Education Act 1989. Consultation runs until December 14.

Parents and whānau play an important role in education: you make sure your children and young people are attending early learning services or school, you encourage them and take an active interest in what they are doing.

There are a number of suggested ideas for change set out in the discussion document that will interest parents and whānau. It's important that you have a say on the things that you think will make the biggest difference in helping all children and young people achieve educational success. There are a number of ways parents and whānau can get involved. You can have your say about the proposals at [consultation.education.govt.nz](http://consultation.education.govt.nz). The online consultation includes an introductory video from the Minister, background information, and links to discussion document, which details the proposals being consulted on.

The Ministry's Directors of Education are running a number of consultation workshops around the country and we invite all parents and whānau to attend these. A workshop schedule can be found on the Education Act update page of the Ministry's website.

You can also email a submission, or ask questions at [education.update@education.govt.nz](mailto:education.update@education.govt.nz) or you can write to: Education Act Update, Ministry of Education, PO Box 1666, Wellington 6140, New Zealand.

### **DATES FOR DIARIES**

Nov 25 - Quiz Night  
Dec 02 - Kakariki and Kikorangi athletics  
Dec 03 - Kowhai athletics  
Dec 03 - Hui and Disco  
Dec 09,10,11 - Year Six Camp  
Dec 09 - Kikorangi Park Zoo Picnic  
Dec 11 - Kakariki Park Zoo Picnic  
Dec 17 - School Finishes at 12noon  
Final Assembly -NPBHS 9.30am

