



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

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Whakatauki (Māori proverb)

Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi.

With **red** and **black** the work will be complete.

This refers to co-operation where if everyone does their part, the work will be complete.

Mr. J's Korero

Kia ora Central School Te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu community.

We are living in uncertain times and as such there is a lot of uncertainty in the community about the all consuming virus Covid-19. I know that many of you are worried for your families, your friends and yourselves and you want assurance from us at school about how we will keep your children safe. I assure you all that keeping your children safe is always our #1 task! The majority of our staff are parents ourselves and we know how you feel. I assure you we will continue to act in the best interests of children, to use this statement as our decision 'filter' so that we are as good as we can be, as we need to be.

This morning I attended a Coronavirus information meeting jointly hosted by the Ministry of Health (MoH), the Ministry of Education (MoE) and NP Principals' Association. Getting the best and most up-to-date information was the priority for this meeting. These are the key messages from the meeting:

- 1) The safest place for children is at school. The research tells us that children 10 years old and younger are not as susceptible to covid-19 as older people and there is no scientific evidence to suggest that children are 'carriers' of the virus.
- 2) The best defence against infection is good hygiene practices. Limiting close body contact, washing hands well and regularly, good cleaning practices, coughing into elbows or tissues and then putting the tissues into the rubbish straight away.
- 3) If you're sick or showing early symptoms of a cold or flu then stay home and seek medical advice. Do not soldier on as is usually the Kiwi way.
- 4) As of today there are 12 confirmed cases of covid-19 in Aotearoa NZ. There is no evidence of sustained community transmission, therefore, no reason for school closures as schools are safe places to be.
- 5) The situation is constantly evolving and will likely worsen in Aotearoa NZ, **but**, the virus is containable, it is **not** as infectious as other diseases and with everyone following the MoH guidelines, we will limit the potential harm of covid-19.
- 6) We all have a part to play in minimising the risk of covid-19.

We will continue to follow the guidelines of the Ministry of Health as they come to us. Schools are getting updated daily, sometimes twice daily, with the latest factual information. We will use common sense, best practice and we will keep you well informed without being alarmist.

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CENTRAL SCHOOL - Mobile App



We now have a Mobile App for important School messages, contacts, dates and links to newsletters, Kindo and notices. You can also send us any student absences. To download the app click this link.

<https://centralnp.apps.school.nz/share/>

A BIG thank you to all our families who have downloaded our app and who are using it. If you require help getting SchoolApps properly working then please come into the school office. Thanks - Mr. J



<https://www.facebook.com/CentralSchoolNP/>

Join us on our Central School Facebook page and keep upto date with events happening in our school.

Important Announcement for Choir

The Mountain Music Concert to be held this Friday at the TSB Showplace has been postponed as a direct response to the Coronavirus situation. Any tickets you have purchased will be valid for the performance which will be held at a later date to be advised.

School Communication ... Help Us to Communicate More Effectively Reminder

Parents, we have listened to your feedback in and around clear and concise school communication. Thank you to those of you who provided feedback about this topic. The feedback stated that it is currently unclear what each communication tool is specifically for, therefore, we are looking to clarify this situation with the system below. Our forms of communication and their functions are:

SchoolApp - Whole school notices/alerts, class notices, team notices, specific group notices, registration notices, lock-down alerts and student absences.

SeeSaw - Students sharing their learning and parents commenting on the learning (*do not use this for teacher instant messaging or student absences please*)

FaceBook - School celebrations and a secondary backup for important outgoing school notices (*do not use this for home to school communication or questions please*)

Email - Direct, teacher to parent and vice versa communication (*emails sent after 6pm to staff will not be received until the next day to respect their work/home life balance*)

Newsletters - General school and community notices/information and celebrations.

Phone Calls - Questions, absences, meeting bookings etc.

Kanohi te kanohi - Face to face conversations. Where possible, this is always the best

As a staff we will be doing our best to adhere to this system. It will mean a change for some teachers and for some parents who have been using SeeSaw as a direct messaging tool and if this applies to you please help us to be more effective and to implement this clarified system. Our end goal is improved communication clarity helping all of us be better for our kids.

Yr 5 CAMP @ TOPEC

Tiring, exhilarating, challenging & engaging. All words to describe the recent Yr 5 camp at the Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits and Education Centre. The children experienced a raft of activities led by the instructors such as; river safety, bush safety, low ropes, flying kiwi, climbing wall, rogaine, and collaborative challenges. In our spare time they enjoyed the slippery slide, toasting marshmallows, night line & glow worms among other sporting choices. A huge thanks to our parent helpers; Tineka, Joel, Mung & Danica. Plus teacher aides (Gregory, Suzie & Helen) who supported our special learners and ensured they got to experience the many varied activities.



*The most embarrassing moment on camp was ... stepping in poo from the bulls. Isaac R
My biggest challenge at camp was jumping off a 3 metre bridge into water. The water was really deep but I did it. Huw E*

The scariest happening on camp was the night line. On the rope I felt something grab my hand, I shivered. Turns out the hand was fake and belonged to Danica. Scarlett M

The funniest happening on camp was when the boys were singing along to 'Frozen' that was playing on Liam's phone. They sang it in funny, loud voices around the campfire. Chloe H

The scariest happening on camp was the night line because at the start Mr Hills took our torches off us and it was pitch black. I'm scared of the dark and there were lots of trees, hills and scary surprises!. Oliver S

A Huge CENTRAL Welcome to our New Tamariki

Welcome back Jack who is joining Room 5

We know you will love our wonderful school :-) Mr. J

.....Ranginui Swimming Sports.....

Due to the recent temperature decline, the desire to keep children free of coughs and colds with a view of keeping our overall community healthy, we have decided to cancel the Ranginui team swimming sports. This is precautionary and is in line with other schools around New Plymouth.

Home & School

Fundraiser 1. Ice-blocks!!

The H&S will be selling ice-blocks to our students at the end of the day on Friday 20th March, for a gold coin koha. Please support this small fundraiser and give your child a gold coin to buy an ice-block. Younger students can give their gold coin to their teachers for safe-keeping.



Fundraiser 2. Mother's Day Raffle

H&S members would like to organise a Mother's Day Raffle this term and we are asking our families to please provide items for this prize. Can you help us? Suitable items could be soaps, chocolate, wine, book vouchers, magazines, sweet treats etc. Items can be brought to school up until the end of this term.

Tickets will be available for purchase from the beginning of Term 2. If you can help sell tickets to local businesses and outside supermarkets, please contact Heather Earby heather.earby@central.school.nz or Alana Bridger alana.bridger@central.school.nz for further information.

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication to be stored at school such as an asthma inhaler or antihistamines, please bring the correct, unexpired medication labelled with your child's name to the office and ensure the correct paperwork has been filled out and filed with Lynne.

SHOES

We have lots of shoes/sandals to pass on to any families with children with growing feet. Please come to the office and look through the box.



SPORTS NEWS



Summer soccer has now finished. Could all coaches or managers please return the bag with all the equipment in by the end of this week. Many thanks for your time and energy with the children.

Winter Sports - Term 2 and 3

Netball: Registrations have closed but there are currently two spaces in the Year 3 & 4 team and 3 spaces in the Year 5 & 6 team. Please email juliet.vickers@central.school.nz if your child would like to join either of these teams. Team details will be sent out by the end of next week.

Hockey: Registrations have also closed. The Year 3 & 4 team does not have a coach or manager. This is needed to enter the team so please could a couple of parents volunteer for this role. There is space for 2 more players in the Year 3 & 4 team. Please email juliet.vickers@central.school.nz if your child would like to join this team. Team details will be sent out by the end of next week.

BASKETBALL and Miniball - registrations are now on KINDO. closing date is **Friday 27 March**

Basketball league runs through Term 2 and Term 3 at the TSB stadium.

- **Year 5 & 6** \$60 registration fee
10 players per team.
Games played Mondays 4.00 and 6.40pm
- **Year 3 & 4** \$50 registration fee
Mini-ball
8 players per team.
Games played Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons.
- **Year 1 & 2** \$50 registration fee
Mini-ball
8 players per team.
Games played Monday or Wednesday afternoons.

Please note that winter sports may be dramatically affected or even postponed indefinitely, due to decisions made by National Sporting Agencies pandemic plans.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS

2020

Term One

Monday 03 February - Thursday 09 April

20 March

Ranginui swimming sports @ Highlands Int (there is no parking on school grounds for this event) 10 am start.

25 March

Weetbix TRYathlon (Cancelled)

2-3 April

Paul, Juliet, Philly, Heather, Christina & Ashley at Te Ahu o te Reo Māori professional development in Te Reo Māori Owae Marae Waitara

10 April

Good Friday (school closed)

Term Two

Tuesday 28 April - Friday 03 July

30 April

E-pro8 Challenge

16-19 June

Life Education at school

Term Three

Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term Four

Monday 12 October - Wednesday 16 December

KINDO INFO FOR OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES

Prospectus Info – electronic version

Online School Shop

Our Kindo online School Shop is available through our school website and is our preferred method of payment for your school expenses.

You can use your mykindo account to pay for all your child's school needs. Your personalised family account will show you any outstanding payments for your children, and you have the option of paying in full or making a part payment. Optional payments will also be available, by selecting the appropriate icon.

It's easy, secure, open 24/7 and offers many card and bank transfer options, as well as options to hold an online balance or pay-as-you-go.

For information and registration/login links visit our school website:
Central School Kindo Shop

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Scan the QR code for more information and links for registration/logon, or visit our School website.



School payments online with Kindo

Working together with Kindo, Central School offers you a fantastic way to view and pay for all your child's school needs online.

It is our **preferred method of payment** and we encourage all our families to set up an account today.

It's easy, convenient, open 24/7 and is available on our [school website](#).

New users

New users can set up an account easily!

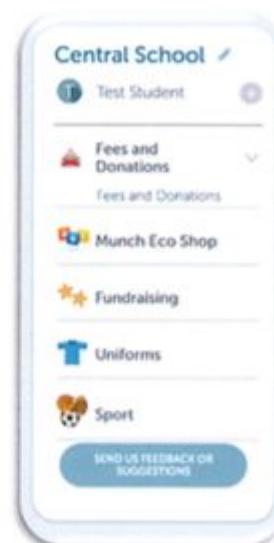
Click [here](#) and enter the email address the school has on file for you, then click 'continue'. A confirmation email with a link will be sent to you.

Click on the link and enter a password to complete your registration.

Existing users

Already have an Ezlunch or Kindo account?

Simply login with your email and password and click on the 'Other School Payments' icon to link your students to our school records and view your family account. Click [here](#) to log in.



Payment There are a number of ways you can choose to top-up your account, and this can be done at the checkout, or by selecting the 'top up account' option.



Internet Banking

No fees. Allow 2 days for processing.

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No fees. Instant transfer. ****RECOMMENDED****

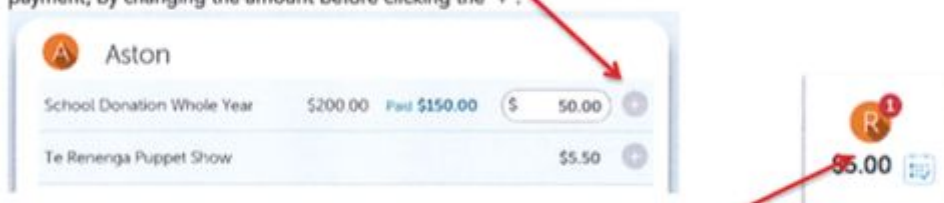
Credit/Debit Card

50 cent charge + 2.5% fee. Instant transfer.

Visa / MasterCard / American Express / China UnionPay available.

Shopping

From your family account, you can choose to pay the full amount by clicking '+' next to the item or make a part payment, by changing the amount before clicking the '+'. 



For an optional item like sports, click on your child's initial next to the item to add it to your cart.

Once you have finished adding items to your cart you can select

CHECK OUT

Then simply click 'Place Order' at the checkout and you're done!

Your order will automatically go through to the school, and you will receive an email receipt confirming your payment or top-up!



Need assistance?

Call the Kindo helpdesk on **free phone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636)**.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please note that these notices below are circulated for your information and at the request of the community groups/ businesses advertised. The school is not recommending or advising attendance at any of the programmes, nor recommending the use of any product/ service programmes.

New Plymouth Rangers AFC Junior Football registrations close 25 March. We invite all past and interested players to register through the mycomet page. Details can be found on this link: <https://www.nprangers.co.nz/junior-registration>. There are places on the development and potentially Academy programmes that are working with the Ricki Herbert Football Academy coaches every Tuesday night. If interested please email nprjuniors@gmail.com.

"CALLING ALL OLD MOBILE PHONES"

It would be great if you could have one final rummage before the end of term for any unwanted mobile phones you may have at home.

It is estimated that each year up to three million phones become obsolete in NZ, of those only 2% are recycled.

Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and the environment benefits as well keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances.

Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have collected in the collection box in the reception area at School.

MITRE 10

Rainbow Run

Sunday 5 April

Tickets: www.eventfinda.co.nz

