



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 27th May 2020

Whakatauki (Māori proverb)

[He Waka Eke Noa - We're all in this together.](#)

Mr. J's Korero

Kia ora Central School Te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu community.

Wow, it is great to be back. What a time it has been and being back at school is like starting a whole new year. We are in our second full week of Level 2 schooling and things do really feel like business as usual.

I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful emails of support and encouragement over the past 2 months. It has been a really tricky time to be working in education and to lead a school. All of us here have your children's best interests at heart. We hope we achieved a healthy and respectful medium of intensity over the lockdown period. Our guiding philosophy was that of ngakaunui, the heartfelt approach, in order to allow everyone to get through the period of uncertainty. I'd also like to acknowledge the staff over this time, most of which had to manage their own families whilst supporting their students. Well done Team Central!

Looking ahead to the end of this term and into the next we have had to move some traditional timeframes of things like reporting, sports etc. There are less activities happening at school due to cancellations and alike but we do hope to work in our traditional taonga moving forward. I ask that you continue the high level of professional trust in us while we continue to navigate a continually changing future. It's still tricky this pandemic education thing but we are trying. Lastly from me a key reminder about driver behaviour around our school. The Rocky Wall area is a particularly difficult spot and we rely on your cooperation to make this system work. If you are picking up your child/children from the Rocky Wall after school please pay particular attention to these bullet point:

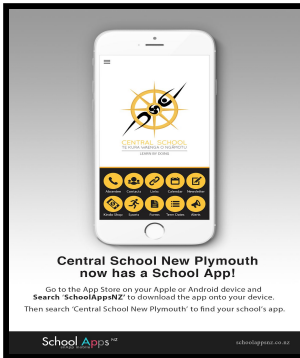
1. Be patient - it is a busy place.
2. Only pull in from the back of the queue closest to the crossing. If there is no space there, even if there is space in front of the next car, drive around the block.
3. Only let your children get into the car at the front of the Rocky Wall, the end furthest away from the Gover St crossing.
4. If the duty teacher gives you a direction please follow it.

We need to keep the 'conveyor belt' approach going at the Rocky Wall in order for it to succeed and be a safe place for everyone. We believe 1 minute's inconvenience is better than having to call an ambulance.

Have a great long weekend everyone. The next newsletter is due on Wednesday 10th June.

Ka kite whanau :-) Mr. J

CENTRAL SCHOOL - Mobile App



We have a Mobile App for important school messages, contacts, **Covid-19 contact tracing requirements**, 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/>

This is our premier tool for instant whanau communication and we need all our families to have this app. See the office staff if you require assistance with ShoolApp.3

Thanks - Mr. J



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

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

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

This has been in previous newsletters but is prudent to add it again as a reminder.

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, student absences and Covid-19 Checkin In and Out contact tracing.

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 responded to 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.

A Huge post lockdown **CENTRAL SCHOOL**

Welcome to our New Tamariki

Welcome back Elliott from her overseas trip.
Welcome Matilda, Jackson, Viktoria, Meha, Tyrell, Rueby,
Shanal

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

ROOM 11 LISTENS TO THE EARTH

Room 11 has been thinking about what is happening beneath our feet. We imagined what we might hear if we plugged a microphone into the earth below us. Every child had success with this and we are proud to share a couple of examples of our writing.

Listening

**With a microphone plugged into the earth
we can hear *grass growing, worms squirming,
pipes rushing with water through the dirt.*
We can hear *leaves decomposing, rabbits
burrowing,
fungi forming, ants burrowing deep.*
When we take our earphones off we can hear
Earth's huge silence listening back.**

Kaitlyn

Listening

With a microphone plugged into the earth
We can hear rocks falling, lava turning,
roots rushing through the dirt.
We can hear earth rumbling, bones decomposing,
fossils disappearing, Earth's heart beating.
When we take our earphones off we can hear
Earth's huge silence listening back.

By Finn

Listening

**With a microphone plugged into the earth
We can hear *rabbits digging, ants scuttling
road works grinding up through the dirt.*
We can hear *seeds growing, rabbits talking,
worms slithering and water pipes singing.*
When we take our earphones off we can hear
Earth's huge silence listening back.**

By Cohen

Listening

*With a microphone plugged into the earth
we can hear beetles scuttling, roots spreading,
frosty crystals melting in the dirt.
We can hear plates groaning, seeds sprouting,
worms sliding, sewage pipes splashing.
When we take our earphones off we can hear
Earth's huge silence listening back.*

Kiana

Home & School

School Hoodies can be ordered at the school office and there will be some sample hoodies for you to look at. Please use our contact tracing app if you come into school to look/order. Be winter ready with these warm hoodies.



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



Winter Sports Update - Term 2 & 3

Please note that winter sports have been dramatically affected due to decisions made by Government & National Sporting Agencies Covid-19 responses.

At this stage the start of most winter sports competitions has been deferred to Term 3. However, teams can now get together to start practicing. We still have some places available in **ALL** our winter sports teams so if your child would like to play please email

juliet.vickers@central.school.nz asap and register on KINDO. We are not accepting cash at school so please use our KINDO system.

A huge thankyou to the coaches, managers and parents who supported our tamariki during Term One's cricket and summer football season. It was unfortunate that the season didn't quite make it to the end. **Please send back any uniforms and football bags urgently as they are needed for our winter sports players.**

*Please note that there may be some amendment to the winter sport registration fees due to the short season. This will also be dependent on the number of players in teams as it is usually a team registration payment, More details will follow when they have been finalised and reimbursements will be made where needed.

Netball:

Places still available in both Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 teams. Team lists have been sent out and managers/coaches will be in touch with team members when they wish to start practices.

*Registration fees - at this stage - Year 5 & 6 \$40.00, Year 3 & 4 \$35.00.

Hockey:

Places still available in both Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 teams. Team lists have been sent out and managers/coaches will be in touch with team members when they wish to start practices.

*Registration fees - at this stage - Year 5 & 6 \$60.00, Year 3 & 4 \$50.00.

BASKETBALL and Miniball

Places still available at all levels Year 0-6. New Plymouth Basketball Association is still working with TSB Stadium around COVID-19 number restrictions. They are hoping the Junior competition will start in Term 3. Presently we do not have enough numbers to make up teams so we are desperately seeking more players.

All games are played at the TSB Stadium.

Miniball (*\$50 registration fee - at this stage)

- Year 0-4 - played either Monday or Wednesday afternoons. 3.30-5.45
- Year 3 & 4 - played either Tuesday or Wednesday 3.30-5.45

Basketball (*\$60 registration fee - at this stage)

- Year 5 & 6 - played Monday 4.00-6.40pm

Mad Mex - Fresh Mexican

Mad Mex, New Plymouth, have been very generous providing player of the day certificate vouchers for our sports teams in the past. Mad Mex would certainly appreciate it if we now supported them in this challenging time.

<https://madmex.co.nz/>

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS

2020

Term Two

3 June
11 June
16-19 June
4 & 18 June
2 July
3 July

Wednesday 15 April - Friday 03 July

Hearing and Vision checks @ school.
Parent meeting for preschoolers starting school
Life Education at school
Pre-school visit
Pre-school visit
Proposed Matariki hangi (TBC)

Term Three

30 July
5 & 6 August
11 August
13 & 27 August
20 August
10 & 24 September

Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Pre-school visit
Haere whakamua Learning Meetings
School photos proposed (TBC)
Pre-school visit
Parent meeting for preschoolers starting school
Pre-school visit

Term Four

22 October
5 & 19 November
12 November

Monday 12 October - Wednesday 16 December

Pre-school visit
Pre-school visit
Parent meeting for preschoolers starting school

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!

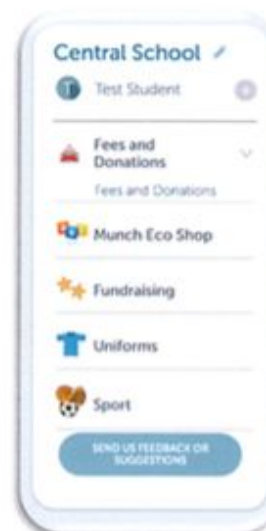
Click [here](#) and enter the email address the school has on file for you, then click 'continue'. A confirmation email with a link will be sent to you.

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.




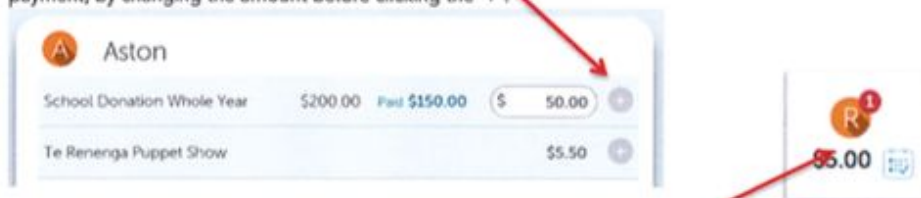
Payment There are a number of ways you can choose to top-up your account, and this can be done at the checkout, or by selecting the 'top up account' option.



Internet Banking	No fees. Allow 2 days for processing.
POLI	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 

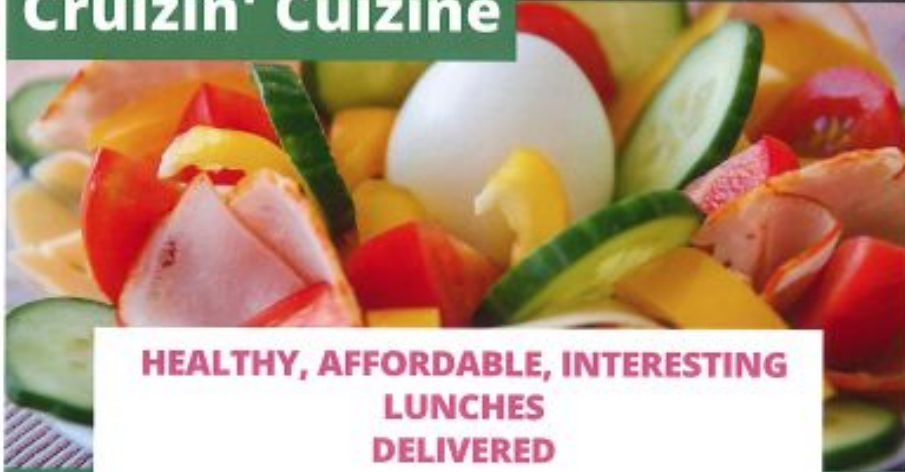
Then simply click 'Place Order' at the checkout and you're done!

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)**.

Try something different for school lunches

Cruizin' Cuizine



HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE, INTERESTING LUNCHES DELIVERED

So what do we offer?

We deliver healthy, interesting and affordable lunches for families to schools in New Plymouth and surrounds.

Let us know that you are keen and we will add your school to our website (www.cruizincuisine.co.nz) so families and teachers can order lunches.

Once your school is registered as a delivery location with us, Parents complete orders online. We then deliver to school offices and named lunches can be collected from there or taken to classes.

Register



1. Login or Register

2. Choose delicious menu items



3. Select delivery date



4. Confirm your order and payment



5. Relax while we do the rest

All of our food is made on-site. We have vegetarian, gluten free and dairy free options so everyone can enjoy the treat of lunch delivered :)

The average price of mains is around \$5 and small items \$3

We understand that this may take some time from busy staff so we are happy to work with you to ensure that schools benefit too. We have some ideas how this can happen but we are happy to work with schools to ensure everyone is happy.

If you are needing catering for meetings or other events we can quote for that. I would be happy to come and visit so all your needs are met.

www.cruizincuisine.co.nz

cruizincuisine@yahoo.com

Simone on 0273910923

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.

"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.