



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 5th February 2020

Whakatauki (Māori proverb)

Te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngahere; te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga nōna te ao.

The bird who partakes of the miro berry owns the forest; the bird who partakes of education owns the world.

Mr. J's Korero

Hello Central School Te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu community. The relieved look on most parents' faces suggests you are all glad that school is back for another year. I trust everyone has had a reasonable break and hopefully a festive Christmas and New Year holiday. The staff have all turned up with smiles on their dials and we're genuinely excited to be back at school.

For returning families in case you missed the announcement at the end of last year, Mrs. Spencer is on a term's leave from us as she takes up the Acting Principal position of Kaimata School. The teachers and I were honoured to be part of Mrs. Spencer's pōwhiri on Friday 31st January out in the beautiful Inglewood countryside and we wish her all the best for this exciting opportunity. In Mrs. Spencer's absence, Mrs. Fairclough will be stepping into the Acting Associate Principal role here, alongside Mrs. Vickers.

We once again welcome Mrs. Bridger into our teaching whanau, and into Room 1 with a class of Year 6s, whilst we wait for the major Ranginui building development to happen and then finish.

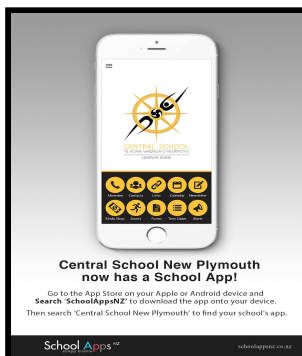
We welcome back Mrs Wolfe and Mrs Gnoth too, which just adds to our teaching quality.

The latest on the building works is that they won't begin until mid March at the earliest. This is due to Ministry delays and then the building company taking on new work in the interim. The process is very frustrating but it will all be worth it in the end.

Lastly from me, look out for a SchoolApp alert about our upcoming Community Conferences 17th-18th February. Conference times will be booked online at School Interviews and the link will be in the alert too.

Ngā mihi - Mr. J

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. Could we ask that app users encourage their 'non app' friends to get on to it please? Thanks - Mr. J

2020 School Stationery

Thank you for ensuring your children have started the year with the correct stationery. If you still have not got your stationery you can order online through OfficeMax at myschool.co.nz or at the local OfficeMax store (located opposite McDonalds and Countdown on Courtenay Street) or by phone. Please ensure that you are purchasing the exact items listed as it is very difficult for both teacher and learner if students do not arrive with the correct stationery. PLEASE DO NOT NAME any stationery, but send it to school in the child's named book bag.

Papatūānuku Team

For the **Papatūānuku Team** there is a **\$10.00 payment** for shared publishing materials (eg. felt pens, colouring pencils etc..). This is payable through KINDO or at the school office.

Family Picnic - Friday 7 February

On Friday we will be having a lunchtime family picnic here at school. Then we will be walking up to Pukaka (Marsland Hill) to listen to the bells and have some fun activities.

Pukaka is a significant place for our school, and for the local iwi - Te Atiawa. Our school song mentions Pukaka and it is also part of our school pepeha. These things will be discussed during our visit.

Please join us for lunch at school - 12.30 - 1.15 and then walk with us to Pukaka. Or join us whenever you can during the afternoon.

Family Feather

Each family has been given an outline of a feather to decorate and return to school.

These will all be placed on a Korowai (cloak) to represent and celebrate our diverse school community coming together to create a beautiful 'garment' of protection, nurturing and kotahitanga (oneness)

Your child's decoration should represent your family and things that are important to them and their family.

School Donations

Our 2020 school donation is \$150. Please pay on kindo, online or at the school office. Thanks to all those parents who have already paid.

Hats/Water bottles at School

As the weather is starting to warm up please ensure that you send your child to school with a water bottle and a hat that has a 6cm brim (caps are not protective enough). Children who forget their hats play in designated areas of shade.

Medications

Please ensure that any medications your child needs while at school have been provided. Please check that any medications at school are up to date and still relevant for your child. Also check with the school office that any permission required to administer the medication has been recorded and updated.

We will be sending home all asthma inhalers and medication kept at the school on Wednesday, 18 December.

Safety On Our Roads

Welcome to another year of the us all working in partnership to keep our children and families safe on our roads. We have spoken to the year 5 and 6 children and we strongly encourage them to be checking with you for a safe place away from the Rocky Wall on Gover Street to meet, if you are picking them up in a car after school. The Rocky Wall gets very congested and often we are seeing some quite scary manoeuvres with cars double parking, stopping on the yellow lines for children to enter cars and parents/families exiting their cars when it is only a two minute, pull-in and pull-out stopping bay.

From next week we will be expecting that the children at the Rocky Wall will be year 2-4 children, leaving the Pendarves Street Kiss and Drop for only the year 1 children. If your child is in year 2-4 and has an older sibling, we encourage you to guide your older children to take the younger to a safe pick up point that is away from the school. There will be a PDF sent home via the school app that shows safe places for Park and Walk pick-up and drop-off points. We kindly ask you to try one of these with your child/ren.

Please ask if you have any questions, or email me at katie.fraser@central.school.nz

Thank you for your positive and continued support for our staff and road patrol team, helping *all* children to stay safe.

A Huge CENTRAL Welcome to our New Tamariki

Ellie, Jonah, Sapphire, Lena, Charlotte, Noah, Koby, Liam, Max, Aiden, Archer and Aarush who have all started in the Room 8.
ALexis-Rose, Brooklyn, Camdyn, Leroy, Arna, Cynthia, Samuel, Tadhg, Dayton, Emery, Kenyon, Noelle, Nayture, Leila, Adrian, Serenity, Tai and Chance

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

Home & School

Your school needs support and one great way is to be part of the fundraising and event planning group known as the Home and School. It is not time intensive but is a great way to be involved and meet new people. If you're interested and would like to know more about the Home and School, email paul.johnson@central.school.nz or pop into school for a quick chat.

This term's fundraising activity is to sell sausages and cold drinks at our upcoming Swimming Display/Tabloid Sports. A roster of willing cooks, tomato sauce squirters and drink sellers is what we need. Please let us know if you are able to give half an hour helping out on the day.

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

Term 1 2020 Sports

Teams are now being finalised and will be sent out as soon as possible.

Summer sports for Term 1 2020

- **Cricket -**

We have two teams entered this season in the Friday night Incrediball competition. (Friday night 5:30pm) The uniform will be supplied and given to coaches to hand out.

Games commence on Friday 14 February and finish Friday 27 March 2020

- **Summer Football –**

This is a non-competitive competition that is designed to get children playing a sport. It is played on a Tuesday evening at Merrilands Domain. Games start at 6pm for the younger grades. Each team has two games a night and each game runs for approximately 20 minutes with a 30 minute break between games. Uniforms will not be issued for Summer Football. The uniform consists of a yellow T-shirt or a yellow Central T-shirt (available for purchase from the office) black shorts, yellow socks and sports shoes (no football boots).

Games commence on Tuesday 11 February and finish Tuesday 17 March.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS

2020

Term One

17 February
18 February
19 February
9 March
10 March
11-13 March
12 March
20 March
25 March

Monday 03 February - Thursday 09 April

Community Conferences 3:30pm - 8:00pm
Community Conferences 1:00pm - 6:00pm (12:30pm pick up today)
BoT meeting 5:30pm
Taranaki Anniversary
Teacher Only Day - no school
Year 5 Camp at Topec
Papatuanuku and Tangaroa swimming display
Ranginui swimming sports @ Highlands Int
Weetbix TRYathlon

Term Two

Tuesday 28 April - Friday 03 July

Term Three

Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term Four

Monday 12 October - Wednesday 16 December

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.



Drum Lessons

My name is Allan Whatt. After a successful year last year I am again able to offer private drum lessons at Central School. These lessons were popular last year but due to children moving onto Intermediate, I have spaces available.

Please contact allanwhatt1066@gmail.com or 0212108943 if you would be interested in drum lessons for your child at Central School this year.

New Plymouth Rangers AFC

New Plymouth Rangers AFC invites all junior football players to register for the club. We cater for all abilities from beginners to Academy teams.

Registration is through mycomet or on this night.

https://mycomet-oceania.analyticom.de/en_NZ/login

To support this process we have two registration evenings

Wednesday 12th February 4.30-6pm (Bring match attax for trades)

Wednesday 19th February 4.30-6pm (Bring any boots to sell)

Wednesday 26th February: **Academy Trials** 4.30-6.

Please email nprplayerdevelopment@gmail.com , the clubs website <https://www.nprangers.co.nz/> or follow the New Plymouth Rangers Junior Facebook or more updates.

Kindo

Families leaving the School

Please communicate the following to your families leaving the school. We will also email registered *ezlunch* families directly.

School Leavers – notice re ezlunch / Kindo school shop

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use ezlunch or Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

If your new school is NOT on the list, you will need to close your account. Send an email to hello@mykindo.co.nz requesting to close your account. This request will need to:

1. Be emailed from your mykindo account email address
2. State the current balance on the account
3. Provide the bank account number for refunding the balance (or ask for it to be forwarded to the school)

Refunds and account closures will be actioned during January/February.

