



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 4th March 2020

Whakatauki (Māori proverb)

'Kia maumahara ki tou mana ahua ake'...which means 'cherish your absolute uniqueness.'

SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 10th March (the day after Taranaki Anniversary Day)

Mr. J's Korero

Kia ora Central School Te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu community.

It has been quite a whirlwind the last two weeks. Last week, starting Wednesday after school, six of us (Juliet, Heather, Christina, Ashley, Philly and myself) travelled to Parihaka to be immersed in Te Reo Māori learning. For two and a half days, during the learning time, it was 'kaua e kōrero pākehā', no speaking English. None of us are fluent and to be plunged into rumaki Māori, total immersion, was just a little terrifying at first, but it became really natural and was great fun. We are part of a 50+ strong group of educators from north of Hawera who are part of the second edition of the pilot programme Te Ahu o te Reo Māori. This programme is about improving the reo Māori of educators so that we can teach our students a lot more than we currently do. I hope that you'll hear more reo around our kura and not just from the adults.

A quick note about the fundraised money from the school calendars in 2019. Roughly \$2000 was raised and we think it's a good idea to put that back into something special for the kids. We will, therefore, be using those funds to pay for a visiting performance (TBC) for our kids.

Lastly from me, a good luck to our Year 5's who will be at camp Topec next week with Mr. Hills and Liam. Have a great time team!

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. 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.

School Donations - Why Is Central School Still Asking For 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.

The reason we are still asking for school donations after the government announcement of \$150 per student is because this was offered to Decile 1 - 7 schools. Central School Te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu is a Decile 8 school and, therefore, sadly we do not qualify for this government subsidy.

School Communication ... Help Us to Communicate More Effectively

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.

Tangaroa Swimming Display

Tangaroa children will share what they have learnt during their swimming skills lessons on **Thursday 12 March**. Each class will have a 20 minute time slot.

Room 4 -11-11.20

Room 5 - 11am Dryland display, 11.20 - Water skills

Room 6 - 11.40-12.

Room 7 - 12-12.20.

Papatuanuku Swimming Display

Papatuanuku children will also be sharing what they have learnt during their swimming skills lessons on **Thursday 12 March**. Each class will have their own time slot.

Room 2 and 3 - 2.05 - 2.45

Room 8 - 1.30 - 2.00

LET'S GO LEADERS

Congratulations to Serena, Patrick, Finn, Maddie, Rylee and Saoirse who have been chosen as Let's Go Leaders for 2020. They have already met with Sarah Wilson from NPDC Let's Go Initiative to decide on how we can ensure our school is an active school, especially to and from school. Watch this space for fun upcoming events...



ROAD SAFETY REMINDER: A message from Katie, the Road Patrol Team and Constable Piripi

The intersection at Gover/Pendarves Street is controlled by stop signs.

“At a stop sign you must stop – so the momentum of the vehicle has come to a complete standstill before the yellow line. It does not matter if there are no other vehicles approaching or if the road is clear, you must stop. If you fail to do so, you may be issued with an infringement notice for \$150.00 –failing to stop at a stop sign” - Constable Piripi

Our fantastic road patrollers and staff team are currently finding some situations highly dangerous, and stressful, when cars pull out onto Gover from either direction on Pendarves, without fully stopping, and then checking both directions. We nearly had an accident last week when the children safely put the signs out, only to find a car whizzing around the corner and nearly into our open stop signs, whilst children were in the process of crossing.

Please, for the safety of our community, adhere to the road signs.

Does your child know the three clues in each of these photos below that indicate a vehicle must come to a complete stop?



FREE DRIVER TRAINING

Can you drive and hold either a Learner, Restricted or Full license (or International license)

Roadsafe Taranaki are providing FREE Driver Training at the A & P showgrounds in Hawera on Saturday 7th or Sunday 8th March 2020

The Course will take up to 2 hours and includes interactive displays and practical driving (emergency braking & cornering)

Yes we will supply the cars

To register;

text your name & preferred day & time to Marion at 027 279 2662 or call our free phone 0800 111 323

Complete the course and be in to win one of [12 Places](#) on a full day advanced driver training session at Manfeild Raceway in Feilding.

A Huge CENTRAL Welcome to our New Tamariki
Leilani, Keanu, Jack, Charlie, Esmee, Anakh and Elena

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.



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

- Winter sports will start next term. Hockey, netball and basketball are the three sports that we can enter as a school. Registrations are closing soon for hockey and netball. Please note that registrations will only be accepted via KINDO or on the registration form from the Office.
- Teams will be made up of first in basis. Teams can only be entered if there is sufficient number of players and coach/manager for the team. Please be aware of the close off dates for registrations.

NETBALL - registrations close **Friday 6 March**

Netball registrations will close **Friday 6 March**. Numbers are now very limited with only **two spaces** left in the **Year 3- 4 team**. The **Year 5 -6 team** is **full** so 9 more players will need to register to form another team. For further information visit

- **Year 5-6 Mother Earth futureFERNS** **Fee \$40** **6 aside**
Tuesday 28 April 3.45-5.45
- **Year 3-4 Mother Earth futureFERNS** **Fee \$35** **5 aside**
Thursday 30 April 3.45-5.45

HOCKEY - registrations close on **Friday 13 March.**

The season starts on Saturday 2 May. Teams are 6 aside.

- Fun sticks (Year 1 & 2). This is a great introduction to hockey. If your child would like to do this please *register directly online through the Taranaki Hockey website. No registrations through school are taken for this.* Fun sticks run for 8 weeks on the tennis courts at New Plymouth Girls Hlgh from 9-10am.
- Mini Sticks (year 3/4) Fee \$50
- Mini Sticks development (year 3/4) Fee \$50
- Kiwi Sticks (year 5/6) Fee \$60
- Kiwi Sticks development (year 5/6) Fee \$60

Please note that it is likely that only two teams will be entered for hockey, one Year 3 & 4 team and one Year 5 & 6 team. The grade entered will be dependent on the majority of experience of players.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS

2020

Term One

9 March

10 March

11-13 March

12 March

20 March

20 March 4pm and 7pm

25 March

Monday 03 February - Thursday 09 April

Taranaki Anniversary

Teacher Only Day - School Closed for Instruction

Year 5 Camp at Topec

Papatuanuku and Tangaroa swimming display

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

Choir performances of Mountain Music at Theatre Royal

Weetbix TRYathlon

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

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.

MITRE 10

Rainbow Run

Sunday 5 April

Tickets: www.eventfinda.co.nz

