



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

10 November 2015

Ngā mihi ki te whānau o te Kura Waenga o
Ngāmotu

*Artistic excellence makes the world sit up and
wonder*

Te toi whakairo

Ka ihiihi

Ka wehi wehi

ka awe awe

te ao katoa



What a magic week. Not only a magnificent Somad but visiting royalty! Thank you to all the families who made sure SOMAD was such a success. We acknowledge that a Saturday can be difficult for many families and while we tried hard to give you ten months warning we know that there needed to be a number of sacrifices in favour of your children's creativity. If we had a week day for SOMAD I think it would create more problems however we are open to your feedback on this matter. Thank you all for your wonderful messages of support and feedback. Please keep them coming as it is very affirming for our staff and we can pass them on to our learners.





I am the most privileged of all as I enjoy, like you, the artistic excellence for the first time on the day. This year a major goal of ours was truly achieved, that the students design their own performances. In the 20th century when you as parents were at school, productions were a wonderful occasion. The difference that we believe in so strongly, is that adults wrote, directed, choreographed and musically produced the performance. The New Zealand arts curriculum aims *for students to work independently and collaboratively to construct*



meanings, produce works and, respond to and value each other's contributions. SOMAD is an event which provides a rich context for all and this the 7th SOMAD, has achieved this curriculum goal.

We are all looking forward to the DVD so the students can appraise their own performances.

Pip Bayley-Hine led a magnificent team. Thank you, Pip for your leadership which made us all sit up and wonder!
Special thanks to Susan Lupton, our music specialist extraordinaire. We love the richness you provide our arts curriculum.
Tansi, your energy, expertise and knowledge is so valued and has added another dimension this year.

Thanks you to Crissie's team of wonder workers, to Pip's team of creative parents especially Jacqui



Elley, to LeVonne Pilott for her superb organisation of Tent City, and to the powerful behind-the-scene team of Carl Hine, the Andersons, Gary Bastin and Michael Petrove. You all made the work of Pip and Bryan so much less fraught. The quad was decorated in a flash, the advertising happened with ease and effectiveness, the creative team who painted all the story time characters and stage wings provided not only a festive air but you helped transform school to a different space on the day.
Each class has been blessed with superb support from parents and whānau. Everything we do is so much richer when you come along for the ride.

I cannot thank the whole school staff enough for your energy, commitment and tight organisation. The pride you show in your learners is testament to your belief in them.

But it is the learners who must take the longest bow. You managed yourselves so well, you strived for excellence and attained it. You are performers.

We are so lucky to be a central city school. What fun to enjoy our Pukekura Park and Brooklands Bowl while we waited to welcome the Duke and Duchess on their tour of New Plymouth yesterday. We think that a number of younger learners may feel that they missed out on meeting their Royal Highnesses as they searched in vain for the crown-clad prince and princess.

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.

CHICKEN POX

The Room 8 whanau has been badly hit by chicken pox. If your child is irritable, feverish and has a sore throat, be aware that the blisters may be near. It has been so disappointing for our performing stars to have to miss their SOMAD day.

FAREWELL TO MR STONE

It is with much sadness that we farewell our Matt Stone at the end of the year. We are delighted that Matt has won a permanent job at Highlands and wish him well. Thank you, Matt for the commitment you have made to your charges, the school and to extra curricular sport . You and Katie have had a big year with the birth of Maggie, and coaching premier rugby as well as committing enormously to the life of our school. Keep in touch.

CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTINA AND ANDREW

We are thrilled to announce the impending 2016 birth of the first of the next generation of Darneys. We will enjoy the magic journey alongside you.

WALKING TO SCHOOL

It is such a joy to see so many students walking to school. Many families are using the park and walks

and this has made a massive difference. Thank you all. It is so good for the hauora of the students while reducing the congestion at the school gates. The goal is that only our 5 and 6 year olds are dropped at the kiss and drops in the morning.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

We will start trialling a walking school bus on **Wednesday 18 November**. The morning "bus" will leave the Rogan Street Playground carpark (at the very top of Gover Street) at 8:45am, so make sure you are there to drop off your child by 8:40am. If you are wanting to sign up your child for this first trial, please email Christina:

christina.darney@central.school.nz with your child's name and room number. There are only 10 spaces for this trial walking bus, so it is first in first served. We will also run an afterschool walking bus in the reverse direction that day, again 10 places, first in first served. The children will meet the "bus drivers" at 3:05pm at the Pendarves street gate ready to walk up to the Rogan Street playground by 3:15pm where they can be collected. This trial will take place until Wednesday 9 December, so feel free to book your child in to any future Wednesday buses too. We are still looking for possible helpers/ "bus drivers" to help with the walk to/from the playground for these trials. Please contact Christina if you are able to help with this.

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.

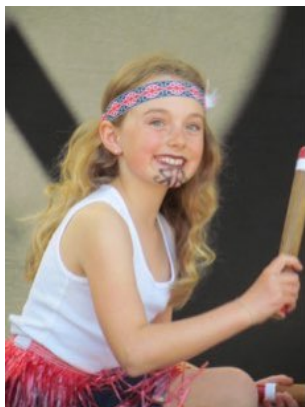
QUIZ NIGHT 25 NOVEMBER

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 if you have any questions.

SOMAD 2015 - Order your DVD now

All of this year's SOMAD performances were filmed

and are now being edited for DVD. These are available for sale at the school office for only \$20 and must be ordered before 20 November 2015. The cost covers DVD production and provides a great fundraising opportunity for our school as well. Please support and order your DVD at the school office today.



HIGHLANDS UNIFORM INFORMATION

Just a reminder that Highlands Intermediate School Orientation for 2016 students begins at 1.00pm on Thursday November 12. Students will receive information about the start of the year and the new uniforms.

Uniforms will be sold from Highlands Intermediate school as of December 2015. New uniforms will be phased in over the next 2 years.

SPORT NOTICES

TOUCH RUGBY

The Central Try-Scorers touch team braved very windy and frigid conditions on Wednesday, and despite losing played a fine game. The opposition was a lot older but the team held them to a small number of tries; and we got so close to scoring against them several times. The whole team played very well and is making advances in their individual abilities and teamwork with each game.

IN LINE HOCKEY

The Central Skaters put up another nail biter on Thursday night. With Logan being the top scorer of the game. It was down to the buzzer as Logan took a shot which narrowly missed making the final score 5 - 6 to Bell Block 1. Jakob Henderson in the goal meant that many of the opponents shots were not successful due to his determination to stop the puck.

The whole team has come together marvellously as there are many new players and the Central School parents support crew are making excellent cheerleaders. GO CENTRAL!!



DATES FOR DIARIES

Athletic sports and Y1-3 picnic dates coming soon.

Nov 12 - Highlands Orientation

Nov 25 - Quiz Night

Dec 09,10,11 - Year Six Camp

Dec 17 - School Finishes at 12noon

Final Assembly -NPBHS 9.30am

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Patten Academy of Dance Studio will be celebrating 55 years of teaching dance in New Plymouth by presenting 'Peter Pan' at the TSB Showplace on Sunday 6th December with performances at 2pm and 7pm. This show is perfect for the whole family and is full of colour and adventure, telling the much loved story of 'Peter Pan' by showcasing ballet, jazz, contemporary and tap dance styles performed by students of all ages at the dance school.

All your favourites will be there and more: Peter Pan, Wendy, Captain Hook, Tinkerbell, Tigerlily, mermaids, fairies, lost boys, pirates, indians.....and Tic Toc Croc! Tickets can be bought from the TSB Showplace and online from www.Ticketmaster.co.nz. Come along and enjoy the show!