



LEARN BY DOING

NEWSLETTER

MISSION: Together we will encourage, challenge and inspire each other towards a love of learning.

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Te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu

Mā te ākonga te iti kahurangi e whai atu

Strive for excellence

Ngā mihi ki te whānau o te Kura Waenga o
Ngāmotu

That which is nurtured grows, develops and blossoms.

The stage is alive with the sound of music and many happy and focused performers. Teachers are beginning to look less harried as the realisation dawns that their classes might just be ready to peak on the day!

Thank you to all the parents who have given time to sew and create the costumes and backdrops with teachers and learners. Somad is a really special context for us to enjoy having lots of our families around us during the school day.

The magic of this day is that the performances are created and choreographed by learners not teachers. The individual and group items give us a chance to celebrate excellence.

Saturday is a school day. All children are expected at school between 9.30 and 9.50. Please not before 9.30 unless the parent is a volunteer with a lanyard.

Remember parking will be at a premium so give your selves time to get here by 9.50.

All children are asked to wear the school colours for the opening ceremony. (black, yellow or gold and white.) they can be as zany or as traditional as they choose.

The school bell will ring at 9.50.am. Children are to report to their class teachers on the quad at that time.

In event of a cancellation due to poor weather listen to local radio stations. Vicki will send a school text informing you of the postponement to 14 November. The school phone will have a message on it too.

Please make sure your child is well sunblocked. During the times your child is performing the teachers will take charge. At other times parents

A young girl is the central figure, wearing a red superhero mask and a grey hoodie with a red cape. She has her arms raised in a celebratory gesture. In the background, other children and adults are visible, along with a green field and a building.



Two of our Year 6 learners were given the opportunity to record a SOMAD ad for the radio. Listen to the Breeze, Radiolive and the Sound to hear them. Many thanks to Jennian Homes for your generosity and learning experience.

On Tuesday 10 November at 3:10pm there will be a parent information meeting for the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme held by Senior

Constable Anna Duncan in the staffroom. We endeavour to provide this very successful police education programme every 3 years. Kākāriki and Kikorangi (Y1-3) teams will be focusing on this programme after Somad. For any further information please see the classroom teachers or team leaders

Walking School Bus:

We will start trialling a walking school bus on **Wednesday 11 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.

Definition of a Kiss and Drop:

We are having some serious congestion issues occurring at the Pendarves Street Kiss and Drop in the afternoons. This is caused by parents using the area to park and wait for their child, which then causes a large line of traffic to back up along Pendarves and even some parents dangerously double parking and instructing their children to step between cars to get into their own car. Not only does this cause chaos at our school gates but it is also extremely unsafe. As a result we have decided that for the remainder of the term the Pendarves Kiss and Drop will be for Year 1 students and younger. No Year 2 students at this kiss and drop for the rest of this term, please use the Gover St Kiss and Drop, trial the walking school bus or use the park and walk areas identified on the most current Let's Go map.

Some important clarification for all parents and caregivers using kiss and drops after school:

- It is an area designed to pull in and collect an already waiting child, who can then get

straight in the car and be buckled up before the car then moves off

- It is NOT a place to pull in and leave your car while you go into the school and collect your child
- It is NOT a place for you to get out of your car and talk to other parents/caregivers or to teachers
- It is NOT a place for you to pull in and wait for five minutes while your child makes their way out of class
- It is simply designed as a pull in, pull out space.
- If you pull in to collect a child and they are not yet there, the protocol in the kiss and drop is to then pull out and go around the block, rather than take up a space that could be used by a car behind you who has a child ready to be collected.
- If you know the child you are collecting is often late out of school, then please wait until 3.10 to arrive at the kiss and drop. we do have teachers there to supervise your child.

When people choose not to follow these guidelines it stops the kiss and drop system from work, backs up the street and this in turn affects the road patrollers being able to safely cross members of our school community and often results in other drivers making decisions that are potentially unsafe for our children. We really appreciate your support in keeping our gates safe and free of congestion. If another member of your family collects your child, please ensure this information is passed onto them also.

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.

SUNHATS - BASIC SAFETY

We are nearly at 100% children with hats. Please send \$10 if your child does not have a hat and we will supply one for them.

A MESSAGE FROM ROADS SAFE TARANAKI

After a child was severely injured when getting off a school bus last week, Roadsafe Taranaki has provided this message to remind drivers of our responsibility.

There are approximately 7,000 students using around 80 buses to get to school each day in Taranaki. Safety is the most important concern for any school bus driver.

Studies from the Monash University Accident Research Centre show that a small rise in speed substantially increases the risk of death or serious injury. A person hit by a car travelling at 30 km/h will be severely injured and have a 10 per cent likelihood of death. If the speed increases to 55km/h, the likelihood of death is about 85 per cent, and **at 60km/h the person is unlikely to survive.**

The key message from bus drivers to other road users: **SLOW DOWN around school buses**

The law clearly states If a school bus has stopped you must slow down and drive at 20km/h or less until you are well past (no matter which direction you are coming from) if:

- the bus displays a school bus sign on which the lights are flashing, or
- the bus displays a school bus sign (with or without flashing lights) and
- has stopped for the purpose of picking up or dropping off school children.

If you are driving anywhere in Taranaki between 7.30am-9am and 3pm-4.30pm, you are likely to meet a school bus somewhere along the route, slow down, "They came out of nowhere" is no excuse.

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.

New Uniform Sales

Saturday	December 12	9.00am - 12noon
Mon-Tues	December 14-15	9.00am - 4.00pm
Mon-Fr	January 11-15	9.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday	January 16	9.00am - 2.00pm
Mon-Fr	January 25 -29	9.00am - 4.00pm

Second-hand uniform sales

Mon-Fr	January 11-15	9.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday	January 16	9.00am - 2.00pm
Mon-Fr	January 25 -29	9.00am - 4.00pm

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

SOMAD 2015 - Pre Order for DVD Now

We have arranged for all of this years' SOMAD performances to be filmed and produced onto DVD. These will be available for sale at an Early Bird price of \$15 (up to Friday 6 November) and then \$20 thereafter. The cost covers DVD production and provides a great fundraising opportunity for our school. Please support and order your DVD at the school office today.

Icon Photography Viewing Day

A reminder to those who took part; pick up your FREE 10 x 13 inch photo tomorrow afternoon, between 3:30pm - 5:00pm in the school hall. Additional images will be available to purchase on this date with \$10 of all photo sales going to our school. Payment is by cash or cheque only. Any queries, contact Sheree on 021 311 718 or email sheree@istudios.co.nz

Calling all old Mobile Phones!

It's that time again to rummage around in your drawers for any unwanted mobile phones. It's 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 have significant environmental benefits, keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances.

Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box at the school office.

CENTRAL SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

POP THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

Wednesday 25 November 2015
The Good Home
More details to come...

SPORT NOTICES

Cricket Results

The Central Hadlees had a great turn out with 13x players over the weekend but sadly came off 2nd best to a very good bowling attack from the Fitzroy School batters. After winning the toss captain Ezra Denholm elected to bowl. Central worked the field well, with some top class fielding. Unfortunately a few too many wides and no balls helped Fitzroy's score amount to 102/1. Central gave a heroic effort with the chase. Fitzroy had a few very fast bowlers, which worked to Central's advantage when dual players of the day Benjamin & Dylan chalked up a boundary each tonking it for 4. Central finished up on 48/2 and the team were in

good spirits with vast improvement shown across the whole team.

TOUCH RUGBY

The **Central Try-Scorers** had their first game of Touch at Tukapa on Wednesday. A loss first up was offset by the fact the team had several players new to the game, and by the end they were all playing well as a team. Hunter T captained the team, with Noah F, Ryan, Campbell and Fergus Y, Ryan M and Benjamin A all playing well.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Nov 07 - SOMAD

Nov 12 Highlands Orientation

Nov 14 - SOMAD postponement date.

Dec 09,10,11 - Year Six Camp

Dec 17 - School Finishes at 12noon

Final Assembly -NPBHS 9.30am