



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

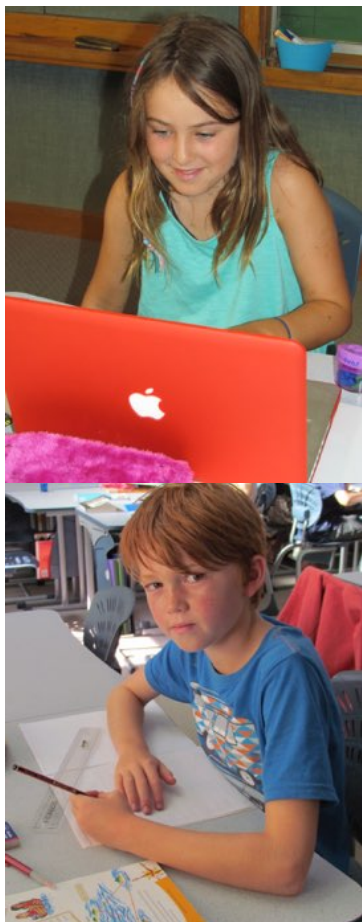
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Ngā mihi ki te whānau o te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu

If we teach today as we did yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow. John Dewey

The start to the school year has been smooth and positive. All classes are fully engaged in their learning and some children are getting very tired as they transition back into the world of school. A big thank you to you all for a refreshing and engaging start.





SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATES - THANK YOU!

Thank you for the excellent start we have made to the year. The Year 6s are walking away from school to meet family, the kiss and drop zone on Gover Street is working more efficiently (although we do ask that you do not wait in it before the bell goes) and the Pendarves Street kiss and drop is humming! Sincere thanks to all those families who encourage their children to bike (over 9 years), scoot and walk to school. We certainly appreciate the large numbers of parents who are crossing in the designated places.

FAMILY PICNIC - This Thursday 5.30 - 7.30 p.m

Bring togs, grab some takeaways or design a picnic to be proud of (and the rest of us can be envious of), and we can all join together for an evening of getting to know each other at school on Thursday evening at 5.30.

As usual this year the pool will be open (although children must be supervised by their own family members) and sports gear will be out for fun and games. **The Home and School committee have also shouted a water slide as another cooling option.** Again, you are asked to supervise your own children on the slide so that we can be sure there is only one person on the slide at a time to avoid any injuries.

Please note the Home and School is not taking orders for pizza this year.

See you all there!

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATE AND THE CENTRAL DISTRICTS HINDS

Kate is a quality cricketer and Central Districts representative player. She has been playing in the national domestic women's competition this summer and the team has made the final in the Twenty20 competition. On Sunday the women are playing the Canterbury Magicians in Rangiora. Good luck for the final, Kate!

OUR NEW REPORTING TO FAMILIES PROGRAMME

This year we are hoping to link in with all our families earlier and more successfully. We believe that to strengthen the home/school/student triangle we can help to raise student achievement. We hope that you will all feel heard and that your wishes for your children's learning and hauora (wellbeing) are valued. Research is clear that when families partner with the school in raising expectations for achievement that students rise to the occasion.

1. We begin with the **Family Picnic** this week.
2. **On 23 February and 25 February** parents, student and whānau will be meeting with teachers to learn more about each learner's identity, needs and strengths. You will be able to book your conference time on line, or ring Vicki in the office if you would prefer the personal touch. The times are 3.30-6.00 on February 23 and 12.45 - 6.45 on Thursday 25. If families cannot make these times, we encourage you to contact the teacher to make a more suitable time for your family.

3. **For bookings:** www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Code: 9MJ4L

PLEASE NOTE- School will finish at 12.00 on February 25 for the purposes of these conferences.



4. **April 14 - Community Open Day** - we invite you to come into school as we share the first stage of our learning journey into the whole school inquiry, *Pride in Our Planet*. Your children will be talking to you about their learning. Details will sent home closer to the time.

5. **May 24 and 26 (TBC) Student Achievement Conferences.** The student must be present at this conference which will involve a National Standards written report, replacing the traditional July report. Student achievement gains will be reported, and the next step goals set for the next 2 terms.
6. Weeks 7-9 Celebrating Matariki. Ramadan begins 7/6.
7. **July - Community Open Day**
8. **Student Progress Conferences.** An opportunity for teacher, student or parent(s) and whānau to request a conference to track, modify, extend progress and achievement towards the goals set at the Student Achievement Conferences.
9. September **Community Open Day and International lunch**



10. **November Community Open Day**
11. **End of year student achievement report** in December. The option to receive this report at a Student Achievement Conference is offered and valued.

REPORTING AND INTERPRETING THE NATIONAL STANDARDS - can we help?

Are you having trouble deciphering your child's report from December? Guess what? You are one of many! We would love to explain the assessment descriptors to you. If you would like to bring your child's December report with you to the conferences on 23/25 February and Charlaine and I will be available in the hall to explain for you. We will have 2-3 workshops running on each day and can give you a 1:1 session if you would prefer it. If these sessions are considered valuable then we will run them again at the May conference time. We look forward to a positive and exciting home/school partnership this year and will value your comment and feedback.

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

19 February @ 7.30pm in the staffroom. New parents, and the not so new, are all welcome.

The Home and School committee is a committed group of very social parents and whānau who support the school in numerous ways. They would be delighted to welcome any new parents to the school at their next meeting. If you are unable to attend but would like to be involved please contact Crissie Reid at 7574256



SCHOOL LUNCHES

The Home and School is working hard to bring you a Friday lunch deal that will involve healthy choice. Watch this space.



YUMMY FRUIT STICKERS

Hi my name is Levi and I am in room 8. I am collecting the Yummy apple stickers that can be found on other fruit too. Forms can be picked up from room 8 or you can get a Yummy sticker form from the website [http://](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Sticker_Collection_Sheet.pdf)

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Bring your filled in forms back to room 8. If we collect enough we will get lots of sports equipment for the school. Please help make this successful.

We are also collecting Colgate boxes used toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes. Put them in the Colgate box outside Barbara's office. Last year we received a cheque for \$200.00 for this easy recycling. Thank you. Levi

STUDENTS WITH CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL

We do not encourage children to bring cellphones to school however we appreciate that in some circumstances the planning around family obligations means children occasionally need

access to a cellphone. Children are asked to hand their phones into the office at the start of the day and collect them after school. Thank you for your co-operation.

SUNSCREEN - children need to bring their own

While we keep sunscreen in our first aid kits and the medical room, we do not choose to apply sunscreen to children in case of allergy or parental choice. Nevertheless children are in the sunshine for a number of hours a week so we ask that your child has an easily manageable sunscreen (e.g a roll-on) in their bags to apply before physical activity and break times outside. Young children need to have been instructed in the application of sunscreen, to avoid sunscreen in the eyes and to ensure full coverage. Children will be given time to apply sunscreen and will be reminded to reapply it by their teachers.

LOST PROPERTY

There is already a substantial pile of lost property to be returned to owners. You will find the lost property at the end of the corridor by Room 9. We ask you to not only support your child to take responsibility for their property when it is lost but to ensure all your children's clothing and shoes are named.

PROCEDURE FOR ADMINISTERING OF MEDICINE AT SCHOOL

I would like to clarify our procedure for the administering of medicine and medication at school.

1. If your child requires regular medication, there is a permission, instruction and procedure form to be filled out at the office.
2. If your child requires emergency medication for anaphylaxis, you are expected to provide the medication to Vicki at the office, and fill out the permission, instruction and procedure form at the office.
3. If your child is on antibiotics, the school does not administer doses on your behalf. In most cases families can time the doses to fit the instructions around school hours. Do talk to us if you have exceptional circumstances such as medications that need to be taken 30 minutes prior to eating.
4. If your child is unwell and we phone you to collect him/her, we can administer paracetamol at your request. This is a one-off dose only.
5. If your child requires regular paracetamol doses then it is considered he/she is not well enough to be at school.

6. If your child is asthmatic and requires either regular or intermittent medication, you are asked to provide the medication to Vicki at the office, and fill out the instructions for administering on the school form.

SPORTS NOTICES

Thank you for getting the cricket, inline hockey, and summer football registrations in on time. Letters finalising details will be coming home this week. A special thanks to the team of parents who make extra curricular sport possible through their dedication to coaching and managing teams.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Crissie will be issuing sport uniforms on Friday lunchtime in the school hall. **Please note that we are still waiting for a few uniforms to be returned - please hand them into Vicki as a matter of urgency.**

Calling a volunteer or 2..... is there a parent or friend of the school who is able to pick up this very valued voluntary position? Crissie has done the hard bit and will hand over the job with support.

TOUCH RUGBY

There will be a touch registration form being sent home today for a new competition that will start on the 17 February. This will be played at Hickford Park in Bell Block on a Wednesday night. The registration forms need to be in by this Friday (12 Feb) at the latest as the team registrations are due in on Friday. Forms can be handed to either Kate Baxter in Room 3 or to the office.

DATES FOR DIARY

February 10 - BOT 5.00 pm

February 11 - 5.00pm Year 5 camp meeting

February 11 - FAMILY PICNIC 5.30pm

Monday March 14 - Taranaki Anniversary day
holiday

25 Feb - School finishes at 12.00 for Connection Conferences

23 and 25 February Community Connection Conferences

February 24 - Papatūānuku Swimming Display

February 29 - Tangaroa Swimming Sports

February 29 - Year 5 Camp - Vertical Horizon

March 04 - Ranginui Swimming Sports

April 15 - Term One ends

May 02 - Term Two commences

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please note that these notices are circulated for your information and at the request of the community groups/businesses advertised. The school is not recommending nor advising attendance at any of the programmes, nor recommending the use of any product/ service. We are happy to drop this service if families prefer. Do let us know.

ARE YOU A SLINGSHOT CUSTOMER? IF SO WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO NOMINATE THE SCHOOL TO RECEIVE EXTRA FUNDING IN THE BETTER SCHOOLS PROJECT

Friends and parents can join the Better Schools Programme by going to www.slingshot.co.nz/schools and selecting the school. Alternatively you can call one of the customer helpers on 0800 89 2000 and ask to join the Better Schools Programme. It costs you nothing but the school receives a percentage of your payment. Currently we receive about \$80 a term thanks to the families who have already signed up.

Woodleigh JFC Pre-Season Skills Training with Mick Curry Football School
Top Level Coaching for 8 to 10 year olds
Sutherland Park, Tuesday 4-5 pm, LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
Starts 16th February – register at venue or contact Rachel 022 088 1972
woodleighjfc@hotmail.com

ST PIUS X
SCHOOL GALA
Sunday 28th February
11am – 2 pm

Mystery bottle Cake stall Dunk the teacher
Rides Arts & crafts Food court Books
Face painting Photo booth White elephant
Fun games Activities Laser tag Big dig
Quick fire raffles & much more
Eftpos available
120 Brooklands Road