



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



17 February 2016

Ngā mihi ki te whānau o te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu

The playground yesterday was a hive of industry, creativity and sportsmanship. I always feel the tone, learning and activity in the playground is a window to the tone and learning in the classroom as well as the emotional safety of our students. The playground this week has been a positive and safe space and this needs to be celebrated as integral to the classroom learning. These photos, taken in one small vicinity, capture some of the activity and the positive relationships.



FAMILY PICNIC

What a happy occasion we all had sharing the beautiful evening last Thursday. Food was devoured, the wonderful slide shouted by the Home and School was crawling with children, and the pool was full for most of the evening. It was special to meet other members of the families and to enjoy the company of many of our ex-students. Thank you all for your excellent company.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION CONFERENCES

Next week 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.

1. **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.

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 Charlaire 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 - tonight @ 7.30pm in the staffroom. New parents, and the not so new, are all welcome.

SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATES

Thank you, all. Things have been so much smoother again this week. If you use the kiss and drops and your child is regularly slow out of school, please delay your arrival until 3.07pm or so. That way we disperse the children in a more controlled fashion. The road patrol period ends at 3.15pm so a staggered departure over that 15 minutes is logical.

Congratulations to the all those families encouraging walking, park and walking, and scooting.

CELEBRATION FOOD AT SCHOOL - we would appreciate your understanding and support

When children have birthdays, many generous families send a cake, treats or food for the birthday child to share with the class. While we support the values around this manaakitanga we do find there can be problems created. Some children are not always able to share in the food because of food allergies or family preference. The party time can impose on learning time, and families can be led to believe it is a requirement and this can place undue pressure on families. As a result we

respectfully request that families only send shared food to school when there is a formal, shared class or school occasion that you have been informed of by the class teacher.

TOYS AT SCHOOL- a message to all families

Please support us in not allowing toys to be brought to school. They inevitably get broken and borrowed, and the issues created are so much better avoided by the toys staying at home.

SPORT NOTICES

All remaining sports team uniforms will be issued on Monday at lunchtime.

SPORTS REPORT CRICKET

Saturday was the start of the Cricket season for our three Central School teams. Central have one team in the Kiwi Junior competition (Central Smashers), one in the Kiwi Senior competition (Central Black Caps), and one in the Junior Primary incrediball division (Central Hadlees). The sun was shining and all three teams were ready to get back into it.

The **Central Smashers** had an exciting game, narrowly losing to St John Bosco by only 3 runs! Corbin was player of the day. With many of the team playing for the first time, they are excited about the season ahead and can't wait to get back into it this Saturday.

The **Central Black Caps** started the season with a win against Spotswood. Losing only 2 wickets in their innings, and having all batting pairs score really well - it was great running between the wickets. Everyone tried really hard to bowl with a straight arm and fielding was superb - Xavier R was the captain for the day and Benjamin, Player of the Day. Everyone loved watching the team play!

The **Central Hadlees** also started the season with a win against Bell Block School. Bowling first, Central worked hard to restrict the runs that Bell Block could make by bowling straight. The Hadlees then went in to bat and they had four players retire (Stephen, Benjamin, Georgia, and Campbell). Benjamin top scored with 20 runs and Joshua was the captain for the day. They can't wait for their next game!

DATES FOR DIARY

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.

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

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