



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

23 February 2016

Ngā mihi ki te whānau o te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu



THE POWER OF PARENTS

It was such a pleasure to enjoy the cricket at school on Saturday morning. Such supportive families and a positive crowd ensured safe and sound learning for the players. Your tolerance, good humour, patient teaching and descriptive praise were all top of the line. Sincere thanks to all our parents who ensure that our students have access to this highly important aspect of a child's education, extra-curricular sport.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION CONFERENCES

Today and Thursday 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 can 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 today 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.

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

SOMAD 2015 DVDs - ORDER NOW

There have been a number of requests from people who missed out on the SOMAD DVD last year and so we have decided to put another order through. All of the SOMAD performances are on the DVD, available for only \$20 from the school office. Orders (including payment) close next Friday, 4 March 2016 with delivery before the end of the month. The cost covers DVD production and provides a great fundraising opportunity for our school as well. Don't miss out! Please support and order your DVD at the school office today.

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 brochures will be coming home with your child this week. You may order online, or by using the order form in the brochure. Order forms can be dropped off at the drop box located in the office with your payment. (Cheques made out to 'Scholastic NZ Ltd'). Orders need to be submitted online or to the school office drop box by 9am Wednesday 2 March. (No late orders accepted sorry). All orders earn rewards for our new school library. Any queries to Tracy (Bebe's mother) or Lynne in the library. New for 2016, you can now select items as gifts via the online LOOP ordering system. These will be treated as secret orders and will be available for pick up from the school office. Thank you for your support with the Lucky Book Club during 2015, last year we raised \$2,654 for our library.

TANGAROA OPEN SWIMMING DAY

Parents and whānau of rooms 1, 2, 6 and 7 children are warmly invited to attend a swimming open day on Monday 29 February at the school pool.

At the session you will see a normal swimming lesson, involving your child, take place. Come along and see your child in action within a daily swimming programme including teaching, practice and land based exercises to develop stamina and technique.

Rooms 1 and 2 will be at the pool between 11.00am - 11.45 am

Rooms 6 and 7 will be at the pool between 11.45am - 12.30pm

The children are looking forward to showing you the skills they have been developing over the last few weeks.

RANGINUI (rms 9-12) SWIMMING SPORTS

Next Friday, 4 March, Ranginui team swimming sports will take place at Highlands Intermediate School pool. Events will begin at 10.25 a.m. Further detail to follow next week .

SCHOOL TRYATHLON - prior warning

DATE: Thursday 17 March 2016 (No postponement date)

VENUE: Central School

TIME: Starting at 9:30am with the 11 year olds followed by the 10...9...8...

The 7,6,5 year olds will begin at 11am.

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.

NEXT HOME AND SCHOOL - 7.30 pm March 02

New parents, and the not so new, are all welcome in the staffroom. (and I am sure you can always join the choir if you go to the hall!)

SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATES

Thank you, thank you..all!

SPORT NOTICES

Congratulations to Tayen McGuinness who has been selected to represent Taranaki in Kenpo Karate martial arts at the International Oceania Tournament in Sydney this March. She will come up against competitors from as far away as America.

She currently holds a brown belt and is aiming for a black belt by December. Her skills mean she has started as an assistant instructor in junior classes. We wish Tayen best of luck in the upcoming tournament.



SPORTS REPORT CRICKET

Central Smashers

The Central Smashers had a great win on Saturday, winning by 16 runs. Playing against St Pius and having home field advantage, the team fought hard and managed to get 6 wickets. Great work from the Smashers!



Central Black Caps

The Central Black Caps played a blinder, but were narrowly beaten. Our excellent bowling to the Oakura team made it easy for them to hit it, but that gave us a good workout in the field, with 2 oh-so-near catches, and one caught-bowl - good stuff Troy. Our batting and running between the wickets was a bit cautious, but it meant we didn't throw away our wickets. Troy was player of the day for his double wicket over.



Central Hadlees

On Saturday the Hadlees came away with another great win against West End School. Batting first, we scored 73 runs with Ben scoring 16 runs and Jericho scoring 14. It was then our turn to bowl and Josh had an outstanding bowling spell taking 3 wickets. Awesome Josh! Each player in the team worked hard and all contributed to the winning result. Excellent work Hadlees!

TOUCH RUGBY

The Central PRIDE touch team had their first game on Wednesday night at Hickford Park. With some of the team playing touch for the first time, and others having played a lot, it was a great opportunity for the more experienced players to help the team members who were new.

The team came up against a good Frankley side, however all members of the team gave it their best shot and worked together. The team has got a lot of potential and with more games under their belt they will improve rapidly so watch this space!

Summer Soccer

The first night of Summer Soccer was last Tuesday and Central have got 9 teams entered in the competition which is awesome! Each team has got 2 games a night, meaning that they come up against 2 different schools each Tuesday. All of the teams represented Central School with pride and from talking to many of the players, they had a ball. A special thank you to all the parent helpers who came together to support teams. We are lucky to have you and your support means that as many students as possible can play in a team. THANKS!

DATES FOR DIARY

23 and 25 February Community Connection Conferences

25 Feb - School finishes at 12.00 for Connection Conferences

February 24 - Papatūānuku Swimming Display

February 29 - Tangaroa Swimming Sports

February 29 - Year 5 Camp - Vertical Horizon

March 04 - Ranginui Swimming Sports

March 11 - R6 Puke Ariki Visit

March 14 - **Taranaki Anniversary Day - no school**

March 15 - R1&2 Puke Ariki visit

March 17 - Tryathalon

March 25 - **Easter Friday - no school**

March 28 - **Easter Monday - no school**

March 29 - **Easter Tuesday - no school**

April 04 - Tangaroa River Trip 1

April 11 - Tangaroa River Trip 2

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.

Apple has advised the media and the Ministry that in very rare cases, some of the two prong Apple AC wall plug adapters may break and create a risk of electrical shock if touched. These adapters were shipped to New Zealand and some other countries from 2003 – 2015 with Mac and certain iOS devices such as iPhones and iPads.

Apple has put an exchange programme in place, whereby new adapters will be sent direct to users, and the affected adapters returned to Apple via pre-paid courier bag. There is no cost to users for the exchange. Full details of the programme are available on the Apple website.

It is only the “duckhead” wall plug adapter which is potentially affected, the rest of the components of the AC adapter are not.