



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 May 2016

Ngā mihi ki te whānau o te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. Nelson Mandela

Last Friday St Joseph's School visited us for the first inter school match of the year. We managed to fit one rugby match, one basketball game, two soccer matches and two netball games into the afternoon. This saw the vast majority of our Year 5/6 children involved in competitive sport. The weather came to the party and cleared for a brilliant Black Friday afternoon.

It was a hugely successful afternoon with all matches played in good spirit. The children showed that they could battle fiercely on the field or court while remaining good sportspeople.



some years had a loss but, given that a number of the players had never played the game before, they can be very proud of their efforts. A special thanks to Josh Williams for coaching and refereeing the magnificent basketball team.



The rugby team suffered the narrowest of losses in a nail biting finish. The team impressed with some stoic defence and will be better for having a game under their belts. Both football teams had commanding wins which really showed the depth we have in this sport at Central. The A netball team had a good win with the B team having a narrow loss. Our inter school basketball team, the first for



Thank you to all the parents who turned up to support and for providing a plate for the after match function. A big thanks to all the coaches and referees, without whom it wouldn't have been possible. We look forward to our next exchange at Central School on Friday 27 May against St John Bosco.

LANGUAGE NESTS

It is extremely important that the large number of our students who speak English as their second language keep the integrity and joy of their home language. How we dream that these students will speak their language in our playground and classrooms and that they will be proud to pepper our school with lots of their conversation in Spanish, Mandarin, German, Thai, Bengali and so many others.

It is time to begin our language nests again and we are keen to get these started next week. We already have some keen volunteers. If you are keen to help out in a language nest and can speak any of these languages, please contact Charlaire Spencer.

charlaine.spencer@central.school.nz

Also, if your child speaks one of these languages and you are keen for their learning to continue, please contact Charlaire by email.

GOODBYE CHRISTINA

So excited for Christina and Andrew as they await the impending pioneer of the next generation of Darney Central kids, we finally had to let her go last Thursday. Christina has only been with us for a year but she has given us teaching and learning prowess, such love for the tamariki, and effective leadership.

Thank you, Christina, you have left a big gap which we will fill for the time it takes to thoroughly enjoy your family after welcoming our new wee Darney to the world.



CONGRATULATIONS

JESS

We are so proud of our Jess as she heads to her Victoria University capping ceremony this week. Jess has a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in both International business and economics. Last year she topped this off with not only a post graduate qualification but the special *Teacher Education Excellence Award*. This award acknowledges outstanding graduates who excelled in their academic studies and performed strongly in their teaching practicum experiences in schools.



KAHURANGI PERFORMANCE

There are a number of families yet to remember to pay the requested \$4.00 per student, or \$7.50 for the 100 students who also enjoyed the special small group workshops. Please pop in to the school office and help us cover the subsidised cost of this excellent performing group. The Performers-in-Schools programme is a valued part of our school curriculum and we do appreciate your support in keeping the standard of performers so high.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS - a message from our chairperson, Cara Gelston

I am the current chair of Central School Board of Trustees. This is a new role for me but I have found it rewarding and very interesting. I encourage any parent with an interest in governance and strategy, who come from all walks of life, to put their nominations forward to become a member of our BOT. You may be aware that elections are just around the corner. I believe nominations are due by 20 May, this Friday. It's vital for the life of our school



community that as many people as possible get involved. The time commitment is not enormous and the benefits (knowledge, learning, information, friendship) outweigh any perceived stress of time commitment.

I am more than happy to talk to anyone about what is involved and how things work in practice.

Better still, you are welcome to attend a BOT meeting. Our next meeting is 25 May 2016 at 5.30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome. If you would like to ring me to discuss please call on either 0210753869 or 7587108 (work). I look forward to talking to some of you soon.

Thanks, Cara

A COMMUNITY PLACE- YES!!!!

Te Whare Mātau will be opening to whānau and community every Tuesday after school, beginning today, 17 May. The opening hours will be from 3.00pm until 4.00pm. Families are welcome to come and browse our collection and issue books. If you wish to come along to issue books please email Jo at jo@central.school.nz so that a borrower number can be generated for you for our records for your first visit. Whānau can issue up to 6 books, for the duration of 2 weeks.

UPDATES FOR SCHOOL RUMPUS LUNCHES ON LINE - Friday is the busiest day so far.

Lunches are selling steadily with Friday obviously being a favourite day. We have some very loyal Rumpus lunchers and it's good to see families re-ordering as they are obviously enjoying what's being provided.

With the change of season, we are looking to provide some yummy warmer dishes. To encourage you to purchase at the start of the week, we'd like to add a special *Monday Munchies* which will be a carton of crunchy corn nachos with a warm mince and tomato sauce and grated cheese.

On Tuesdays, what about a *Two for Tuesday* on selected items. So if you choose one item, you can get another for free!

Deliveries are arriving at 12.20 pm to excited students each day.

Lunches are available every day of the week by ordering online.

All you need do, the first time, is visit

www.lunchonline.co.nz and

1. Register an account
2. Add members- set up your child/ren

3. Make a payment so there are funds in your account
4. Place an order

Thereafter, once you have made an internet or credit card payment, you link to Central School and order your options.

Orders need to be in 9.00 a.m.

CLASS COMPETITION

Whichever class buys the most lunches this term will be rewarded with a free play date after school at Rumpus Room in the last week of Term 2.

Do you have feedback for the Rumpus lunches? Do send us an email and we will pass on your comment.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CONFERENCES

Please organise your diaries for school finishing for the day at 12.00 on June 1.

31/5 (3.15- 6.00pm) and 1/6 (12.45-7.00pm)

These conferences are for you and your child to focus on achievement progress, learning capabilities and learning strengths. There will be a written report that comes home the day prior so that you and your child have time to gather your comment and questions thus making the 15 minutes more valuable for setting learning goals.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

Code: u6jec

Bookings on line are open today. If your child is not in attendance at the conference you will be asked to make another time as the partnership between home and school can't exist without the key player! If you want to make time to see a teacher on your own, then please contact them as soon as the need arises.

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LONG HAIR TIED BACK

Thank you for all your support in sending your children to school with long hair tied back. Nits are less likely to spread and it is so much more suitable for students managing their learning time.

KISS AND DROP ZONES

A reminder that the Lemon and Pendarves Street zones are for year 1/2 students only. The Gover Street zone, AKA The Rocky Wall, is for year 3-5

students. Two other important points to remind our families as we head into the less kind weather are :

1. If your child is not at the zone, please do not pull in but go around the block AWAY from the school. If you go around the school block, it creates massive congestion. Essentially the only cars that need be in the Pendarves and Lemon Street blocks outside school are of those who are using the 120 minute parks or the Y1/2 kiss and drops.

2. Please do NOT use the mobility parks without displaying your mobility approval. All other use is against the law.

URGENT MEASLES UPDATE

Many of you will be aware that some schools in Waikato are insisting that all unvaccinated teachers and students to stay away from school for a week or possible more. In order to prepare for a possible measles epidemic in New Plymouth, Vicki is checking all our student immunisation records. There are a large number of students whose immunisation has yet to be sighted. Vaccinated or not, you will be asked to keep your children home should the measles strike as we will have to be very careful to protect our students, families and staff. Vicki will be emailing the families whose records are not up-to-date this week.

SPORTS REPORTS

NETBALL

Central Magic had an awesome first game. They played well as a team with great defence which resulted in a win!

Central Mystics played 2 awesome games on Sunday. They lost both games but the second game the team played the best they have yet. Thanks to all for pushing themselves to their best. Player of the day in game one was Grace, who stopped the other team from getting any goals in the second half and in the second game, Rhylee who scored the goals and played her best game yet

Central Ferns had a hard fought loss 10-0. A great 1st game. Player of the day was Millar.

Three games and three wins for **The Central School Flyers** last week.

Tuesday – The girls displayed a better understanding of where to put the ball for team mates. This resulted in another win and some really nice passes into the goal circle.

POD - Helen.

Sunday – After some work at practise focusing on how to move the ball down the court the girls showed that it was not in vain. They had

far less bunching on Sunday and made use of all free members of the team. Good to see everyone defending the ball. Well Done Team!

HOCKEY

We were proud of **Central Blacksticks** (Bridget, Scarlett, Levi and Isaac) who played their first ever hockey game on Saturday. They all had a good go and won 3-1. Well done Levi scoring all the goals! With thanks to the Mangorei Ninjas for being great sports and lending us one of their players (Ethan) - who was very helpful!

Central Strikers hockey team had a great start to the season, last week winning 6-2 against Fitzroy and this week against St Pius 9-0. Great game was had by all. This weeks goals went to Georgia and Charlie. Georgia was POD.

FOOTBALL

The **Central 10th grade Beckhams** had a big 18-2 win over Oakura. It was pleasing to see 6 different goal scorers. Joe and Thomas scored their first goals, Stan 2, Isaac 1, Stirling 6 and Xavier 6. Player of the Day went to Joe. Zac and Emily had a good defensive game.

Central Pride faced Inglewood at Karo Park and what a game! Dylan G-S showed what you have do to be player of the day with the seasons first header and being unstoppable in defence. Luca and Oscar scored 2 goals and Hunter 1. Luca, Ariki and Captain Malakai worked tirelessly in attack. Central Pride had a fantastic game to finish on 6-0.

DATES FOR DIARIES

20 May BOT (Board of Trustees) election
nominations close

25 May BOT meeting 5.30 in staffroom - a public meeting- all welcome

27 May Interschool vs St John Bosco

31/5 and 1/6 Student Achievement conferences

3/6 Stu Duval writing workshops

June 06 Queen's Birthday holiday Monday

10 June - votes counted and new BOT takes office

20-27 June Life Education truck at school

31/5- 8/6 Book Fair

13 - 17/6 June ERO visit to school

13-17/6 Jump Rope (Jump Rope For Heart)

17/6 Jump Off - time to be confirmed

29 June BOT meeting @ 5.30 pm. All welcome

7 July - Classrooms open for sharing our learning

8 July - Term Two finishes

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.

The 6th Annual Mid Winter Village Fun Run /Walk will be held on **Sunday 26th June 2016** as a Fundraising Event for the Egmont Village Home and School Committee. Last year 200+ people took part. Plenty of great spot prizes.

The courses are on road and well surfaced farm races and includes 3, 5, 7 and 10km events for both runners and walkers. An approved Traffic Management Plan is in place for safety.

A Flyer and Entry Form can be requested from Fiona Mace on macefam@xtra.co.nz.

The **MOUNTAINAIRS** Basketball team are playing at the TSB STADIUM on this THURSDAY 19 MAY TIP OFF AT 7pm We have great half time entertainment too so come along, have some fun and support your home team !!!

The Merrilands School Market is on Sun May 22nd, 8.30-11.30. If you're needing to fundraise or needing to sell some of the clothes/toys you've outgrown, book a stall by emailing market@merrilands.school.nz