



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

31 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

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS AND CONFERENCES

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.00 TOMORROW

As outlined at the beginning of the year, we are trialling a new Reporting to Students and Their Families programme. Those of you who have booked your conference will have received your child's summary report. This forms the basis of your conference at which you and your child are expected to take the lead. Ask your child about their learning in relation to the report. Take the report back to the conference with you and start with the areas for which you would like clarification. Enjoy celebrating the learning strengths and then set goals for the areas of need you and your child identify as key for powerful learning in the following ten weeks.

For those families who would like a follow up conference in ten weeks, either to ensure the student is still on track, or to establish new goals, there are student progress conferences. Other students and families may feel the child is well on track and will dispense with this conference. It is up to you and your child, although teachers may also request one at this time too.

At the end of the year, your child will receive a final written report for the year.

Timing of Student Achievement Conferences

It is important for both teachers, whānau and students to remember that the National Standards assessments have been made in early May after only 11 weeks of schooling. Historically this assessment has been made near the end of term 2.

Please keep this in mind when discussing your child's progress.

CONSULTATION

After your conference, Maxine, Charlene or Philippa may ask you to fill out a consultation form with them so you can feedback on how we can improve the conference, the report form and the February Connection Conferences. You will be offered the opportunity to take home the questionnaire or complete it on Goggle docs. We hope lots of our families and whānau can provide feedback to help us provide a better partnership for you and your child in their learning.

Remember the book fair is open to visit after or before your conferences.

BOOK FAIR! BOOK FAIR! A MAGNIFICENT AFFAIR!



Your children have previewed the Scholastic book fair. They may be coming home with a wish list of titles that have taken their fancy. Please do not feel any obligation to purchase however for those

who do wish to, you may value your child's preselection from the many available.

The book fair opens today, Tuesday 31 May at 8.30-9.00am and is open every day until Wednesday 8 June, in the school hall, with EFTPOS available. The book fair will be open to coincide with the Student Achievement Conferences so there is a late night from 3.00-6.30pm on Tuesday, and from 1.00-7.00pm Wednesday so you can come and browse before and after your conference times. Come and check out the great selection. This is a wonderful fundraising opportunity for Te Whare Mātau.



BUT THERE IS MORE - Dress up for a bookish day

This Friday 3 June we will be having a dress up day at school. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character, to coincide with the book fair.



INTERSCHOOL TOURNAMENT

Last Friday we hosted St John Bosco in an inter school exchange. Once again the games were competitive and played in great spirit despite the dampening showers that hit. The Rugby and Football A teams had convincing wins while the Football B team displayed great resilience to come back from a half time deficit to claw back to a 2-4 loss.

The netballers were up against some experienced players with a distinct height advantage but they acquitted themselves well giving 100%.

Our next exchange is at Frankley School on Friday 24 June followed by an away trip to Coastal School

on Thursday 30 June. We will be organising buses for these and will send a notice home confirming costs and which teams will be involved.





SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Aotearoa celebrates our Pacific origins and identity in many different ways. Samoan Language Week runs until Saturday 4 June. This will be the 11th year Samoan Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa.

This year's theme is: '**E felelei manu ae ma'au i o latou ofaga**' - Birds migrate to environments where they survive and thrive. The theme uses a Samoan proverb to symbolise the migration journey of Samoans to Aotearoa.

JUMP ROPE SKIPPING IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY

Classes are eagerly setting goals for themselves in rope skipping at present. This fitness unit will end on 17 June with a Jump Rope For Heart display to which you are all very welcome to come and admire the progress and skills your children have made over these few weeks. At the Jump Off we will be requesting a gold coin donation to the Heart Foundation, which subsidises this excellent programme.

NITS ARE HAVING THEIR OWN JUMP ROPE TOO!

After all the requests to tie back any long hair at school, the nits have won! A number of classes have had families report an outbreak of these nasties. If you have received a letter then you know to be vigilant in checking your child's hair for at last two weeks as reinfestation can easily occur. Please support us by checking your child's hair regularly so we can wipe out this bout.

MEASLES THREAT - more information

A child attending school while they are infectious with measles is very likely to spread the disease to other students and teachers who are not immune. In an outbreak, the Medical Officer of Health can order that unimmunised children must stay home from school until they are no longer at risk of either catching the disease or passing it on to others. Measles can be a very serious disease. Our school maintains an Immunisation Register to help identify children at risk during an outbreak. If we do not have up-to-date information for your child you will have been emailed by Vicki last week. Taking action before a measles outbreak can minimise the impact if a student or staff member becomes ill.

Symptoms of measles can include fever, runny nose, and sore watery red eyes that last for several days before a red blotchy rash appears. Anyone with these symptoms should call ahead before visiting their family doctor, after hours' clinic or emergency department so steps can be taken to reduce the risk of infecting others in the waiting room.

BOT ELECTIONS

If you would like to contact any of the candidates standing for election their phone numbers are listed below:

Cara Gelston - 021 075 3869

Bry Kopu - 06 75 86774

Spencer Page - 021 359 141 after 4pm

Mike Pickles - 027 801 2801

Tania Monk - 027 2468 143

Glen West - 027 598 7484

REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSED ON MONDAY 6 JUNE

A reminder that this weekend is holiday weekend. Monday is a public holiday and school is closed. We hope you can all enjoy some special family time together.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS

Central School is a founding member of the Mindplus School in New Plymouth. This is a one day school for student with exceptional abilities in 2 domains of giftedness. At present we have 8 students attending.

The Taranaki Gifted Association provides workshops and courses for our teachers and families.

Title: The Many Faces of Giftedness

Workshop Description: Wondering what the concept of Giftedness includes? Is it about IQ only? Is it a rare phenomenon? Wondering what it looks like in young children? Wondering what this means in terms of support for young children?

In this session Anna Meuli will explore the concept of giftedness as it is understood both nationally and internationally in the field of education and as it is seen within the many faces of children within our classrooms.

Date: Wednesday 15 June 2016

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Devon Intermediate School Hall

Facilitator: Ms Anna Meuli

Anna is the Consultancy Manager for the New Zealand Centre for Gifted Education. Over the past 30 years in education Anna has taught across the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors in mainstream, special education and gifted education contexts as a classroom teacher, lead teacher, adviser, lecturer and consultant. Anna has been providing professional learning and development to New Zealand educators for the past 16 years and during this time has presented both nationally and internationally in gifted education.

Cost: Free for families with children attending MindPlus, for all other families a gold coin donation towards the Taranaki Gifted Community Centre would be appreciated.

To register: please email name, the name of the school your child attends and your contact details to Katja Eager via contact@tgctrust.org.nz by the 8 June 2016

TANGAROA TRIP

Tangaroa have a trip to Barrett Domain to study the wetlands on Wednesday 08 June

Room 1&2 9.15am - 12n

Room 6&7 12n - 2.45pm

Postponement day Friday 10 June

Watch out for a special newsletter in children's book bags today re this.

Friday 10 June - some Tangaroa children will be visiting Peringa Wetlands between 9.15am - 11.30am.

NB The children involved in this will have a separate notice.

UPDATES FOR SCHOOL RUMPUS LUNCHESES 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.

SPORTS NOTICES

NO FOOTBALL OR HOCKEY THIS SATURDAY DUE TO THE LONG WEEKEND, QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND.

SPORTS REPORTS

FOOTBALL

Unfortunately due to a severe weather warning all football was called off last weekend!

HOCKEY

Central Pride put in a really strong effort against the Woodleigh Titans, losing 4 - 0. It was great to see the improvement from everyone from the start of the season. William played well before, and after, taking a bump and was player of the day.

Central Black Sticks won their match against St Pius Royals on Saturday 5-0. The team showed a lot of confidence and persistence. Bridget was player of the day. In the second half she was out-running everyone and taking the ball up the field to the goal!

NETBALL

Central Mystics had a fantastic Sunday of netball with the team winning all 3 games. The team has really stepped up and is working really well together. Player of the day for each of the 3 games was Xanthe, Stephen, and Chloe.

Central Ferns played an awesome game but lost 8-4. Player of the day was Domini.

BASKETBALL

The **Central Hoops** won their game versus Spotswood 24-18. Jasmine and Jovahn scored their first goals and Xavier scored 10 baskets. An improved effort by all.

DATES FOR DIARIES

31/5 and 01/6 Student Achievement conferences

03/6 Stu Duval writing workshops

June 06- Queen's birthday holiday Monday

31/5- 8/6 Book Fair

08 June - Tangaroa trip to Barrett Domain
postponement day 10 June

10 June - votes counted and new BOT takes office

20- 27 June-Life Education truck at school

13 - 17/6 June ERO visit to school

13-17/6 Jump Rope Jump Off (Jump Rope For Heart) Date to be confirmed for the Jump Off to which you are most welcome.

29 June BOT meeting @ 5.30 pm. All welcome

07 July - Open day

08 July - Term 2 ends

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.

The 6th Annual Mid Winter Village Fun Run /Walk will be held on **Sunday 26 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 TARANAKI TOY LIBRARY

**MONSTER
CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE!**

27 AUGUST 2016

**WE ARE COLLECTING GOOD
QUALITY 2ND HAND BOOKS NOW!**

Enhance a child's learning - Please donate your unwanted children's books so they can be enjoyed by others.

Drop off to your school reception by 30 June, or deliver direct to the Taranaki Toy Library at 524 Devon Street East, Fitzroy (beside Knox Church).

Thank you for supporting your local community Toy Library.

