Wednesday 29th June 2016 Term 2, Week 5:

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From the Principal ...

Wow what a fun night out at Friday night's quiz! Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser and enabled us to raise close to \$5000. This money will go towards kitting out our children in new kapa haka uniforms. A special thanks to the small team of PSG members who worked flat out preparing the hall and keeping everyone happy throughout the night with food and drinks. Your hard work behind the scenes ensured the night went off without a hitch and the children at school will benefit from your effort. I also want to acknowledge the support we received through donations of prizes from our community, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy your week. Regards, Andy Hayward Principal

Reporting to Parents

A significant part of our reporting process happens this term with all students receiving our mid-year reports. These go out at the end of this week. Along with your child's report you'll also have their school books for you to have a look at. In the last week you'll have the opportunity to visit classrooms and speak with your child's teacher to clarify any questions you may have about how your child is getting on in their learning. We hope through this comprehensive process you will know how your child is going with their learning, what their strengths are, and what their next learning steps are.

If you haven't organised an interview time it's not too late! Contact Gail in the office and she'll help you organise an appointment.

Understanding the Reports - A couple of hints to help you understand your child/ren's report.

The National Standards were developed by the Ministry of Education and schools are required use these to report to parents. Each Curriculum level is a 2 year band. We have broken this into 1 year blocks using towards and at (eg towards level 1, at level 1)

For the first 3 years at school the standard is measured by the anniversary of when your child started school. From year 4 the standard is for the end of the school year.

On your reports:

For year 4-6 the Standard (green arrow) is for the end of the year.

For years 1-3 the Standard (green arrow) is for the end of year anniversary for their time at school. E.g. After 1 year, after 2 years, after 3 years. So if your child started school in Term 2 2015 they are measured against the "after 1 year at school" standard in Term 2 2016 (this is the end of 1 year for this child). This can get confusing --please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions.

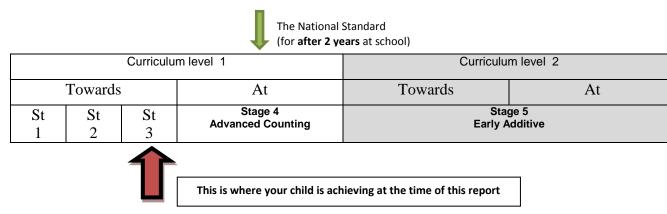
Example:

This is the Mathematics example from an "after 2 year report". The green arrow shows the Standard for the end of the 2^{nd} year at school. The red arrow shows where the child is at.

How is the child doing? This child is on track to meet the Standard by the end of their 2nd year. They still have 6 months of schooling (approx. 2 terms) to work on getting to and above the Standard.

If the child had already been at school for 2 years they are below the standard.

Your child has been at school for 1 Year 6 Months



Assembly Special Certificates: Congratulations to the following students -

Kakano: Noah Templin, Benji Templin, Damian White, Madison McVey, Emma Menzies, Jade Ellmers, Jessie Jones, Lola Brodin

Koru: Angel Tidez, Jake Shanks, Alex Mackay, Oliver Pheasant, Xanthe Maugham, Archer Allen Poutama: Sascha Dobson, Max Hammond, Holli Macdonald, Kruz Takoko, Lily-Rose McFarlane-Rofe, Jasmine Reynolds, Rebecca Smith, Grace Ure, Poppy Middlemiss, Charlie Harvey Rangi: Kia Murphy, Ty Houthuijzen, Noah Watson, Aiden Hailes, Monet Maugham, Will Rouse, Kaelin Sycamore, Jeremy Auckram, Tui Ruifrok, Angus McInnes

Science Fair Projects

A notice regarding the Science Fair Projects went home on Monday. Please contact Sherrill if you need any more information.

Reminder – The Poutama Netball teams (Attackers and Defenders) aren't playing this Friday night – due to the Dancefit concert, the game has been postponed and will be played next week.

PARENT / TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday 5th July 3.15-4.30pm

Thursday 7th July 12.45pm-7.45pm

The appointment form was sent home last Wednesday, so look out for it in your child/ren's school bags! Copies are also available from the office, and if you would like a copy emailed, please let the office know. The form has been amended slightly, mainly for office use. Just fill in your name and your child/ren's names and room numbers, tick the box of your preferred session and complete any change to your contact details. Due to Mrs Brooks being away on Thursday 7th, Room 3's interview times are 3.15-4.30 on Monday 4th July and 3.15-7.30pm on Tuesday 5th July. Contact Mrs Brooks to make the appointment. The appointment time will be filled in by us, and this will be sent home as confirmation. Please be aware we like to accommodate the families with more than one child at the school first. This is also a good time to let us have any shared custody situation details, and if one or more school reports are required in these cases (and where they should be sent).

> Events 4 All will be running their programme from 12.30pm on Thursday, so if you need to book your child in, please call Colleen on 867 7801 or 027 531 5756.

Community Notices

Hi Tania Gray here LJ Hooker....list your property for sale with me and if you mention Central School I'll donate \$500 to the Central School PSG!

Does your whanau have a gift or heirloom that has been passed down from generation to generation? Does it have an interesting story? Now's the time to share it, in our upcoming youth focused exhibition "TAONGA TUKU IHO". Open to all families with school aged children in Te Tairawhiti. We are exploring the broad definition of taonga/ treasures to include waiata (song), dance and ordinary objects that tell extraordinary tales. Contact Lina at lina.marsh@gmail.com or pick up an application pack from the Tairawhiti Museum reception. Applications close July 15.

| | | TERM 2: | Monday 2 nd May - | - Friday 8 th July 2016 | |
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| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 9 | 27 | 28 | 29 Newsletter | 30 2.30 Kakano Folk Dancing | 1 July 1.30 Poutama Assembly (R9) 2.20 Kakano/Koru Assembly (R6) |
| 10 | 4 Rm 3 3.15-4.30 Parent-Teacher Discussions | 5 3.15-4.30 Parent- Teacher Discussions Rm 3 3.15-7.30pm | 6 | 7 12.30 SCHOOL CLOSES 12.45-7.45 Parent- Teacher Discussions | 8 LAST DAY OF TERM2 SCHOOL FINISHES 2.55PM 2.10 School Assembly (R17) |
| | | TERM 3 | STARTS: Monday 2 | 5 th July 2016 | |

School Closes at 12.30pm