



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



29th November 2018

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga Mihi Mahana - (Warm greetings)

NEW STUDENT

We would like to welcome Suri Apafi and her family to Centennial School. Suri lives on a farm where she helps mum to feed the calves. The calves try to suck her hand while they are waiting for their milk. Suri really enjoys writing time. She can write her own name and her little brother Lucas's name. The best part about Centennial is the hall where we sing lots of songs. We hope you enjoy your time at Centennial Suri.

CHANGE

This newsletter is mostly about change. As I write I am aware that there are many things happening in schools now that are either new or so different from the way they were run in the past that they might as well be new. In addition to this the rate of change has increased.

I make no apology for this. Schools are or should be about doing the best we can for students. If we find the way we are managing something is not leading to better outcomes for the students I have to think very carefully about continuing with it.

This accelerated rate of change does have consequences. Communication is really important so that everyone understands what we are doing and why. It is our goal to invite you to attend meetings and for you to receive information from school regularly. I also understand that some of the changes we are making will not suit everyone. I encourage you to make contact with me to discuss this please. Make an appointment with the office and I will be happy to discuss the direction the school is moving in.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Next year Centennial will not be running a school fare. We have found that fewer and fewer people are able to give their time to help manage the event. It has also become apparent that we have been making less and less money.

We have an alternative proposal for a major fundraiser that will be held early in the new year. While we are still working through the details we can tell you that the event will take the form of a games extravaganza for children. We will continue with the very popular cake and food stalls. There will be some additional activities that will entertain the community as well. We are excited about how this event will go and we are looking forward to a fun filled time for everyone.

REDEVELOPING THE SCHOOL CHARTER

The revised goals are:

1. Teachers will introduce, develop and maintain wellbeing processes that support teachers, students and then the community.
2. Students will reach the highest levels of attainment in education possible
3. Develop school environments to be challenging, engaging and leading to increased student agency.

Some of the actions that will take place next year so we can achieve these goals are:

- Teachers will be working with outside maths experts in their classes to learn new and exciting ways to teach maths.
- Renovations across parts of the school will result in Innovative Learning Environments that give choices to teachers and students about how and where they learn.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- South Canterbury Athletics
4th December
- Reports and Portfolios home
7th December
- Year 6 Leavers Dinner 12th
December
- Prize Giving 13th December
- Home and School lunch 14th
December
- Last day of term four 14th
December

**THE FREE YMCA YOUTH
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME IS
BACK!!!!!!**

**December 17th, 18th, 20th and 21st.
January 14th to the 18th and 21st
to the 25th.**

WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS NOW!!!!!!
Are you aged between 11 and 17? Keen to keep busy, meet new friends and have a load of fun? Then come and join us! We are based at Mountainview High School with full access to the gym, turf and other facilities. This, along with visits to C'Bay will ensure, as one participant described, a "fun programme" that is "great for making newfriends". Secure your place now by filling out application form at www.ymcasc.org.nz or Contact James at the YMCA on 027 808 4311 or email james@ymcasc.org.nz.

- Students will be taught how to work in "mixed ability" groups where all students are challenged to learn from everyone in the group.
- Our new Graduate Profile will be used by students to understand exactly where they are with their learning and set goals to move forward.
- We will be introducing a Newcomers Club where families and students new to the school have the opportunity to meet and get to know about Centennial and Waimate.

Look out for these and several other initiatives that will happen over the next three years. It is exciting thinking about this plan. I am looking forward to working with you to realise the many ideas you have helped us to come up with.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS TO FINISH THIS YEAR

Recently teachers got together and looked closely at the demands that have been placed on the time we have to teach. We created a long list of the competing programmes that are run at Centennial and we debated the merits of all of them. In the end there were none that we could point to that were counterproductive. There were several however that overlap in what they set out to achieve. We have several programmes that deliver values based education in addition to our own very successful 'Positive Behaviour for Learning'.

As a result of our review of the curriculum we have decided to restructure the school week. This will help us to manage many related cultural activities into one day. It will enable us to get the greatest amount of classroom time for teaching and learning through the week.

A consequence of this is that Bible in Schools will end during class time at the end of this year. The people who run this programme are looking at ways that they might offer the sessions during a lunch time and we are waiting to see what this might look like.

COUPLANDS FUNDRAISER

Tomorrow will be the last opportunity to take part in the Coupland's Christmas food fundraiser. Bring your order forms into school tomorrow. Coupland's Christmas fruit mince tarts, butter shortbread and lolly slice bites packs will be sorted ready to pick up from school on the 10th of December. Remember the grocery voucher prize for the family that returns their order and money for the largest dollar amount. This will be the last fundraiser of the year for FAST.

FINAL DAYS OF TERM

Don't forget the events between now and the end of the year. These are listed below but the obvious ones are the last day of term and the Home and School lunch that everyone is very welcome to come along to school to participate in.

FACEBOOK

Just a reminder that Facebook is used as a noticeboard for Centennial, informing you of upcoming events and happenings around the school. It is not necessarily checked on a daily basis. We don't use it as a means of communication for absences or a 'questions & answer' page. If you have absences or questions please contact the school via phone, text or the Parent Teacher Calander App. You can download the App on the following link :- <https://www.skoolloop.com/>

Please Return: I have received and read this newsletter () (tick)

Family name _____

STANDING TALL

Respect for Self - Maddison Matthews, Madisyn Smith, Zoe Wilson, Codey Van Duinen, Pat Huwes, Zoe Smith

Respect in All Areas - Zaylee Davis, Jet Chetwynd, Layla Pathe, Heidi Pathe

Settling Well into Kea - Ellahjaye Hynes

Effort & Progress in Writing - Logan Ali, Zac Proudfoot

Effort & Progress in Spelling - Madison Clapham

Effort & Progress in Maths - Rachael Hodder, Sammy Hill, Emily Anderson, Cody Swatridge, Kourtney Constable, Kaden Miller

Effort & Progress in PE - Indiana McKenzie, Max Drummond

Increased Independence - CJ Watkins

Caring & Considerate - Ryan Davidson, Hernan Schaffer-Quintana

Effort During Athoetics - Maia Lawrence, Cade Richardson, Mariska-Shai Loye

Developing Independence with IT - Alex Wilmshurst, Regan Rempala

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Lucy Carline, Paige Constable, Rua Taupo, Emily Anderson, Briar Craig, Charlie Christensen, Sivaya Green, Sophie Herbert, William Nichol, Eli Taupo, Emma Ottley, Madisyn Smith, Amy Wislon, Santi Zimmermann, Toutouwai Taylor, Lily Upston, Tommy Willock, Sasha Harrison, Codey Van Duinen, Milla MacKenzie, Cameron Lane, Rachael Hodder, Jackson Evered, Lilly Christensen, Charlie Clavey, Arny Jamieson-Smith, Sophie Wilson, Kadin Davis, Eva Jordanovska, Indiana McKenzie

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