



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



31st May 2018

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga Mihi Mahana - (greetings)

NEW STUDENT

Welcome to Centennial, James Fraser. James is in Takahe classroom. He plays with Robbie, Abby and Phoenix because they came from his early childhood centre. James runs fast and he came fourth in the cross country this week. I asked James what he likes about school and he said. "Its great because I really like learning". Wow. What do you like to learn?. "I like learning how to colour in"

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This week some senior students are writing speeches to enter the Waimate District Rotary Speech Competition. Students have the option of choosing their own topic or they can work with me to find a topic they can speak about. We hope to have some public speakers who can address the school audience over the next few days.

WRITING WORKSHOPS

Our three writing workshops for parents are due to begin this week they will continue for the next three weeks. All parents should try to attend these workshops as they provide strategies and skills that parents can use to help their children succeed in writing.

COMPETITION

Instead of a maths question this week I am asking students to come up with a "Being Kind" Motto. I will be reading your motto out at assembly and if it wins our competition you could have your motto on the wall and used everyday at Centennial School. Good luck

WHAT IS A MOTTO?

"A short sentence or phrase that has meaning for people."

- Focus on Kindness
- Keep it simple
- It must stand on its own - no explanation required
- It may have a graphic with it

BE KIND

Over the last two weeks Centennial students have been thinking about being kind to each other. We have taken part in the Anti Bullying week, created a mural about how to be kind to others and voted for the things that we think will help our learning.

The "Be Kind committee" who help to put these activities together has grown over this time. We now have a strong group of year 5-6 students who want to make a difference to the way we treat each other. When we meet to plan the events for the week I am thrilled by the excitement and enthusiasm for the being kind activities.

I accompanied the senior group around the school last week when everyone voted for the things that make learning easier for them. I was impressed with the way the students took their task seriously. They understood how important the outcome of the voting was. The result was very clear. Students felt:

- The most important things to help students learning is when students feel safe, cared for and welcome.
- Second and third most important are having teachers who know me well and when teachers teach me in ways that I like.
- The fourth most important thing is when people expect me to do the best I can.

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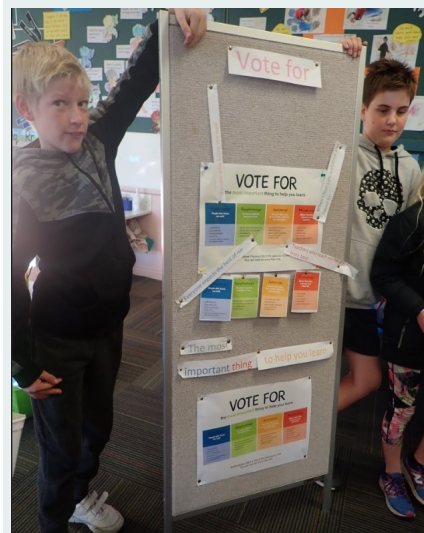
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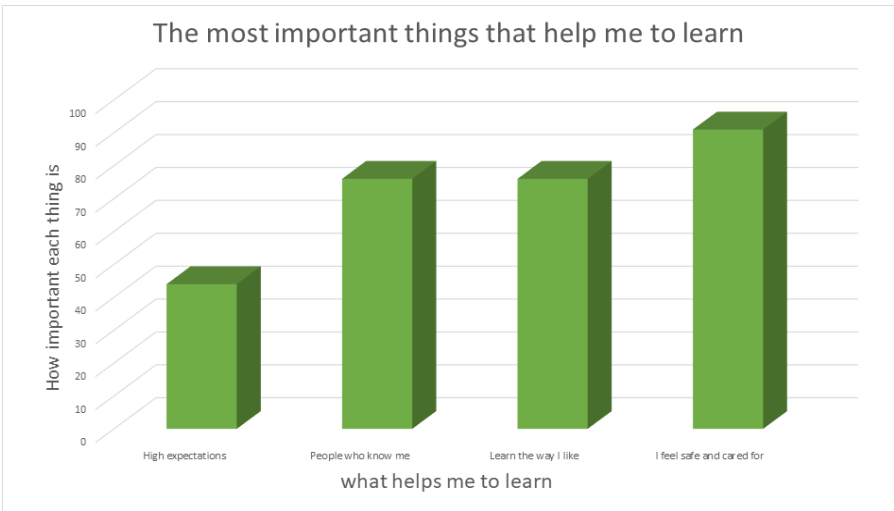
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UPCOMING EVENT

- Middle school writing workshop 6th June
- Senior school writing workshop 13th June
- District Cross Country 5th June
- South Canterbury Cross Country 12th June
- Jump Jam extravaganza 20th June
- Term 2 finishes 6th July





This week the committee are organising students to create a motto that stands for what we believe. Their brief is to talk to classes about how to build a motto and provide them with examples of mottos to inspire them.

After you have read this talk to your child about how you expect them to be kind to others and help them to come up with phrases or statements that we might be able to use.

PAID UNION MEETINGS

On Friday the 22nd June at 2pm teachers are attending paid union meetings in Timaru to discuss their future terms and conditions. Earlier in the year we held paid union meetings to discuss how we would proceed with our next collective bargaining rounds.

NZEI members discuss issues and conduct votes at these meetings (PUMs).

We are required to keep Centennial school open for students to attend. I will be at school with the teacher's aides. If parents think they would like to support teachers they might consider keeping children home while teachers are at their meeting. We will send a notice home closer to the time asking if you will be sending your child to school while teachers attend.

Mindfulness in Practice—a seminar with Cath Blackmore. Seminar includes:- Intergrating mindfulness practices to manage stress, anxieties and increase attention and positive behaviours. Thursday 5th July at Main School, starts at 7pm..



Our family/whanau e-mail address is _____

Kindness

My Motto is:-

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

Family name _____

STANDING TALL

Respect for Self - Elie Tangney, Lucy Matheson, Caleb Good, Keira Mitchell, Mayah Peters

Respect for Others - Elie Tangney

Respect for Property - Keria Mitchell

Respect in All Areas - Amy Wilson, Kourtney Constable, Layla Pathe, Tiffany Milne

Effort & Progress in Writing - Ethan Mitchell, Arni-ka Tulett

Effort & Progress in Reading - Keira Mehrtens

Effort & Progress in Maths - Grace Herbert, Regan Rempala

Effort & Progress in PE - Callum Rempala,

Effort During Cross Country Training - Connor Medhurst, Dan Patterson, CJ Watkins, Rachael Hodder, Lily Upston

Conscientious Worker - Grace Bell

Positive Attitude - Toutouwai Taylor

Helpfulness - Dahara Tulett

Listening Skills - Diana Cherepanova

Focussed - Lucy Carline, Jayla Davis, Emmett Knightly

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Alex Wilmshurst, Maddi Matthews, Grace Herbert, Mackenzie Mehrtens.

Amy Wilson, Emily Anderson, Madison Clapham, Santi Zimmermann, Pat Huwes, Lilly Chrsitensen, Tyler Ali, Tiffany Milne, Brooke Proudfoot, Liam Stewart, Brock Tupara-Burgess, Lucy Carline, Ely Ryder-Ennis, Rua Taupo, Zaylee Davis, Lucas Farrell, Sam Bettany, Kaden Miller, Alexa Morresey

