



# WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



9th August 2018

Tena Koutou Katoa  
Nga Mihi Mahana - (Warm greetings)

## NEW STUDENT

I would like to welcome Robbie Lane to Takahe classroom. Robbie has been at school since last term. The best parts of the day for Robbie are when he is on the slide with Hernan, Abbie and James, or when he is having cold milk at the end of the day. Sometimes he even gets to collect the milk which is a special job. I know your older brothers are pleased to have you here with them. We hope you are enjoying your time at Centennial.

## DAFFODIL DAY

Centennial School is involved in Daffodil Day this year. This is a major Cancer Society fundraising opportunity. This year the event is celebrated on the 31st August. The office has a stock of beautifully made yellow daffodils. These can be obtained by making a gold coin donation here at school. I am looking forward to all of these flowers being attached to your and our students' jerseys on the day. We have plenty so the first people to come in can get a few extras. There will be other Cancer Society events happening around the school over the week 27th to 31st August.

## INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Over the last week all Centennial teachers have been to Kurow to visit the Waitaki Valley Primary School. The purpose of these visits is to see how Deidre Senior and her teachers are working in their Innovative Learning Environment. I had some positive comments about the senior school teachers' visits last week and I really enjoyed being with the Junior school teachers when they visited on Monday.

We are continuing to develop our Innovative Learning Environment here at Centennial and being able to visit schools who are at the leading edge of this type of education gives us a really good model to discuss and critique.

Meanwhile there are some new and exciting adaptations to teaching and learning going on. In the middle school Kakapo and Piwakawaka have developed a "Play Based Learning" task of creating a school newsletter. I saw the first one of these and the work that went into producing it last week. There are so many skills being developed here and I am looking forward to these being expanded over the course of this term. Look out for a copy of this piece.

We are getting closer to the redevelopment of the senior school. Our support partners have asked for expressions of interest from architects to draw up some plans. I hope to have these to show the community by the end of this term. We have had a taste of these redevelopments already with the hole in the wall between Kakapo and Piwakawaka.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### BUS SAFETY

Half way through the year is an appropriate time to remind us all about bus safety. This refers to the students who ride the buses to get to and from school and to whanau who drive their cars to school to pick up students.

If your child is on the school bus you should remind them that they must remain sitting on their seats during the whole journey. They should speak quietly so as not to distract the driver and they should pay attention to requests from adults to behave in an appropriate manner.

When you drive past a bus remember to slow down to 20 km per hour if the bus is taking on or letting passengers off. At all times be very careful around the school gate. Students are coming and going at all times of the school day. They rely on you to watch out for them as you drive past.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

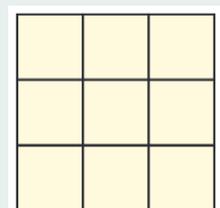
- Production week 10
- Dress rehearsal Tuesday morning 25th September
- Matinee Wednesday 26th September
- Evening performance Thursday 27th September
- Industrial action for teachers 15th August

**MUFTI DAY** - tomorrow

August 10th, "Crazy Dress Up" for KidsCan, gold coin donation

## MATHS PROBLEM

How many squares are there in this



## INDUSTRIAL ACTION 15th AUGUST

Waimate Centennial School will be closed on 15th August due to Industrial Action over terms and conditions of employment contracts. We are aware that this will disadvantage some members of our community and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience. Teachers are asking the Ministry of Education and the Government to increase the number of trained professionals in primary schools. There is a serious shortage of teachers, occupational therapists, social workers, health nurses, speech language therapists, optometrists, resource teachers of learning and behaviour, to name a few. Teachers also require a pay increase to ensure that quality teachers will stay in classrooms and continue to consider teaching to be a viable and satisfying career option.

If the strike is called off, even at the last minute the school will contact as many whanau as possible through social media and our other means of communication. When you receive notification please let your circle of Centennial acquaintances know as well. If you have not given us your e-mail address yet please do so, so we can contact you then or later in an emergency.

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Students have been allocated lead roles and speaking parts for our "Dragon Day" production at the end of this term. Teachers are thinking about costumes and teaching songs to classes. Whanau groups have been rearranged and will soon begin putting together their routines and stage performance. Make sure you leave yourself free to come and watch the performance in the last week of this term.

## FAST - "Sweets and Treats" hamper raffle

Last week we met to organise the fundraising and social events for term three and four. We trialled meeting at 7pm. to give everyone an opportunity to attend. We have a Makikihi Fries fundraiser this term. There are two sized bags of fries, 5kg and 10kg. We will be offering them to our community in the next two weeks. Look out for the notice coming home and ask around the neighbourhood.

FAST will organise the raffle to be sold at the supermarket on the 19th September. We are looking for parents to sit with the raffle during the day. There will be a production raffle to help fund the stage costs. We would like all families to donate sweets and treats for hampers that will make up the prizes. This will need to be at school by the 14th September.

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Maths problem: The number of squares I counted in the shape is \_\_\_\_\_

Our family/whanau e-mail address is \_\_\_\_\_

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

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

## STANDING TALL

**Respect for Self** - Cade Richardson Jesse Archer, Amelia Buckingham, Pat Huwes, AJ Tupara-Burgess, Zac Proudfoot, Lachie Patterson

**Respect for Others** - Kourtney Constable, Owen Cawley, Summer Larsen

**Respect in All Areas** - Mackenzie Mehrstens, Zoe Smith

**Effort & Progress in Writing** - Sophie Hargreaves

**Effort & Progress in Reading** - Flynn Mehrstens, Hare Reihana, Tyler Ali, Abbi Hutt, Mayah Peters

**Effort & Progress in Maths** - Jackson Evered, Aiden Morrison, Jackson Couper, Sam Bettany, Maddison Matthews, Tommy Willock

**Effort & Progress in Spelling** - Arnyka Jamieson-Smith

**Effort & Progress in PBL** - Arni-ka Tulett

**Presentation Skills** - Grace Herbert, Enya O'Donnell

**Positive Attitude** - Ava Bell, Eva Jordanovska

**Settling Well into Ruma**

**Takahe** - Harry Luckman, Jakob Boyes-Burt

**Introducing & Thanking a visitor** - Regan Beazley

## GOLD BAND WINNERS

Marisk-Shai Loye, Sasha Harrison Henry Lucas, Sivaya Green, Max Hill, Moata Taylor, Zaydee Proudman, Abby Swatridge, Summer Hogg, Lilli Cadogan, Kadin Davis, Keira Mehrstens. Kate Gillespie, Brock Tupara-Burgess, Ace Binnie, Dahara Tulett, Regan Rempala, Rua Taupo, Grace Herbert, Sam Bettany, Max Drummond, Mason Keen, Heidi Pathe, Peyton Rempala, Ellie Tangney, Olivia Garland