

Term 1, Week 2: Wednesday 8th February 2017

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From the Principal ...

Kia ora koutou

2017 is off to a great start with a learning hum already evident across the school.

We have a few new staff this year who I'm sure you'll all get to know over the year. We welcome to our school Mrs Debbie Collinson who is our new Deputy Principal, Miss Emma Taare who is teaching in Room 16, and Miss Yuning Long our Mandarin Language Assistant who will be working part time developing our languages programme with Mr Reedy. I know they'll enjoy working with our wonderful Central School children and teachers.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with loads of positive learning opportunities for our students.



New (and almost-new) to Central!
L to R: Mr Anaru Reedy, Miss Emma Taare, Mrs Debbie Collinson and Miss Yuning Long

Meet the Teacher – Thursday 16th February

A very important part of the first few weeks of school is the building of relationships within a new classroom and getting the routines and rules sorted for the year. It is important that the teacher gets to know your child and finds where their strengths and interests are.

Next Thursday afternoon and early evening we are providing an opportunity for you to meet the teacher.

This will be a chance for you to share any important information about your child and answer any questions you may have about routines and class structures.

The appointment is only 10 minutes and I ask that you respect those coming after you and keep to the time. If you feel you have more to discuss or want more questions clarified please make another appointment with the teacher. The New Entrant classes of Rooms 1 and 2 have a different arrangement. Remember you can make an appointment to see the teacher at any time throughout the year if you want to discuss your child. Mrs Beale, Mrs Collinson and I will also be available to speak with anyone through the afternoon and evening. I look forward to seeing you all.

Bell Times: A reminder about bell times:

8.15	Early children supervised on netball court
8.30	Enter classrooms
8.50 - 10.50	Morning session
10.50 - 11.15	Interval
11.15 - 12.45	Mid session
12.45 - 1.30	Lunch
1.30 - 2.55	Afternoon session

School Pool: The pool is a fantastic asset and Mr Kirikino works really hard to keep the water quality perfect for our children to swim in. Please help us out by making sure the sunblock your children are wearing is waterproof. It doesn't do your children or the pool any good if the sunblock washes off their skin during swimming time.

Central School Sports Shirts: We are missing 4 of our brand new sports shirts. They would have been given out for touch or hard ball cricket last year. If you have one lying around at home please return it to the school office. Thanks.

From the Office ...

Emailed newsletter: If you'd like the newsletter emailed to you, please let Gail in the office know either by phoning, calling in to the office or sending her an email office@gisbornecentral.school.nz

Absences from School: You can either ring the Absentee Line (867 5073 and press 1), leaving your child's name, room number, reason for absence, and a contact number; or use the new phone app to notify of an absence. If you need to speak to someone, or the call isn't absentee-related, press '0', and you will get through to the office. Thank you!

New Entrants: If 2017 is the big Starting School year for your little ones, or you know of in-zone families who might be looking at Central School for their nearly-5's, please let Gail in the office know as soon as possible. It's all about the numbers, and knowing early helps with planning. Thank you!

Rangi Camp: If you haven't returned your camp forms yet, please do so as soon as possible. We will be providing receipts for payments received (although not on the day).

Educational Assessment Australia 2017 for Years 4, 5 & 6: Entry notification forms are available at the office. Prices are going up this year, so if you wish to take advantage of the 2016 price, the entry form and money needs to be handed in to the office by **Friday, 31st March**. If you would like to direct credit it into the school account, we can provide you with the account number. Dates and costs are as follows:

Test	Sitting Date	Cost	Test	Sitting Date	Cost
Digital Technologies	Tues 23 rd May	\$8.50	Spelling	Wed 14 th June	\$10.50
Science	Wed 30 th May	\$8.50	English	Tues 1 st August	\$8.50
Writing	Tues 13 th June	\$19.50	Mathematics	Tues 15 th August	\$8.50

Sport: Cricket forms went home last week. The 7 week season starts on Monday 20th Feb (Hardball cricket on Saturday 18th Feb). Cost is \$17.00. Please pay at office as soon as possible so that we can confirm teams. Like last year, if you want to play, you have to pay! We will also be issuing receipts for sports registrations.

Koru Swimming Sports: Same Day – **Friday 3rd March!!** New Time – **11.15am-12.45pm!!!**

Regards,
Andy Hayward
Principal

TERM 1: Tuesday 31st January – Thursday 13 th April 2017					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	WAITANGI DAY	7	8 <i>Newsletter</i>	9 Wardens Training	10 2.10 School Assembly (R15)
3	13 Poutama Swim for Life	14 Poutama Swim for Life	15 Poutama Swim for Life	16 Poutama Swim for Life Meet the Teacher	17 1.30 Poutama Swimming Sports 2.30 Kakano Assembly (R4)
4	20	21 Weetbix Tryathlon	22 RANGI CAMP 1.30 Kakano Swimming Sports <i>Newsletter</i>	23 RANGI CAMP Poutama – Marine Reserve	24 RANGI CAMP Poutama – Marine Reserve 2.10 School Assembly (R8)