

Term 1, Week 4: Wednesday 22nd February 2017

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From the Principal ...

Thank you to the whanau who came and met their child's teacher last week. We had a great turnout and it was neat for the teachers to learn about your child and make a connection with home. If the times didn't suit last week please contact the teacher to organise one that works.

Exciting times at school this week! Rangi left today for Tolaga Bay for their camping experience this year. At Central we provide opportunities for overnight experiences for all children. Kakano and Koru have their experience at school, Poutama have an overnight somewhere local and Rangi have a longer stay either at Tolaga Bay or Kaitawa. These experiences are opportunities for the children to develop independence, resilience and leadership, and gives the teachers an opportunity to build positive relationships within the class and Syndicate.

We also have Poutama Syndicate travelling to Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve over the next week to experience snorkelling and investigate our very special environment.

Assembly Special Certificates: Congratulations to the following students -

Kakano: Quinn Fussell, Debden Hiko-Tutauha, Hunter McCabe, Sophia Castles, Caden Franks-Bullen, Kaylee Coote

Koru: George Ure, Taila Dickson, Summer Richardson, Daniel Tuisano, Libby Hutchinson, Frank Donaldson

Poutama: Ashar McKnight, Jess McIntyre, Lucie Carr, Gloria Donaldson, Natalie Cabral, Archie Roberts, Sam Lloyd, Max Talmage, Phoenix Clark, Jasmine Melville

Rangi: Ben Lister, Malia Stewart, Phoebe Cook, Grace McVey, Aohuna Soutar, Freya Brodin, Theo Mackay, Holly McIntyre, James Talbot, Mia Carberry

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!

Central School Sports Shirts: We are still missing some 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.

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!

Swimming Sports: Fingers crossed for no rain ...

Poutama: Thursday 2nd March at 1.30pm

Koru: Friday 3rd March at 11.15am-12.45pm

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** (preferably earlier!). 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

Parent Support Group:

The PSG, (parent support group) would like to welcome new and current parents/grandparents/caregivers to attend an afternoon tea in the hall on **Thursday 9th March at 3pm**. This is a chance for you to get to know others who may be in your child's syndicate, ask questions and also find out what the PSG does!

Come and join us for a cuppa, cake and chat!



PSG Easter Raffle: The PSG is asking for donations for our Easter Raffle. This was a successful fundraiser last year.

Any non-perishable grocery items/chocolate/Easter theme activities would be much appreciated.

Please have donations to the office by Monday 6th March. Thank you!

Community Notices

CENTRAL FOOTBALL SKILL CENTRE, Term 1 2017: 2017 Eastland Junior Clubrooms Disraeli St. Saturday March 11th to Saturday April 29th, 9 am till 10.30am. New Players \$150 which includes training kit, shirt shorts, socks. Existing players \$80.

Register on via the link: <https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=67217>

From Tairāwhiti Museum Education: The 'Ko Rongowhakaata exhibition has been extended until 21st May 2017. Once it leaves here it will travel to Te Papa Museum where it will be exhibited for three years. We want as many as possible to come and see it before it travels. Tairāwhiti Museum are offering **FREE family passes** to visit us.

*Printed or electronic copies of the free pass attached will be accepted at the front desk for free entry, valid until 21st May 2017. If you would like a printed or electronic copy of the free pass, please come to the school office. Nau mai, haere mai!

Ride along the Gisborne Airport runway!!! This Saturday February 25th, for the first time you and your family can take off down the tarmac on your bikes, skateboards, scooters and rollerblades. There will be entertainment, a sky-high lolly scramble with the ECT Rescue helicopter and prizes for the best costumes. Everyone is welcome, and entry is a voluntary gold coin donation on the day. You can check in from 5.30pm and runway time is between 6.00-8.00pm. For more information see eastland.nz/flywheels.

Have a great week everyone!

Regards,
Andy Hayward
Principal

TERM 1: Tuesday 31 st January to Thursday 13 th April 2017					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	20	21 Weetbix Tryathlon	22 RANGI 1.30 Kakano Swimming Sports Poutama Marine Reserve R11	23 CAMP AT Poutama Marine Reserve R10	24 TOLAGA BAY Poutama Marine Reserve R8/9 2.10 School Assembly (R11)
5	27 Rangi Bowls Poutama Marine Reserve R12	28 2.10 Koru Assembly (R5)	Mar 1 Go Girls Cricket	2 1.30 Poutama Swimming Sports	3 11.15 Koru Swimming Sports 2.30 Kakano Assembly (3)
6	6 Rangi Bowls	7	8 I/S Swimming	9	10 2.10 School Assembly (R5)