

# Term 1, Week 10: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016

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## From the Principal ...

An exciting term is coming to a close with the last day at the end of next week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents that help out within our school and contribute to the best possible educational experience for the Central children. Thank you for the time you give to help at camps, coach sports teams, provide transport, help on the PSG, as well as taking the time to come down and support and cheer on the children during school events. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

The partnership between the home and school is extremely important. By encouraging and listening to your child read at home, by asking them about their learning and giving “real world” examples of learning, the partnership is made stronger and will benefit your child. Remember, you do not have to wait until teacher interviews or report time to speak to your child’s teacher. A teacher will meet with you to discuss your child at any time throughout the year; just make an appointment through the office or by email.

*Na taku rourou, Na tou rourou, Ka ora ai nga tamariki.  
With my basket, and your basket, the children will flourish.*

Inspirational words to end with; have a great week!

*Andy Hayward*

Principal

## Board of Trustee Elections

The Board of Trustee Elections are being held this year. This is an opportunity for you to be involved closely with the direction of the school and provide the very best learning for all the children at Central School. The Board is responsible for the school’s performance, accountable for student achievements, set the vision for the school and ensure the school complies with legal and policy requirements.

Important dates:

- Nominations are called from **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May** and close on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**.
- Election Day is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

**Would you like some more information?**

- There is an information leaflet at the office that explains the role of the board. Pop in and pick one up.
- The NZ School Trustees Association website has a lot of information about the role of a Board member [www.nzsta.org.nz](http://www.nzsta.org.nz)
- Talk to one of the current Board of Trustees: William Veitch, Karen Grimson, Rebecca Swann, Matt Skuse and Mike Callaghan. They can give you an idea of the time requirements and expectations for being on the Board.
- Also feel free to pop in the office and have a chat with the Principal.

## 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](mailto: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.

**New Entrants:** If **2016** 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 (or Mrs Mackle!) know as soon as possible. It’s all about the numbers, and knowing early helps with planning. Thank you!

**Winter Sports:** The organisation of the football, hockey and netball teams is underway, and notices will be coming home before the end of term. Football desperately needs 3-4 people to manage the Year 1-2 teams (they get a lot of coaching/training on the day), and a couple of coaches for the Year 5-6 teams. If you are able to help, it would be really appreciated. Please contact Linda Bengge or Sue McIntyre. Thank you.

**School Gymnastics Festival 2016:** Our gymnasts are full swing into their practices at lunchtime. Please encourage your child to keep this up at home. We still require some parent help with lunchtime practices from 12.45-1.30pm. C Grade is on Wednesdays; B Grade is on Fridays; and the A Grade coach Natalya would appreciate some help on Thursdays. The festival will be in week 4 of next term. *Thanks, Suze Hayward*

**Poppy Day:** It’s Poppy Day next week. Poppies will be available at the office on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April for a gold coin donation.



## PSG Easter Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Raffle, which raised over \$600.00. There were 6 fabulous baskets to be won (a big thank you to everyone who donated items). The lucky winners are Asiah Oswald, Amiria Rangiua-Lindup, Ashar McKnight, Aohuna Soutar, Jeroen van den Heuvel and Kian Dickson.

The PSG are looking for volunteers to help organise the cool events planned to fundraise for the school. You don’t have to attend meetings – just a give a little time! If you can help, please give your name and contact details to the office.

## Reminders:

**One more week of term to go!!**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April is the last day. We finish at the usual time – 2.55pm**

**Rangi Camp Payments:** if you have not yet paid for the Rangi camp, now is the time to come to the office! If you need extra time, please talk to Mrs Beale.

TERM 1: Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2016					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	4 Apr	5	6	7 Rangi Lunch Fundraiser	8 2.10pm School Assembly (6)
11	11	12	13	14	15 <b>END OF TERM 1</b>
TERM 2: Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2016					
1	2 May	3	4	5	6