

Remember keep up to date with what is happening on our school events calendar on our website or read the syndicate blogs. You can keep up to date with current school happenings on facebook too!

From the Principal ...

Kia ora koutou

I have had the privilege of visiting the children in Rangī Syndicate at their camp at Kaitawa in Waikaremoana over the last couple of weeks. Camps create excellent opportunities for teachers and students to build relationships. They provide challenges for children and can coax children out of their comfort zone. Cooperation, collaboration and leadership skills are developed and refined. For our senior children who spend a week away it offers the unique opportunity for students to learn about patience, tolerance and how important sleep is! I have really enjoyed seeing the children challenged in a different environment and watching them growing in confidence as they try activities outside their comfort zone.

Camps for all: Even in Rangī Syndicate a week away from home in a strange place can be challenging for many children. To help manage this, our E.O.T.C. (Education Outside The Classroom) programme has been designed in a way to progressively to expose children to being away from home. In Kakano Syndicate an overnight is planned in the classroom, in Koru Syndicate a sleepover in the hall is planned, in Poutama a couple of nights camping locally (eg Churchill Park, Marae); and hopefully by the time the children reach Rangī Syndicate the children are more comfortable with longer camps.

New Librarian: We welcome our new librarian Miss Nicky Grace. Miss Grace has experience in school libraries and she brings enthusiasm and creativity, and we can't wait to have her add her touch to our library. Miss Grace is camera-shy, so has written a little something to introduce herself:

Kia Ora Everyone, My name is Nicky Grace and I am the new librarian. I am very excited to be here at Central School, and my aim is to promote literacy and the awesome new library. I have 2 children, who like myself enjoy the magic and possibilities that come with reading a good book. Please feel free to pop into the library at lunchtime and give me your book suggestions and feedback.

Event Photos: Once again I wish to thank Yoko Houthuijzen for giving her time and taking such wonderful photos at our school events. There are lots of photos taken at events available for you to look at on our facebook page. **Remember**, you do not have to be a facebooker to view the photos – google “facebook Gisborne Central School” and you'll find us there.

Komiti Awhina hui Wednesday 6th April 3.15pm in Room 5: The purpose of the Komiti Awhina is to be a voice for our Māori whanau. The group will inform, support and advise the school on Māori education. At this meeting the concept plan for Term 2 will be shared and the group will have the opportunity to feedback and suggest resources to support the topic. We'll discuss what has been happening in the school to promote language development and share our plans for kapa haka this year. Come along and join in the kōrero.

Assembly Special Certificates: Congratulations to the following students -

Kakano: Sylvia Allen, Max Morrison, Zoe McNaught, Tom Moylan, Reave Nepia-Anderson, Lola Brodin

Koru: Jake Shanks, Adam Rickard, Auric Pocock, Phoenix Clark, Arianna Ririnui, Sol McGhee

Poutama: Jessica Hannah, John James Delamere-Fisher, Lea Lloyd, Michael Taniora, Kruz Takoko, Apairoa Pokoati, Greer Roberston, Kaleb Takoko, Benjamin Lister

Rangī: Luka Jones, Anmol Charan, Monet Maugham, Marc Simmons, Rilee Walker, Silke McNaught

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: Please remember to ring the Absentee Line (867 5073 and press 1) if your child is going to be absent from school. Leave your child's name, room number, reason for absence, and a contact number. 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 School App!: A new way to let us know if your child is going to be away; read the newsletter, get alerts from the school about events and even subscribe to groups like the PSG and get special updates. Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search Gisborne Central School to download to your phone or tablet.

A Reminder – Easter is just around the corner. Don't forget that schools are closed for the Tuesday after Easter also.

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!

Educational Assessment Australia: Y4, 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to participate in the 2016 ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools). Please ask at the office for further information, and to fill out the entry notification form. The entry form and money needs to be handed in to the office no later than **Friday, 8th April**. 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 17 th May	\$8.50	Writing	Fri 17 th June	\$19.50
Science	Wed 31 st May	\$8.50	English	Tues 2 nd August	\$8.50
Spelling	Wed 15 th June	\$10.50	Mathematics	Tues 16 th August	\$8.50

Sport

A Winter Sports permissions notice went home last Tuesday. There are spare copies at the office. Forms need to be back by **Thursday 24th March**. Thank you!

Football Boot Sale: Have you got old football boots that your child has grown out of that you want to sell? Bring them to school with the boot size, your name and the price securely attached to them and we will set up sales tables in the Garden Grove (Room 7 deck if wet) on **Thursday 17th March** after school until 4pm.

Rangi - Camp Kaitawa

Rangi Camp #2 ... Last week was the turn of Rooms 14 and 15. They haven't been quite as lucky with the weather, although some might argue that it's the norm for Lake Waikaremoana ... fingers crossed for Room 16!



(A reminder that the camp fee of \$140.00 can be paid to the office between now and the end of term, and can be paid off in instalments if that is easiest).



PSG Easter Raffle

We are looking for prize donations to go in the Easter Hampers - if you have any chocolates, home baking, toys, games or other non-perishable food stuffs, please can you drop these to the office to go into our big hampers. Please could you take these to the office by **Wednesday 16 March**. Raffle will be drawn on 23rd March. Tickets will be going on sale shortly. Thank you for your support.

Regards,
Andy Hayward
Principal

TERM 1: Wednesday 3rd February – Friday 15th April 2016

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	7 RANGI CAMP 3 (16)	8	9 <i>Newsletter</i> Interschool Swimming	10 Koru Sleepover @ School	11 Rangi Camp 3 returns Koru Trip to Waihirere 2.10pm School Assembly (3)
7	14 2.10pm Rangi Assembly (17)	15	16 Go Girls Interschool Cricket	17	18 1.30pm Poutama Assembly (12) 2.15 Kakano/Koru Assembly
8	21 Poutama Marine	22 Reserve Trips	23 Interschool Triathlon Kakano Sleepover @ School	24	25 EASTER – Good Friday