

Term 1, Week 8: Wednesday 23rd March 2016

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From the Principal ...

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 6th May and close on Friday 20th May.
- Election Day is Friday 3rd 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
- 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 me.

Have a great week and long weekend ---- Remember as part of the Easter break Tuesday 29th March is a holiday for all schools.

Assembly Special Certificates: Congratulations to the following students -

Kakano: Benji Templin, Henry Stevens, Indigo Ruifrok, Celia Willoughby, Lachie Joll, Jahzelle Rebutai

Koru: Isabel Morrell, Jared Pearse, Alex MacKay, Bailee Thompson, Gemma Macdonald, Kobe Rongonui

Poutama: Riki Reedy, Millie Brensell, Arwen Scott, Sacha Sims, Afarius Keelan, Isaac Ng, Claire Ellmers, Caleb Taewa, Elliot Phelps, Willa Neems

Rangi: Gloria Allen, Taylan Barber, Miah Hermon, Riley Smith, Tetini Pokoati, Sean Penfold, Kaine Baty-McKnight, Holly McIntyre

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 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!

Reminders:

Winter sports forms need to be returned to the office by **Thursday 24th March**. (That's tomorrow!!)

Komiti Awhina hui Wednesday 6th April 3.15pm in Room 5: Come and be involved with informing, supporting and advising the school on Māori education. Up for discussion is the concept plan for Term, what has been happening in the school to promote language development and share our plans for kapa haka this year.

Educational Assessment Australia 2016 for Years 4, 5 & 6: Entry notification forms are available at the office, and 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

PSG

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 little time! If you can help, please give your name and contact details to the office.

**Rangi Fundraiser is on Thursday 7th April.
A notice will come home after Easter.**

Rangi – Camp Kaitawa

Rangi Camp #3 ... Room 16 were the lucky last to go to Camp Kaitawa. Another brilliant time!



**EASTER IS NEARLY HERE!
DON'T FORGET THAT SCHOOL IS ALSO CLOSED ON
TUESDAY 29th MARCH.**

Regards,
Andy Hayward
Principal

TERM 1: Wednesday 3 rd February – Friday 15 th April 2016					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	21 Poutama Marine	22 Reserve Trips	23 Interschool Triathlon Kakano Sleepover @ School	24 Kakano Walk to Botanical Gardens	25 EASTER – GOOD FRIDAY
9	28 EASTER MONDAY	29 EASTER TUESDAY	30	31	1
10	4 Apr	5	6	7 Rangi Lunch Fundraiser	8 2.10pm School Assembly (6)