

# Term 4, Week 2: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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## From the Principal ...

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to Term 4, which is shaping up to be full of exciting learning and some pretty neat experiences for the children. Keep an eye on school bags for notices and keep up to date with the facebook page so you don't miss anything.

The holidays were busy, too, with the reframing of the gardens at the front of the school, a couple of new sliding doors, new drinking fountains with water bottle fillers, a shade sail over the sandpit and the "gutters" along the front of classes covered with pavers. Our front office is looking fresh, too, with new carpet and wall linings and our hall looks really smart with carpet tiles. Watch out for the mural on the end of Room 5, hopefully it goes up today. I'm sure you'll agree that the upgrades to the school over the last 2 years have been really positive and give the children a lovely learning environment.

**Staff Changes 2017:** As many of you have heard, Mrs Mackle is retiring at the end of the year to focus on the very important role of being a Nana. We are currently going through a process of recruitment for her position and hope to have this sorted very soon. Mr McEachen is also leaving us to take on the teaching challenges in Qatar in the United Arab Emirates. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Cherie Richardson was successful in securing the Room 4 position for 2017. We have no other changes in teaching staff for 2017, which is fantastic!

**Hats:** Hats are compulsory and must be worn at school. Children who forget their hat or don't have a hat will be directed to play in the shade. If you need to purchase a hat, we have all sizes available at the office, and the cost is still \$15.00.

Have a great week everyone.

Regards,

*Andy Hayward*

Principal

## From the Office ...

**New Entrants:** If 2017 is the big Starting School year for your little ones, or you know of families who might be looking at Central School for their nearly-5s, 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!

**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 an email to [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.

**Future Intermediate Students!:** The Gisborne Intermediate prospectus went home via the students last week. They would like to remind parents of Year 6 students that they are now governed by an enrolment scheme, and proof of address is required for all in-zone students enrolling for next year.

### Open Evenings:

Gisborne Intermediate	TONIGHT	(Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October)	4.30-6.30pm
Ilminster Intermediate	TOMORROW	(Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October)	5.30-7.30pm

## Sport

**Miniball:** A notice went home yesterday for the MiniBall League, which will run on Saturdays from 5<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December. Fee is \$12.00. Notice and fee must be in by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, or your child will not be able to play.

**Poutama-Rangi Athletics Day Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October:** Notice went home yesterday also. Adult helpers are needed at each rotation, so if you can help, please call Gail at the office or email [sue.mcintyre@gisbornecentral.school.nz](mailto:sue.mcintyre@gisbornecentral.school.nz) and let us know if you have an event preference!