

Term 2, Week 2: Wednesday 10th May 2017

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From the Principal ...

Kia ora koutou

After a very tough week last week it was lovely to be able to give Carla a suitable farewell Friday night. Thank you to our school community for wrapping around the family and friends and supporting them. There are so many people to thank for their organisation and support. Special thanks from me to Abi Douglas and her team who organised the catering and to Kelly and Dean Macdonald who provided the equipment to make it happen.

Going forward we need to continue to keep an eye on each other's health and wellbeing. At school we have access to councillors who are trained to work with children and support them through this. We'll be keeping close tabs on the children at school and we'll communicate with you should we be concerned. Changes in behaviour such as being quieter (or noisier) than usual, change in appetite, sleep patterns, anything out of the ordinary MAY be related to how your child is managing their grief. If you have any concerns at all please let the class teacher know and we can connect the child with the councillors.

Victim Support has also suggested a couple of support lines that could help children through any problems or grief they are dealing with. These are the web pages that might be useful:

www.whatsup.co.nz/kids - a free counselling service just for kids. Online chat and phone.

www.kidline.org.nz - Kidline is available 24/7 however when kids ring between 4pm-9pm Monday - Friday they will speak to a Kidline Buddy – a specially trained teenage telephone counsellor.

Message from the Neems Family

We would like to give our heartfelt thanks to the Central School Family and its wider community. Words can simply not express our gratitude for the support we have received through this extremely tough time.

With sincere thanks.

Carla's Family

Regards,
Andy Hayward
Principal



Student Council 2017

This year's student councillors are as follows:

Back: Ashtyn Tamanui, Piripi Cleaver, Ty Houthuijzen

Middle: Thora Pocock, Meg Watson-Munro, Tegan Hayward

Front: Monet Maugham, Poppy Hammond, Grace McVey

A big **CONGRATULATIONS** to you all – we know you will be great Central School role models and ambassadors!



An important date for your diary: Teacher Only Day, Monday 12th June

On this day the school will be closed for instruction. I do apologise in advance for the disruption this may cause you. We try not to have Teacher Only Days throughout the year because of the disruption they cause to working families.

School Gymnastic Festival - Tuesday 23rd May: Well done to our coaches who have put a lot of time and effort into preparing our children for this competition. Keep up the good work children, keep practising! More information about the timing of the day will come home once we hear from the organisers.

Edgumbe Appeal – sheets, blankets, pillowcases, duvets etc: Thank you for the many donations received so far. The last date for donations of these items has been extended until **Monday 22nd May.**

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 **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!

Winter Sports:

Most of the winter sports have started, with Hockey Fun Sticks due to start on Saturday 20th May. The Saturday sports draw is in the Gisborne Herald on Wednesdays, and a schedule of the Central teams is placed round the school (by the office and on the windows of Rooms 9 and 13), and this schedule is also placed on the school facebook page. And you can always ring the office!

Winter Sports Fees: If you have not yet paid your sports fees, can you please do so at the office as soon as possible. If you are not sure, we can check our lists at the office.

Central School Sports Shirts: We are missing quite a few of these sports shirts. Many of were not handed back to the coaches at the end of the Cricket season. If you have a school sports shirt please return to the office as soon as possible, as we are trying to outfit our winter sports teams.

Upcoming Events:

Friday 12 th May	School Assembly hosted by Room 9
Friday 19 th May	Kakano Assembly hosted by Room 3
Tuesday 23 rd May	Gymnastics Festival
Wednesday 24 th May	Wonder Woman Day

PSG:

Save the date ... **Friday 30th June.** It's a PSG fundraiser! More details to follow ...

Community Notices:

Adult judo classes starting Tuesday 16th 7.30 - 8.30pm, Electrinet Centre Aberdeen Road. First night free, \$50 for the term. Taught by black belt instructor. Phone John 0273628873