

Term 2, Week 2: Wednesday 24th May 2017

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From the Principal ...

Kia ora koutou

Last week I had the privilege of taking the Year 6 Student Councillors to Wellington to a leadership conference. The students were outstanding representatives of Central School and I was very proud of them. Having the visit to Parliament was a highlight, with Green Party member Gareth Hughes giving his time to show us around. The students were impressed that Mr Hughes attended Central School too. The group came back inspired to contribute and “give something back”, and they’ve already got one project underway (you’ll find our more in the coming weeks).

Yesterday I visited the Gym Festival to see our students in action. They looked great and performed extremely well. It is not an easy job coordinating a large bunch of children, getting them prepared for the competition, dressed and ready to go. Special thanks to Mrs Vorster, Mrs Hayward and their helpers who pulled it all together and ensured the Central children could attend this special event.

Today we invited our Wonder Women in to join us in some House Artwork. Once again it was a successful event, with many special Wonder Women joining in the fun.

Have great week everyone.



Regards,
Andy Hayward
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

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!



Dishes for collection: Thanks again to the members of the school community who provided food for Carla’s farewell. We still have some plates and containers that haven’t been collected. Just come to the office and we will reunite you!

New Entrants: If 2018 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:

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 still missing quite a few of the sports shirts used for Cricket last term, and most of these shirts appear to be from the Hardball team, Mr Talbot’s team and Mrs William’s team. Can you please check at home and return to the office as soon as possible – thanks.

Scholastic Book Orders:

It would be really helpful to the teachers collating the orders if parents could double-check the adding of the orders, as they are often a dollar or so short; and if ordering for more than one child, please combine and put both on one form. This would save a lot of paperwork! Thanks for your cooperation!

Rip Sticks and Scooters!: These have been performing disappearing acts lately. **Please** make sure that they are CLEARLY NAMED, and **please** remember to collect them at the end of the day. Staff do endeavour to collect up any that they see, but this isn’t always possible.

PSG:

Save the date ... **Friday 30th June**. It’s a PSG fundraiser! B-I-N-G-O! And it’s not a night for nanas! Doors open 6.30pm and the fun starts at 7.30pm. Light nibbles and a bar - all you need for a great night out! Tickets are \$10 and on sale at the school office from today.

Upcoming Events:

Friday 26 th May	School Assembly hosted by Room 7
Tuesday 30 th May	Koru Assembly hosted by Room 5
Friday 2 nd June	Kakano Assembly hosted by Room 2
Monday 5 th June	HOLIDAY! Queens Birthday Weekend
Tuesday 6 th June	New Entrant Intake
Wednesday 7 th June	Rippa Rugby
Friday 9 th June	School Assembly hosted by Room 17
Monday 12 th June	TEACHER ONLY DAY



Community Notices:

HB Williams Library: Last year was so much fun that we are supporting the Book Discussion Group’s **Book Night** again this year! Book Night is an international celebration of books and reading and encourages children, adults, and families to read alone or together for 15 minutes after which you can register and go in the draw to win prizes. Each region’s registration numbers can be seen online and we’re confident that Gizzy can really bring it this year!

To participate, just pop in to the library between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm, grab a book, read, and register! We will also be giving away certificates, spot prizes, and people from our community will be sharing some of their favourite reads. We hope that you might share this event with your students and families, who can also participate from home if they wish. Last year we had some students come as a class group and they had an awesome time.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask. Contact: Raschel Eesa-Danes, Children and Young Adults Librarian Raschel.Eesa-Danes@gdc.govt.nz