

# Term 3, Week 2: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017

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## From the Principal ...

Kia ora koutou

Thank you to all the whānau who attended the parent and teacher interviews last term. I'm sure that the mid-year written report, along with the interview with the teacher, has given you a good picture of the strengths and areas to work on for your child. We made a few changes and hope that they made the information about how your child is progressing clearer. We want to ensure that you're getting the right information about your child and we'd like some feedback while it is still fresh in your minds.

This is the link for a short google survey <https://goo.gl/forms/zbVX1COnh9knM2bd2> (you can type this straight in). This will be on the website [www.gisbornecentral.school.nz](http://www.gisbornecentral.school.nz), facebook and it'll be sent out on the app. The survey will only be open until next Friday (11<sup>th</sup> August). **All named responses go in the draw to win one of three \$50 grocery vouchers.**

The Term 3 Friday sports exchanges in rugby and netball started last week with our rugby team playing Wainui. It was a hard fought game that was enjoyable to watch. Congrats to our team who started the competition with a win! I'm looking forward to seeing both teams in action this week.

Tomorrow is the big Cross Country challenge (we hope). Every year I am impressed with the give it a go attitude of our children who give it their personal best and don't give up..... even when it is hard!

Kia pai tou ra, have a great day.

**Driver Behaviour:** With the wet weather here there are some poor driving practices that are starting to appear again. Firstly, please drive slowly, children are unpredictable, can make poor decisions and can appear from between cars. As a driver you have to be prepared to stop suddenly.

- Double parking and calling your child out between cars is not safe practice.
- Dropping the children off in the roundabout causes a backup of traffic and puts your child at risk.
- Parking across driveways.

As a community we have to manage this. We have limited options with the road layout and parking; however **we are very lucky that the only cars around our school are there to pick up our kids.** If we all choose to do the right thing and be safe with our driving the only problem we'll have is congestion ----- not safety!

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](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. 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!

**PSG:** Honeywraps for sale at the office, 3 different designs, and the costs is \$12.00 each. These natural alternatives to plastic wrap are the perfect size for wrapping a sandwich or a block of cheese. Cash sales only please.

**School Cross Country:** School Cross Country is tomorrow, **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** at Waiteata Park.

Race times are:

10:00am	Year 1	Boys	1 lap
10:05am	Year 1	Girls	
10:10am	Year 2	Boys	
10:15am	Year 2	Girls	
10:20am	Year3	Boys	2 laps
10:30am	Year3	Girls	
10:40am	Year4	Boys	
10:50am	Year4	Girls	
11:05am	Year 5	Boys	3 laps
11:20am	Year 5	Girls	
11:35am	Year 6	Boys	
11:50am	Year 6	Girls	

Remember – sensible shoes and clothing for running in (a sweatshirt for after the race; and a change of clothing would probably be wise). HOUSE COLOURS are encouraged.

No race will start before the time given above as we are aware that parents will be leaving work to come along. Please don't park along the Russell St boundary as children will be running out on to the grass verge there.

**If the weather turns nasty, the Cross Country will be postponed to next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August.**

## Upcoming Events:

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	School Cross Country at Waiteata Park
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	2.10pm SCHOOL Assembly hosted by Room 14
	12.30pm I/S Rugby vs Riverdale <b>AWAY</b>
	12.45pm I/S Netball vs Kaiti <b>AWAY</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	I/S Football Tournament
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	2.30pm Kakano Assembly hosted by Room 3
	12.45pm I/S Netball vs Makaraka <b>AWAY</b>



**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August** – School Photos Day. Order form will be coming home in the next couple of weeks.

**From the Student Council:** Thank you to everyone who assisted with our Edgumbe Goodie Boxes project last term. Our community donated items and decorations, and took boxes home and added to them. It is greatly appreciated by us, and the Edgumbe students were very happy to receive the boxes of goodies. We have some lovely photos of some Year 1 students opening their boxes – they loved the sweets!!!

*Monet, Poppy, Grace, Ashtyn, Meg, Tegan, Thora, Piripi & Ty*



## Community Notices:

**Events 4 All:** We provide quality on site after school care. We provide afternoon tea. Every day we have different activities planned for your children. The programme is designed to be a safe and fun environment for your child. If you would like further information contact Colleen on 027 531 5756.