

# Term 4, Week 4: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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## From the Principal ...

Kia ora koutou

On Monday a special Board of Trustees meeting was held to discuss an opportunity that has been presented to Tairāwhiti schools. The J.N Williams Trust along with the Manaiakalani Education Trust is supporting schools to make the shift to fully digital classes and provide professional learning for the teachers to help make the move successful.

Manaiakalani has been around for quite a few years and the model they've developed has been proven to have a positive impact on student learning and achievement. Manaiakalani have used researchers from the Woolf Fisher Research Centre at The University of Auckland to look at their programme and evaluate its success.

The Board decided that this was an exciting opportunity for our students and would continue to grow on what the school has been moving towards. Many of Poutama and Rangī classes already use technology as a significant part of their daily learning.

I will be meeting with a representative from the Manaiakalani Trust next week to discuss what it will look like in our school next year. As the programme is planned as a 3 year roll out it is likely in 2018 we will have a couple of classes as pilots in Rangī and Poutama going 1:1 digital classrooms. From there we will build across the rest of Poutama and Rangī Syndicates. The finer details will be ironed out after the meeting next week.

This is exciting! Central School, along with the vast majority of local schools, will be starting a journey next year which will add value to what we already do for our children and support them into 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning.

Have a great week everyone.

Regards,  
*Andy Hayward*  
Principal

**Congratulations** to the following students who competed recently in the Gisborne Speech & Drama Competitions:

*Adam Rickard*                      *Alia Sims*                      *Emma Veitch*                      *Nina Botting*  
*Evelyn Williams*                      *Francesca Starr-Naske*                      *Lily Barclay*

Their work was awesome and many medals and trophies were won!

## 2018 is just around the corner ...

The start date for Term 1 has been confirmed as **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**. There will be a Teacher Only Day on Monday February 5<sup>th</sup> (so week 2 will have a 4-day weekend, as February 6<sup>th</sup> is Waitangi Day). Easter Holidays fall in term time next year, and those dates are Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

	Term Dates	Stat. Holidays	Term Holidays
TERM 1	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter: 30 Mar-3 Apr	14 – 29 April
TERM 2	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Queens B/day: 4 June	7 – 22 July
TERM 3	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September		29 Sept – 14 October
TERM 4	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Labour W/e: 22 Oct	

There will also be a letter coming home in early December reiterating the term start date and the cost of the stationery packs for next year.

## From the Office ...

**Hats:** School hats are compulsory and must be worn - we want to keep our children safe in the hot sizzling Gizzy summer sun! 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.

## Sport

**Summer Sports – Cricket, Touch Rugby, Miniball and Softball:** Play has started. Judging by the team lists at the office there are still A LOT of fees that haven't been paid yet. The word is that if you haven't paid Touch and Miniball, you won't be able to play ...If you are not sure if you have paid or not, please check with Gail and Sara in the office.

The fees for each sport are:

Hardball Cricket – \$17.00

Softball – \$5.00

Touch Rugby – \$10.00

Miniball – \$10.00

*There are facebook groups for Touch & Miniball where all up-to-date information is distributed Search Gisborne Central (Touch or Miniball)*



## Upcoming Events:

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November                      Kakano Fundraiser  
2.10pm School Assembly hosted by Room 8
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November                      **Kapa Haka Festival**  
(10.45am Juniors / 11.15am Seniors)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November                      10am Interschool Athletics @ Awapuni Stadium
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November                      Little Acorns intake (last intake for 2017)

## PSG:

The final fundraiser for 2017 is an Arts & Crafts Fair at school on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** from 9am-12.30pm.

There will also be a Car Boot Sale (\$10 per car), Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall. Cash Sales Only. A great way to do some Christmas shopping!

For more information, or to book a site for a stall or a car boot sale site, contact Abi Douglas 027 681 8310 or Suzy Hermon 027 415 9388.



## 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.

**HB Williams Memorial Library – Summer Reading Programme:** This free programme aims to help maintain children's literacy over the long summer break from school. For ages 2-13 years. Children can participate in English or Te Reo Maori, and there are incentives and prizes and a fun finale party! Space is limited, so be in quick.

Register at the library now; for further information or to register online contact the library at [registration@gpl.govt.nz](mailto:registration@gpl.govt.nz)

### Eastland Triathlon & Multisport Club's Friday Night Triathlons are back!

**WHEN:** Starting Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> November (will run each Friday until Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>)                      **WHERE:** Churchill Park

**TIME:** Events for all ages – skills at 5pm, event start at 5.30pm.

**BRING:** togs, bike, helmet, runners and a water bottle.

**SEE YOU THERE!**