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## From the Principal ...

Kia ora koutou

2016 has begun very well with the children settled and already there is a learning hum across the school. We welcome to our school Mr Aaron McEachen who is teaching in Room 4 and Mr Richie Matenga who will be teaching various groups across the school.

This first couple of weeks is all about building relationships within a new classroom and getting the routines and rules sorted for the year. It is important that the teacher gets to know your child and finds where their strengths and interests are. Next Thursday afternoon (18<sup>th</sup> Feb) and early evening we are providing an opportunity for you to meet the teacher. This will be a chance for you to share any important information about your child and answer any questions you may have about routines and class structures. The appointment is only 10 minutes and I ask that you respect those coming after you and keep to the time. If you feel you have more to discuss or want more questions clarified please make another appointment with the teacher. Remember you can make an appointment to see the teacher at any time throughout the year if you want to discuss your child. Mrs Beale, Mrs Mackle and I will also be available to speak with anyone through the afternoon and evening. I look forward to seeing you all.

**Building Project:** A large part of the building project was completed in the holidays. Rooms 1-4 had an internal upgrade with new wall linings and ceiling; 2 sets of our toilets were upgraded, and parts of the areas outside the class have been tidied up. We are still waiting for awnings that will be installed along the field side of the buildings. Once these are installed we'll look at adding seats, art work and raised gardens to soften the concrete.

**ERO Report:** Towards the end of 2015 we had a visit for the Education Review Office. The report is now public and is on the ERO website. [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz) We are pleased with the outcomes of this review and feel it reflects the hard work that the staff and board put in to provide quality learning opportunities.

**Bell Times:** A reminder about bell times:

8.15	Early children supervised on netball court
8.30	Enter classrooms
8.50 - 10.50	Morning session
10.50 - 11.15	Interval
11.15 - 12.45	Mid session
12.45 - 1.30	Lunch
1.30 - 2.55	Afternoon session

**Communication – keep up to date with what is going on:** We do our very best to keep our community informed about what is happening in the school. We do this with the newsletter, the school website [www.gisbornecentral.school.nz](http://www.gisbornecentral.school.nz) and the school facebook page - google Gisborne Central School facebook or follow the link for our website – (remember you do not have to have facebook account to view the content of this page). **The newsletter will come home fortnightly on a Wednesday.**

2016 Term Dates		
Start:	Finish:	Stat Holidays:
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Waitangi Day holiday Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> February Easter 25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> March
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Queen's Birthday Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Labour W/e Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> October

## From the Office ...

**A Big Welcome!** To Sara McNaught, who has started as Admin Assistant in the office to help with the busy hours in the mornings.

**Important Date: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February is Meet the Teacher.** The appointment time form is included with this newsletter. Copies are also available at the office. You can also email the office regarding booking a time.

**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:** Please remember to ring the Absentee Line (867 5073 and press 1) if your child is going to be absent from school. Leave your child's name, room number, reason for absence, and a contact number. 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 2016 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 (or Mrs Mackle!) know as soon as possible. It's all about the numbers, and knowing early helps with planning. Thank you!

**Road Safety:** Thank you for working with us on keeping your children safe as they arrive and leave school. If your child enters school from Central Street it is important that they do not walk through the car park. If they are walking on the Room 17 side they go behind that classroom and follow the footprints into school. If they are walking on the Play Centre side they just follow that footpath into school. At the end of the day the opposite is encouraged. We have senior students assisting the school by being directors at this entrance and we thank you for making their job easier. It is also important that cars do not stop in the middle of the roundabout to drop children off. Again we want everyone to be safe. We have Wardens at the Whitaker Street entrance. Thank you for working with our senior students and crossing your children at the lollipop signs. **Please ensure that this information goes to anyone who is picking up your children.**

**Out of School Music – Gisborne Intermediate School:** If you are interested in your Year 4 – 6 child learning to play a musical instrument we have some information from Gisborne Intermediate re tuition and fees at the office. We also have information on *Introduction to Music* for Years 2 and 3, but spaces for this programme is limited.

## Sport

**Cricket:** The first half of the 2016 Cricket season starts on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**, and goes for 7 weeks. The grades are played at Harry Barker Reserve on Mondays at 5.30pm, with the exception of Hardball, which is played on Saturdays at 8.30am. The registration forms went home last week, so please get them in to the office, along with the \$17.00 registration fee as soon as possible. If you need a registration form, we have plenty at the office. We need to have the registration payments in order to field teams. Thank you!

## 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

**Gisborne Football Skill Centre Term 1 2016:** A perfect opportunity to get back into football mode and get ready for the up and coming season. For ages 6-8 years and 9-11years. To be held at the Childers Road Reserve Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb-30<sup>th</sup> March 9-10.30am. the cost is \$80 for previous players with full kit, or \$150 for newcomers, including kit. For further information please contact Blake Mulrooney 021 321 347 / [Blake@centralfootball.co.nz](mailto:Blake@centralfootball.co.nz). To register click on the link below:  
<https://reg.sportingpulse.com/ergoform.cgi?formID=56410>

Regards,  
*Andy Hayward*  
Principal

### TERM 1: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	8 Feb Waitangi Day Holiday	9	10 <i>Newsletter</i> Rangi Swimming Sports	11 Rangi Triathlon	12 2.10pm School Assembly (15) 11am Poutama Swimming Sports
3	15	16 Weetbix Tryathlon	17	18 Poutama - Mindlab <b>Meet the Teacher 3.10-7pm</b>	19 Poutama - Mindlab
4	22 <b>RANGI CAMP 1 (14/15)</b>	23	24 <i>Newsletter</i> 2pm Kakano Swimming Sports	25	26 <b>Rangi Camp 1 returns</b> Poutama Tri/Duathlon 1.30pm Koru Swimming Sports 2.10pm School Assembly (10)

