

Term 2, Week 2: Wednesday 11th May 2016

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From the Principal ...

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to an exciting Term 2 full of new learning and interesting experiments. Science is our focus, with classes learning about a wide range of scientific topics in different areas of the school. We've got classes experimenting with food, growing experiments, looking at the mechanics of how machines operate and much more. It is hands on exciting learning that I'm sure you'll hear about at home.

As you walk around our school I hope you've noticed the building works are nearing completion. The new awnings out the front of the school look great and will add to the spaces that the children can work and enjoy. Once the door entrances are complete we can start to look at how to soften some of the concrete spaces and add children's art around the school.

The sand pit is extremely popular; you can barely see the sand with all the children having fun at morning tea and lunch. I again want to thank the PSG (Parent Support Group) who contributed \$15,000 towards the project, specifically to develop the sandpit area and shade for it. The shade sail is organised and will be installed after winter. Please continue to support this group in their fundraising efforts as the contributions we receive help us give better opportunities for your children.

Sports team organisation: I wish to thank the teaching staff who have worked very hard organising teams, uniforms, coaches and entering them into competitions. It is not an easy task and is often even more challenging due to late requests or pull outs.

Again I also want to thank the parents that have put their hand up to coach or manage a team. Your commitment to this ensures all Central children that want to participate are able to. Enjoy the season ahead.

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.

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!

Gymnastics - Gym Festival at Electrinet Sports Centre on Tuesday 24th May

Thank you to all helpers, and well done to the students who have committed to practices. A note is going home. Please check with your child and return forms if you are able to help or assist with transport.

Thanks, Suze Hayward

Winter Sports

If you have not already paid the sports fees, this can be done at the office. If you're not sure if you have paid or not, give the office a call, or pop in and we can check our lists. If it is more convenient to pay direct into the school's account, please ring the office and we can provide you with the account number. It would be great to have all fees in by **Tuesday 31st May**. Stirling Sports they are ordering in red shorts and socks to fit sizes 5yrs-10 yrs for Hockey & Soccer. Shorts are usually \$29.95 and socks \$19.95, but if you go in and say you're buying for a Central School student, they will take 10% off the price.

NETBALL			HOCKEY		
Yrs 1-2	Blues, Reds	\$12.00	Little Sticks		\$30.00
Yrs 3-4	Defenders, Attackers	\$12.00	Yrs 3-4	Blue	\$40.00
Yrs 5-6	Magic, Mystics, Pulse	\$15.00	Yrs 5-6	White, Red	\$45.00
SOCCER					
A Grade	Diamonds, Silver, Gold				\$42.00
B Grade	Garnets, Crystal, Opal, Jade, Amethysts, Topaz				\$41.00
C Grade	Rubies, Pearls, Paua				\$36.00
D Grade	Coral, Sapphires, Emeralds				\$17.00

Board of Trustees Elections 2016

Nomination forms for the upcoming Board of Trustee elections were posted out last week. If you did not receive forms, please let the office know, as it may be that we don't have up-to-date records. If you are interested, we have an information pamphlet in the office, or you can talk to Andy. The main roll is available for viewing at the office. Nominations need to be returned to the office by **Friday 20th May**. Voting papers will be posted out by 25th May. Voting closes at noon on Friday 3rd June.

PSG

The next PSG fundraiser for the school is a Mid-Winter Christmas Quiz Night on Friday 24th June in our hall. Entry cards will be available from the office shortly, so round up a team and join in the fun.



"Threads of Hope" is a livelihood project initiated by Alex and Chris Kuhlow in March of 2003 to bring help and hope to families at risk in the Philippines. Bracelet orders now provide income for over 250 families, who previously were at risk. Room 1 is holding a sale of the bracelets on Friday 27th May in the morning and afternoon at drop-off/pick-up times. The cost of the bracelets is 1 bracelet (\$3) or 4 bracelets (\$10).

Community Notices

Plunket are running a FREE car seat bolting day 8am – 11.30am on Tuesday 24th May at Star Service Centre. Bookings are essential – phone 867 7711 Ext 1 to book.

Events 4 All: We provide quality on site after school care. The programme has different activities daily and is designed to be a safe and fun environment for your child. If you would like further information contact Colleen on 027 531 5756

Going out on a Friday or Saturday night and need a babysitter? Then call Rose Simmons, the best babysitter in town! Rose is 16 years old (and Mrs Simmons' daughter) loves kids and wants to start babysitting. She knows basic first aid through getting her bronze medallion with Midway Surf Lifesaving. She's very trustworthy, responsible and reliable. She can also do simple housework such as cooking and cleaning. References are available on request. Charge is \$10 per hour, and Rose is available Fridays – 7pm onwards and Saturday 1pm onwards. Phone number is 06 868 5771 (please call before 10pm on Friday).

Regards,
Andy Hayward
Principal

TERM 2: Monday 2 nd May – Friday 15 th April 2016					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	9 May	10	11 Newsletter	12	13 2.10 School Assembly (R14)
3	16 Student Council	17	18	19 to Wellington	20 12 noon BOT nominations in 1.30 Poutama Assembly (R10) 2.15 Kakano/Koru (R2)
4	23	24 Gymnastics	25 Newsletter BOT Voting papers posted out by today Festival	26	27 WONDERWOMAN HIGH TEA 2.10 School Assembly (R9)