

Principal's Comment

As you will see in this newsletter and the class newsletter that was sent home last week, parents have the opportunity to come in and meet their child/ren's teacher and the other unit teachers as the 'Explore the Units' sessions begin next week. While this is not a parent interview situation, it is a great opportunity to hear and learn more about the year ahead in the classes and Units. I would encourage you to attend these sessions.

The year is off to a great start. Thanks to all those parents who have their children rested, fed, equipped and ready for learning each day that they arrive at school.

Parent Support Group (PSG)

- Fun Run – information was sent home yesterday. Please note that soft drinks will not be available – only fruit juice (\$2.00), juicies \$1.00, sausages \$1.50.
- Sausage and doughnut lunch day. The PSG are calling for volunteers to assist with this monthly event that is popular among the students. It is important that we get more volunteers for this to continue. Please contact the office if you can help.

Explore the Units

All Junior Unit parents and caregivers are invited to Room 1 on **Monday, 15th February** at 3.10 pm to explore the Junior Unit. We will be focusing on different aspects of reading as it occurs in the unit. Come and meet the teachers afterwards in their classrooms.

The Senior Unit has their gathering on **Tuesday, 16th February** starting at 5.30.

The Middle Unit meet on **Monday, 22nd February** at 5.15 pm.

School Triathlon – Senior Unit Triathlon

Notices for this event were sent home today. Please ask your child for it.

Lunch Prices

Our supplier has had to increase the price of most items on our lunch price list this year, after several years of covering costs. The **new prices start from this Friday** (12th February) and are as follows:

ITEM	PRICE
Doughnut	1.50
Savoury	1.50
Pie – Big Bite	2.60
Pie – Good Time	2.00
Sausage roll	2.00
Fruit juice	2.00
Chocolate chip biscuit	1.40
Flavoured milk	1.40
Sandwich	3.40
Healthy lunch pack	5.00

Cricket Permission Forms

These were given out last week and should be back at school (with payment) now. If you have not returned the slip and your child still intends playing cricket for this part of the season, it must be back tomorrow in order for teams to be collated and sent to the Cricket Association.

Directors

Parents and children should walk behind the computer suite if entering the school on that side of the road. Please do not cross over the road.

Story Writing Competition

Central School children are invited to enter a story writing competition and a chance of winning a fishing rod donated by the Minstrel of Hiwi the Kiwi fame. Stories with a fishing theme can be either factual or fiction. These are to be placed in the labeled box in the school office. Remember to add your full name and age. Entries close Friday, 26th February and the winner will be announced at assembly on 8th March.

Lost Property

At the end of last year a couple of new Central School polar fleeces went missing from school. Please check that you have your own child's clothing and if another item has been taken in error return this to school.

Football

New Zealand Football and Central Football are offering mothers and female caregivers an opportunity to get involved with the following courses and activities to boost girls' participation and development of the game by playing, coaching and refereeing:

- **GAME DAY**
Come be a part of the game day festival, watch and learn but basically be a part of what is happening in Gisborne for our young Girl Players at Childers Rd #2 field. (10.00-12.00 for 6-8yr olds and 12.00 -2.00 for 9-11 year olds) **Thursday, 18th February** is Central's turn to participate.
- **REFEREES COURSE** (Introduction to refereeing)
20th February – 6-8pm – Sport Gisborne Conference Room (free to first 20)
- **SMALL WHITES COURSE** (Beginner Coaching Course)
21st February – 10-12 am – Gisborne City Clubrooms (free to first 20)

Wanted

One mature person to work in our busy ice cream shop 4 days a week (1.30 to 5.30 pm) for the next 8 weeks. Some weekend work required. Phone Julie on 868 3693 or 027 608 8916.

Sunglasses from Visique

Visique is again offering their back to school service of free sunglasses for five year olds AND 20 bonus Fly Buys points for parents for bringing in a school age child (up to 18yrs) for an eye test. The voucher is available to download through their website www.visique.co.nz and can be redeemed at your local Visique store. On top of this parents can be provided with a 15% off voucher for their first purchase. This can include the eye test; frames and lenses or contact lenses.

Coming Events

Board of Trustees meeting: 5:30pm Tuesday, 16 February – all welcome

Komiti Awhina / Community Support Team meeting: 3:05pm Thursday, 18 February in Room 2 – all welcome

PSG meeting: 7:30pm on Wednesday, 24 February – all welcome

Regards

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