

Thought of the week: The aim of education should be to teach us rather *how* to think, than *what* to think - rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men. *Bill Beattie.*

Principal's comment

The annual PSG Fun Run / Walk was held last week and was a great success. The weather was fantastic and large numbers participated. The PSG run a smooth operation and we would all agree that the funds they raise benefit all of our students. This type of support of PSG events is essential in providing the extras that Ministry of Education funds do not provide.

Explore the Units

The Junior and Senior meetings were held this week. Thank you to the parents who attended these.

The Middle Unit session is being held on Monday of next week at 5:30. Come along and be informed about your child's experience here at Central School.

Cybersafety Agreement and Publication of Student Images permissions

Thanks to the many families that have returned these forms. If you haven't, please do so as soon as possible.

Student Assessment

This week our teachers have begun testing our students in reading, writing and maths. The idea behind this is to give teachers baseline data of where students are at and to identify what their next steps in learning will be.

Educational Assessment Australia

Y4, 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to participate in the Educational Assessment Australia competitions (formerly known as the University of New South Wales competitions). Dates are as follows:

Test	Closing Date	Cost	Sitting Date
Computer Skills	20 th April	\$7.50	25 th May
Science	5 th May	\$7.50	9 th June
Writing	18 th May	\$17.50	22 nd June
Spelling	18 th May	\$9.50	22 nd June
English	29 th June	\$7.50	3 rd August
Mathematics	29 th June	\$7.50	17 th August

Cricket

The season starts this Friday evening at Harry Barker Reserve, or Saturday morning at Nelson Park for those children playing hard ball. All children should have received a notice advising their team and coach. Alternatively, a list is posted on the school notice board outside Rooms 3 and 4.

A big thank you is extended to all the parents who have offered to coach a team. We could not enter this competition without your support.

Parent Support Group

Sausage and doughnut day is held in the last week of the month. Orders are taken in class before school on the **Wednesday** for delivery on Thursday. Doughnuts cost \$1.00 and sausages are \$1.50. No late orders will be accepted and no IOUs.

Community News

- Trailer load (7' x 4') of dry puriri firewood available at \$100 - phone 868 6339
- Registrations for Surf City Squash activities are taking place now. For further details, see the school notice board.

Junior Unit Swimming Sports

The junior unit is having their swimming sports on Thursday, 25th February, (weather permitting) commencing at 1.30 pm. It would be a good idea for your child to have two towels for the day. We would love to see you there.

Coming Events

Thursday, 18 th February	Middle Unit swimming sports	10.30 am
	Girls' football	9.00 – 3.00
Friday, 19 th February	Senior Unit swimming sports	10.30 am
Monday, 22 nd February	Triathlon	Afternoon at Ilminster School
	Explore the Middle Unit	5.15 pm
Tuesday, 23 rd February	Senior Unit assembly	2.00 pm (note change of time)
Thursday, 25 th February	Junior Unit swimming sports	1.30 pm