

Parent Interviews 31 March

**School closes 12:30pm – have you made arrangements for your children?
Book your interview time on the sheet that will come home on Monday or call at the office
The interview sheet is available now on our website if you wish to be in early**

Thought of the week: *Too often we give our children answers to remember rather than problems to solve Robert Lewin*

Principal's comment

Last week three staff members and I attended the National Information Communication Technology Professional Development Conference in Rotorua. This was a fantastic opportunity for us to have a look at ways that ICT can be used to enhance student learning – a key component of the new curriculum that came into effect in February this year. Two things became very clear:

1. our school is at the leading edge in the use of InterWrite Boards
2. we need to continue to develop and reshape the ways in which our students use internet / web- based technologies to enhance their learning

A reflective question for parents: is the future we are preparing our children for the same future that our parents prepared us for all those years ago? If the future is different, what are differences and how does your child's learning need to reflect this difference? More to come on this topic during the year.

Parent Information Evening - Assessment and Reporting

A number of changes have been made to our process of reporting the achievement of our students to parents in 2010. To outline the changes, we will be holding a parent information evening on 23 March at 5:30pm. Further information can be found by visiting our website and clicking the link on the front page.

Sport

- The winter sports registration form was sent out last week. If you did not get a copy please get one from the office. Please note that in 2010 that your child cannot be registered for their sports until the fees are paid. **We are happy for families to pay by instalments as we want to see as many of our students as possible playing sport.** If finance is going to prohibit your child from playing sport for our school, please contact me directly as we may be able to come to an arrangement. Please see Lesley in the office if you wish to pay by instalments. Central School makes no profit from fees as these are set by the relevant sports associations.
- Last weekend George Andrew travelled to the Bay of Plenty and represented Central in the Iron Kid triathlon. George was placed third in the Y6 individual event. Well done, George; we congratulate you for your commitment and success.
- Ngatapa muster for all junior winter sports codes at 10.00 am on Saturday, 20th March at the clubhouse, Onslow Road, Patutahi. To pre-register or for further information, contact Lou Livingston on 862 8669 or Livingston@farmside.co.nz
- HSOB junior rugby muster days are Friday, 12th March (5.00 to 7.00) and Saturday, 13th March (2.00 to 5.00) at the clubrooms, Anzac Street. For further information contact Mike Sanders 868 8116 or 027 619 5467.

Gymnastics

Ramona Barbara and her team got this underway this week. A large number of students are involved in training for the upcoming competition. Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to assist with coaching. If you haven't and you can, Ramona would be pleased to hear from you! ramona.barbara@gisbornecentral.school.nz

Fishing story competition

A large number of entries have been received for this competition that required students to write a fishing themed story. Sherrill Beale will announce the winner at assembly on Monday.

Parent Support Group News

Organisation for the Easter raffle is under way. This year the format is changing slightly to a combined Easter egg / grocery raffle. Each family is asked to contribute either an Easter egg or **non-perishable** grocery item. If it is a grocery item, please ensure that it is not past the use by / expiry date.

Tickets will go home with the eldest child at Central on Monday, 15th March and need to be back in by Friday, 26th March to enable the draw to be completed and results published by Wednesday, 31st March.

Community News

- Poppy day is Friday, 23rd April, with ANZAC Day on Sunday, 25th (the first Sunday after the holidays). Donations towards the Welfare and Support Services Fund for Returned Servicemen can be made at the school office during the first week of the new term.
- Girl Guides, Brownies and Pippins from Central School will be selling their biscuits today and tomorrow at 3.00 pm outside the school office. Plain: \$3.00 per packet, chocolate and chocolate mini: \$3.50 per packet. Whole cartons of each choice or mixed are available. Great for use in baking or in lunch boxes.
- Tiny Tutus ballet classes available for pre-schoolers and 5 year olds in the Girl Guide Hall, Palmerston Road. Contact Tracey or Sapphire for more information on 867 9331.

Coming Events Term 1

Week / Date	Event
Week 5 Thursday 4 March	R8, 9, Waimata to museum
Week 5 Friday 5 March	R10, 11, Waimata to museum
Week 6 Tuesday 9 March	MU historical walk
Week 6 Friday 12 March	MU triathlon
Week 7 Tuesday 16 March 5:30	BoT meeting
Week 7 Thursday 18 March 3:05	Komiti Awhina/Community Support Team
Week 8 Tuesday 23 March 5:30	Parent information evening
Week 9 12:30 Wednesday 31 March	Parent Interviews Students home at 12:30

Regards

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