

Parent Interviews 31 March
School closes 12:30pm – have you made arrangements for your children?

The Events 4 All director has informed us that childcare is available from 12.30 on Wednesday, 31st March for those parents who cannot take the afternoon off work. If you wish to use this service, contact Colleen on 867 7801 or 027 531 5756.

Thought of the week: The right way is not always the popular and easy way. Standing for right when it is unpopular is a true test of moral character. MARGARET CHASE SMITH

This week's virtue: Perseverance

Principal's Comment

In the last week our Middle Unit students have been out of school to the museum and on an historic walk around Gisborne. We have also had Year 5 and 6 students participating at the inter-school triathlon. High standards are held for our students and it was great to get feedback from the museum. They made mention of the focus, behaviour and manners of our students. Great news, well done Middle Unit students and staff!!

Welcome

This week we had an intake of 5 year olds start school. Welcome to these students and their families. Our doors are always open if you have any concerns or simply want to know more about what is happening for your child.

Fishing story competition

The lucky writer that received the prize of the fishing rod was Noah Spurr of Room 5, enjoy reading his story. "Thumbs up" to Noah and all the other students that took part.

Gone Fishing With Grandad

I went to the wharf with my grandad. I took my shiny blue fishing rod. I put the sharp hook into the slimy squid. I cast my own rod out into the deep water. My rod started to bend.

"Look Noah, said Grandad.

I have to wind up the reel. It is hard. The fish fights. I win. I caught a bay shark.

Parent Information Evening - Assessment and Reporting

Details regarding this evening have come home with this newsletter in the form of a separate sheet.

Winter sports registrations

We have fielded a number of queries about fees. As stated in last week's newsletter, Central School makes no profit from fees as these are set by the relevant sports associations. 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.

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Slips went home on Monday. Please ring or call into the office ASAP if you have yet to book a time.

MU Triathlon

Remember to bring your togs, towel and bike to take part in this event on Friday, which starts at 9.15 am. There will be no assembly for the unit this week.

Inter-school Triathlon Results

Last Wednesday senior unit students represented our school at the inter-school triathlon. Well done to all participants.

Event	Runner	Cyclist	Swimmer	Placing
Y5 Boys Team	Campbell Hall	Connor Putnam	Jack Ward	3 rd
Y5 Girls Team	Michelle Hazledon	Lani Patumaka	Gemini McNabb	2 nd
Y6 Individual Boy	George Andrew	George Andrew	George Andrew	3 rd
Y6 Individual Girl	Georgia Gregory	Georgia Gregory	Georgia Gregory	4 th
Y6 Boys Team	Zach McFarlane-Rofe	Curtis Walsh	Liam Boyle	3 rd
Y6 Girls Team	Jordan Ngarimu	Eden Ropitini	Jennifer Hazledon	2 nd

Board of Trustees Elections

The triennial election for school boards of trustees is approaching. Nomination forms will be posted to all eligible voters within the next week. If you wish to check your eligibility to vote, speak to our Returning Officer, Lesley Ritchie, in the school office.

Volunteers Needed

If you are available to help take lunch orders for the children (particularly on Friday mornings) we would appreciate hearing from you.

Child Safety

It has been brought to our attention that some people are driving at speed in close proximity to the school as they deliver and collect their children. For the safety of all road users (but in particular our children), we would appreciate vehicles being driven with care and at a sensible speed for the conditions.

Coming Events Term 1

Week / Date	Event
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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