



TĒNĀ KOUTOU,

Well we are halfway through what has been a busy term so far with lots happening in the school.

Student leadership

Last week the students met in their houses and elected their house captains and vice captains. 16 successful applicants will now lead their houses for 2019.

They are:

Pohutukawa

Captains: Nathan Gill and Hayley Verryt

Vice Captains: Bradley Shaw and Isidora Urzua-De la Maza

Kauri

Captains: Alastair van Vugt and Amaia Matika

Vice Captains: Cruz Satherley and John Simmons

Kowhai

Captains: Ethan Gavin and Ava O'Hearn

Vice Captains: Evie Parkin and Samantha Read

Rimu

Captains: Meg Enersen and Michael Pene

Vice Captains: Ben Sim and Ben Murphy

Congratulations to all those who were successful. I will be ordering their badges. Among the things they will be responsible for is the management of the PE shed, organisation of inter house competitions and sports and contributing to the wider corporate life of the school.

The student council received their badges formally at last week's assembly. They are pictured here.

I will be meeting with them this week to map out their leadership journey and plan the things they will do in their leadership journey at Gordonton School.



Next leadership opportunity

is the appointment of Tuakana Teina. These are children in year 7 and 8 who will be trained in aspects of disputes mediation and resolution. It allows them to take a formal, active role in the safety and wellbeing of our students as they go about their daily play. I have run similar programmes previously and it builds some very useful skills and capabilities in our children.

Parent Interviews

Thank you to all those who came into the school to meet with your child's teacher last week during parent interviews. For those unable to make it I

Bible in Schools

This programme commences again **today** with the BIS team coming into the school at the new time of 2.20pm.

In compliance with Ministry of Education regulations the school is closed for instruction during Bible in Schools tuition.

That means that those families electing not to take up the programme are welcome to take their children home early on Tuesdays.

Buses will run at the normal times and non-participating children left behind will be supervised and cared for but learning programmes will not run.

urge you to make a time to meet. The teaching staff report that rich conversations were held and great goals set for our learners. These are always worthwhile and this time was no exception.

Sports Visit

Next Thursday (14th February) some sports teams are visiting the school from Hamilton West School. We will be playing T-Ball (Year 3/4), Cricket (Year 5/6) and Touch (Year 7/8). Notices will be sent home by the relevant code teacher in anticipation. When I arrived at the school from Hamilton West, the Principal of that school, Mark Penman, expressed an intention to maintain a connection between the schools. Sports is the best way to connect kids in a healthy environment. I look forward to their visit and as always, you are invited to call in to watch the games.

EOTC

Last week a small group gathered to start the review of Education Outside The Classroom (camps and trips) and develop how that should look at Gordonton. We are currently working on a short questionnaire to send to you so you can have your voice in the guiding of the new framework. More on this in the weeks to come.

Sports Committee

This enthusiastic group is hosting David Galbraith, renown sports psychologist, at the Gordonton Community Hall on 13th March (Next Wednesday). See the notice later in the Newsletter. I urge you, if you are passionate about your children doing their best in sport, to get along and hear his message. It's only a \$20.00 ticket price and you could well find the key to success for your child(ren). There is now a link on the school website where you can get all the up-to-the minute sports draws, results and information. This a much tidier one-stop-shop for all things sport at Gordonton School. Well done Tania and Rebecca for getting this going.

Student achievement

At last year's final assembly I referred to our achievement data for 2018 and how pleasing it was to receive the results we did, given the year of change the school had just navigated. As I mentioned last week I will share this data with you over the next few weeks starting with Reading.

Bearing in mind another change was brought about due to the school year starting under the framework of National Standards, which appropriately was the language of the goals for the year, and in April of that year the framework was abandoned as a measurement. Luckily the data collected could still be used comparatively.

Reading Data 2018

You can see that we reduced the number of students scoring at, below or well below the target achievement and increased the number scoring above the standard. This indicates a significant shift upwards from the start of the year and is a credit to the students and staff.

By next week I should have joining instructions for the SeeSaw platform where you can engage with your children's learning for 2019 and receive regular

WHAT'S COMING UP

MARCH

- 6 Hearing & Vision test for year 7 & 8
- 13 David Galbraith Evening at the Community Hall
- 14 Sports with Hamilton West School
- 18 Year 7 & 8 Immunisation
- 28 Harvest Festival
- 29 Class Photos

APRIL

- 2 BOT meeting
- 12 End of Term 1

| Nominal Percentages | Year Start | Year End | Difference |
|---------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Above | 27.35 | 42.59 | 15.24 |
| At | 54.8 | 43.72 | -11.08 |
| Below | 12.65 | 10.64 | -2.01 |
| Well Below | 4.08 | 3.04 | -1.04 |

Largest shift from 'AT' to 'ABOVE'
Very little shift in the Below and Well Below students. 86% of students at or above expectations.
(83.26% at start of year) (+2.73%)

reporting updates against progress and achievement. Our tech team is working hard to get all the infrastructure in place to make this work.

Stay tuned.

There are a few bugs doing the rounds at the moment - probably just seasonal. If your child is going to be away sick can you please remember to let Dee in the office know so we can account for everyone.

Thank you

FRIDAY 1 MARCH - CERTIFICATE OF SUCCESS

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| Room 1 | Tiana Paraone and Luca Partridge |
| Room 2 | Jenine Burgers and Sam Van Hellemond |
| Room 3 | Iran Lee and Breanna Beattie |
| Room 4 | Heidi Gavin and Sarang Kim |
| Room 5 | Jaycob Latemore and Roman Boxell |
| Room 6 | Mary Aldworth and Hale Enersen |
| Room 9 | Henry Pene and Kinleigh Brindle |
| Room 10 | Eva Bartley and Nathan Grayson |
| Room 11 | Hayley Quigley and Jackson Connolly |
| Room 12 | Ashton Oien and Beau Bartley |

Congratulations to all these children and keep up the good work. Every second Friday we have a sharing assembly, from 2.20pm, in the school hall. We invite you, your extended family and friends to join us for this assembly.



WINTER SPORTS WINTER SPORTS WINTER SPORTS

Registrations are open until Friday 15 March.

Check out the new Sports Hub at gordonton.school.nz and click the **SPORTS HUB** link to register. Anyone who wants to coach a team needs to be police vetted so pop into the office to get this process underway.

SUMMER SPORTS

All summer sports draws are on the website.

PTA
AGM is Tuesday 12 March at 6.30pm
in the staffroom



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PlayGym gives early childhood educators, parents and caregivers the opportunity to participate with their children in active play whilst developing all areas of their body and mind.

Classes are full of activities to encourage brain development, balance, primitive reflex inhibition, gross motor skills, vision and development of fundamental movement patterns.

9.30am—10.20am

\$60 per term or \$8 per session

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Tuesdays—Te Aroha (2nd Floor, Cnr Lipsey Street /Burgess St)
Wednesdays - Morrinsville (Bible Church, Anderson St)



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6 months - 6 years

8:00am -4:30pm

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20 hours ECE subsidy and WINZ .

Gordonton School Easter Raffle 2019

It's that time of year again!! The Gordonton School PTA are running an Easter Raffle and we are looking for lots of chocolate goodies!!

We would like to make plenty of great baskets to raffle off so are asking for donations of Easter items.

Please send items for the raffle to school – we will start selling tickets next month, with the draws taking place before the end of the term.



Gordonton School Harvest Festival 2019

Come one, come all to the Gordonton School Harvest Festival!!

Bring family and friends to this great event

28 March 2019 – 5.00pm to 8.30pm



Enjoy music, games and great food

- Scarecrow Competition (family event)
- Pumpkin Growing Competition
- Cake Decorating Competition
- Junior Classes – Sand Saucer Decorating
- Middle Classes – Decorate a Boot
- Senior Classes – Natural Art (wood, shells, feathers, fur)
- Intermediate Classes – Photography Competition
- Music and performances
- Games
- Stalls - \$15.00 per stall (please contact Debbie r-dhawkins@hotmail.com to book a stall site)
- Vintage Vehicle Display (please contact Stacey bsvanderdrift@gmail.com to arrange)
- BBQ dinner and drinks available
- More to come!!

All funds raised will be going towards upgrading the playground