



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Anchored in MANA - Manaakitanga - Awhina - Ngākau Pono - Ako



THIS WEEK'S WHAKATAUKI

**Mā whero, mā
pango ka oti ai te
mahi**

**With red and black
the work will be
complete.**

This whakatauki refers to working together and the need for collaboration. Traditionally 'whero' signifies chiefs/leaders and 'pango' the community/workers. It acknowledges the need for both to work together in order to complete the work.

Nga mihi o te ra (Greetings of the day)

School photos

These take place tomorrow. Sibling photos will be first so that siblings from other schools can be part of this.

If you would like a sibling photo taken please see Dee in the office.



**SPORTS
COMMITTEE AGM**
Monday 15th
March, 7pm in the
staffroom



SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tuesday 16th
March



PTA AGM
Wednesday 17th
March, 3.15pm in
the staffroom



**EPILEPSY DAY
PURPLE DAY**
Friday 26th March

Awhina - Supporting others to be the best they can be

In 2019, part of the Government changes to the New Zealand Curriculum make the teaching of NZ History mandatory in schools. This will be effective from 2022.

For a few weeks I will be including some significant historic events from New Zealand's past. If it generates a discussion in your home, or even a heightened awareness of our history then it has turned your mind to the topic and given you some thing to support your children's learning.

Ngakau Pono-Doing the right thing

Student Leadership

It was great to be able to formally award the student council with their badges at last Friday's assembly. Many of their parents were able to join us at this and share in their child's achievement. After that Troy and Heidi, our head students led the assembly. I'm looking forward to working with this group of students. They have already been in collaboration with Mrs Rogers around Friday lunch options in the winter.


Ako-Quality teaching & learning

Our overarching theme in our learning has been Kotahitanga/Unity. As you saw in last week's newsletter, Te Rākau went on a trip to the museum and the ballet as part of their learning around Kotahitanga.

The museum educational tour was orchestrated professionally by the Museum educational facilitators to thread our school MANA values through the history of New Zealand and the shaping of Hamilton to be the city it is today.

Tutu's On Tour, a theatre experience for our students and educational session provided by RNZ Ballet company. Demonstrations, a question/answer session and three performances from

This week in New Zealand's Historic past:

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| 15 March 2019 | 51 Killed, 49 Wounded in Christchurch Mosque shootings |
| 16 March 1940 | Jockey introduces 'Y' front underwear to New Zealanders. |
| 17 March 1860 | The opening shots of the first Taranaki War were fired when British troops attacked a pā built by Te Āti Awa chief Te Rangitāke at Te Kohia, Waitara. |
| 18 March 1983 | In a landmark ruling, the Waitangi Tribunal found that the Crown's obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi included a duty to protect Māori fishing grounds. |
| 19 March 1839 | Honey Bees brought to NZ |
| 20 March 1834 | NZ's first recognised flag chosen. |
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| 21 March 1994 | Eleven-year-old Anna Paquin became the first New Zealander to win an Academy Award for acting when she was named best supporting actress for her role as Flora McGrath in the acclaimed historical drama, The piano. |

classical and contemporary choreographies. These performances ranged from dances created over two hundred years ago up to most recently a 2020 piece which depicted ideas about social distancing.

One of our students was even invited on stage to experience a technical dance move.

Te Pihinga will be going to the Hamilton Gardens on Thursday to support learning in many different curriculum areas. In particular, they will be focusing on Kotahitanga/Unity, building relationships and diversity. The children will explore and observe the different gardens and notice what is unique about the cultures they represent.

Action Learning - Photos

In Te Kākano Action Learning is where the children explore, experiment, discover, and solve problems in imaginative and playful ways. Room 12 have been learning about plumbing, colour mixing, making sock puppets and so much more in their short time at school.

One of the great things about Action Learning is that children take time to explore in a positive safe environment, without pressure to perform. Research shows that putting pressure on children to perform can have negative effects on their academic ability. Having high expectations is important but they also need to be realistic.

Those who are familiar with Nathan Wallis will know that children are not ready to learn until they turn seven. Action Learning encourages children to be creative and explore their surroundings to prepare them for more formalised forms of learning. It also encourages children to build positive relationships with their peers and teaches

them to develop the key competencies that help us live and learn.

It's great to see that our littlest learners are off to a great start.

Manaakitanga-Kindness, care & respect

You will see in the term overview that was sent home at the beginning of the year that we have St John's Ambulance visiting next week. Unfortunately the educator has had to resign due to health reasons and we have had to cancel this visit.

Swimming Pool closed from 22 March.

With the weather turning a little colder - especially overnight - we have made the decision to close the pool from the end of the week. Numbers of swimmers are dropping off quickly and in some classes more children regularly don't swim than swim.

This also means that this weekend is the final weekend for community use.

Mr Sweetman reports that it has been a successful summer and special thanks to those who volunteered as weekend and holiday custodians to enable us to once again provide this facility over summer.

For those families that have hired out a pool key, please can you return them next week to the office to receive your bond refund.

The PTA are meeting this Wednesday, 3.15pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī (That's all for now)

Keith O'Donnell, Principal

TE RĀKAU TRIP TO HAMILTON MUSEUM AND TUTU'S ON TOUR



TE KĀKANO ACTION LEARNING



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Gordonton School Sports Committee AGM

Date: Monday 15th March

Time: 7pm

School Staff Room

All welcome

The Sports Committee are looking for a couple of keen individuals to join our team. No special skills needed, just an enthusiastic attitude! Come and have a chat with us.



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TAUPIRI JUNIOR RUGBY - WEIGH IN

We are holding another weigh in this Thursday the 18th of March at the club from 6pm to 7pm. We know there are still a few families out there that haven't been able to make our last two weigh ins. So please if you are wanting to play this season please make sure you come down on this night. Before you come you need to of done the form on www.sporty.co.nz just go into Taupiri Junior Rugby and complete this form then hit submit don't worry about grade or weight.

If you are a new player could you please bring your passport or birth certificate for id. Fees can be paid by cash of \$40 for one child or \$60 for a family. If anyone out there would like to sponsor the Junior Club please give me a call and i can send you our sponsorship booklet. If you have any queries please give me a text or ring Leah Scott, 0276869499.

OPEN EVENING



Private board available



Thursday 8th April, any time between 6 - 8pm

Meet on the front lawn, Clyde Street, Hamilton East.

T 07 856 7874 E hearts@shgcham.school.nz

For full details visit shgcham.school.nz

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