



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Waimaths
Left: Heidi Gavin, Daisy Gower & Troy McIntosh at Waimaths competition earlier this term - before lockdown



Right: Lucy Gyde, Judam Lee, Kyla McIntosh & Olivia Kemp

Tena koutou Katoa,

Here we are in week 8 of a term already decimated by a pandemic that already seems remote from us. The children came back into school 'en masse' and settled quickly and happily into learning, in fact walking through the classes, if you didn't know there had been a national health crisis you wouldn't guess. It appears this lock-

THIS WEEK'S WHAKATAUKI

Ko taku reo taku ohooho, ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria

My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul.

This is a proverb closely associated with language revitalization, a struggle which is very important in maintaining culture.



SUPER HERO DAY

This Friday
17 September



PIEDAY FRIDAY

Pies are back on this week.
Get orders in by 12pm Thursday



AG DAY

Friday 22nd
October



BULL CALF FUNDRAISER

See below for details

down has gone a lot smoother mainly due to people knowing what to expect.

The effects of the health crisis escalation continues to be felt in the form of adaptations and cancellations. We have cancelled this year's production because our preparation window has disappeared. Parent interviews and Inter-school events including speeches, kapa haka festival and cross country have been cancelled. Sadly such is the nature of the school year there is no room to reschedule these features. My thoughts and sympathy go to those students for whom such activities are their opportunity to shine!

I share their disappointment. I hold great value on the place of the arts and performance in primary school along with organized sports and competitions. It's something worth keeping in the front of our minds when academics suggest remote e-learning as the way of the future.

Thank you to all who sent messages of support to me while I was home recovering from my own health crisis. I am well and back at school. My thanks to Tania and Grant for leading the school through my absence, and to the staff as well as Shona and the Board who aided and supported them. It's great to be back.

Thanks to our community for the orderly way pick-ups and drop-offs are working. Everyone is showing manaakitanga in the management of this and it seems to be working smoothly. The children are entering the school with smiles.

This Friday we are having a dress up day and the theme is Super Heros. There is no cost to this dress up day, just a bit of fun.

Awhina-Supporting others to be the best they can be

Sports Prize Giving - Save the Day

The winter sports season has finished for all sports and that brings us to prize giving. Kelly and the sports committee have tentatively set the **Saturday 25th September** as the day we will hold this (covid level dependant). Fingers crossed this event goes ahead to celebrate an excellent season.

Manaakitanga-Kindness, care & respect

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

This week is Māori Language Week. Māori Language Week has been celebrated each year since 1975. September 14 commemorates the presentation of the 1972 Māori language petition to parliament.

As part of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori we will be participating in the Māori Language Moment tomorrow at 12pm where the whole school will participate in either waiata or Māori activities. You too can take part in this moment and register online <https://www.reomaori.co.nz/#take-part>. If you are looking for ideas on how you can participate, here are some here <https://www.reomaori.co.nz/ideas>

Ngākau Pono-Loyalty, integrity & honesty

There is a BOT meeting on Tuesday (tomorrow) at 6.30pm at school. Among items on the agenda is the review process of two policies. These also require the opportunity for community consultation. I have provided links and instructions to the policies below if you are interested in offering your views. The consultation period ends on 29th September. Please use the links to the two policies below.

Behaviour Management; Concerns and Complaints

Instructions for reviewers

1. *Follow the link to each policy in the table above.*
2. *Read the policy.*
3. *Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.*
4. *Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.*
5. *Enter your name (optional).*
6. *Submit your ratings and comments.*

Ricki Herbert Soccer Academy

This programme starts again this Thursday for those who take part.

Three weeks left in the term and then we will all be on holiday again. Spare a thought for those in Auckland who have yet to emerge from Level 4. As we make the most of our limited freedom they are still confined to their homes.

Have a great week everyone.

Nga Mihi

Keith O'Donnell, Principal

SUPER HERO DRESS UP DAY

THIS FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE SUPER HERO CHARACTER

PIE DAY FRIDAY

Pie Day Friday is back on this week.

If you ordered & paid for pies before lockdown I will email you so you don't need to order again.

Pie Day Friday **CONTINUING FOR TERM 3**

Reminder to get orders and payment in by 12pm Thursday. We only order what we need and the orders are made on Thursday afternoons so please make sure your order is in on time.

Sausage rolls are \$2.00, pies are \$3.00 and Butter chicken wraps are \$4.00.

Orders for Pie Day Friday will be online and payments will need to be made by **12pm Thursday** for orders to be filled.

Here is the link to order pies. **[PIEDAY FRIDAY](#)**



Ag Day NOTICE

An update about Ag Day 2021 - at this stage we are planning for it to go ahead under Level 2 conditions. Unfortunately this means that if we are at Level 2 on 22 October it won't quite be the big school-wide community and fundraising event we had hoped it would be due to event number restrictions, but it will still provide our children with all the same opportunities for them to demonstrate the Ag Day and school values of commitment, responsibility and motivation (and creativity for those entering the Virtual Pet and/or Grow & Bake sections!).

Agricultural Club (Calves, Lambs & Goats)

Please register your animals via this link <https://forms.gle/MiQ6LFxzkunuVA7> as soon as possible - cut off date is Friday 24 September 2021.

Once we know numbers of children attending we will be able to plan for and advise how the event may look at Level 2 - ie. whether we need to restrict adult spectators to one per family etc to stay within Government guidelines. We are yet to hear from the Group Day Committee what, if any, changes may be required for the actual judging of the events.

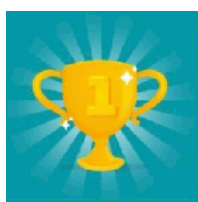
My Pet/ Grow, Make & Bake Sections

If we are still at Level 2, this part of Ag Day will either have to be restricted to children only viewing the exhibits, or parents may be able to attend at staggered times to stay within the 50 person at an indoor limit - these details are yet to be fully discussed and considered but we will keep you updated as much as we can about how the day may run.

Please register your child here <https://forms.gle/C2nwxeCFdwnT5UVt6>. Registrations will be open until the day, although obviously the earlier you can register the better it will be for our planning. We fully understand that a child's "enthusiasm" can change, so even registering what your child intends to enter will be helpful - if they change their mind and don't end up making anything that's no problem.

Facebook Event Page

If you haven't already, please follow the facebook event page for further updates and information: https://www.facebook.com/events/2630188530618585/?active_tab=discussion (note, click on the discussion tab for posts/updates).



SAVE THE DATE

Winter Sports Prizegiving



Sat 25th Sept 10am TBC Alert level dependent

Format will be decided closer to the time

Team photos will start at 10am. Your manager will be in contact with your team's allocated time

Please ensure you bring a shirt to change into following photos as all shirts will be collected by your manager on the day



SUMMER SPORTS

Summer sports registrations are now open <https://forms.gle/8BZoFQZJx2P9ER9b6>

All info is on the website under Sports Hub.

SUMMER SPORTS ON OFFER

Futsal
Touch
Cricket
Mini Ball

Hi all.

We are now taking registrations for the Gordonton School Annual Calf Fundraiser. This is one of the bigger fundraisers for our school. Farmers and non farmers can get involved.

Early indications are pointing to a not very strong bull market this year unfortunately, however, things can change. So this might be the year of The Virtual Calf.

The Virtual Calf means non farmers can get involved and make a donation to the school as well. Email the school for the PTA bank details.

This is an easy and simple way for our community to support Gordonton School.

We need our children to get the best out of their school. So 100% of all proceeds raised go directly to improve Gordonton School in areas where the Ministry of Education do not put money into or not enough.

I am pleased to announce Jamie Haultain has jumped onboard to continue this great fundraiser as, sadly this year is our last year with Gordonton School. Jamie and I are more than happy to talk to anyone wanting to know more about the calf fundraiser.

Thanks Wayne and Jamie

Please Ph Jamie Haultain	027 646 3618
Wayne Lucey	021 289 2038





**Gordonton School,
Hamilton**

Holiday Programme

Term 3 2021

Onsite: 021 914 411

gordonton@skids.co.nz

Support Office: 0800 274 172

Full Day 8.00am to 6.00pm \$ 45
Short Day 8.00am to 3.00pm \$ 35

Mon 4th October

World Animal Day

Celebrate world animal day with DIY animal sanctuaries! Play animal themed games, make crafts and tasty animal inspired snacks from fruits and crackers!



Tue 5th October

Circus Circus

Make your own spinning wheels and juggling balls today! SNRs make a Ferris wheel while JNRs make circus characters, lastly, make colourful popcorn!



Wed 6th October

Wacky Wednesday

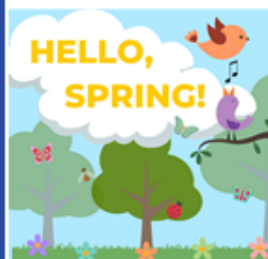
Start the day with wacky hair styles, wacky sacks and wacky painting. We'll play infinity and bump tag and make dancing gummy worms to end the wacky day!



Thu 7th October

Hello, Spring!

We welcome you to make spring bugs, seed bombs, we'll try some fun experiments with water and soil, play a fruit salad game, and make spring snacks!



Fri 8th October

Pizza Party

Try a pizza yeast experiment, make a mini pizza box and test our teamwork with games and group crafts. It's not a pizza party unless we make pizza, so get your chef hat!



Mon 11th October

Messy Monday

Let's kick off Monday with a mess! Make erupting foam dough, oobleck, marble art, paint and bubble bombs and silly putty. You might want to wear an old shirt today!



Tue 12th October

Pirates & Mermaids

Make seashells and starfish with Air Dried Clay. Treasure hunt for fizzing rocks & pearls before making mermaid tails and pirate ships. Careful, we might make you scrub the deck!



Wed 13th October

Busy Bees

Build a beehive, make honey slime, be busy bees playing games together and learn how pollination works with a bee we make with pom poms and pipe cleaners.



Thu 14th October

sKids Records

What sKids records can you break? Compete in a Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournaments, and other record-breaking challenges all before we celebrate with an Awards Ceremony!



Fri 15th October

Halloween Party

Come in a Costume! The witch's brew is fizzing, they turned spooky characters into popsicle sticks, skeletons started appearing, ghosts flying, and they made people eat (choc) dirt and (gummy) worms!



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Activities are subject to change due to Covid Alert Level Restrictions. Any changes will be communicated via EnrolMy
T&Cs Here: www.skids.co.nz/HP_TCs

