



Gordonton School

Newsletter

26 March 2019

TĒNĀ KOUTOU,

This week is a busy one with several things happening in the school. On Wednesday we have a team of our top year 5 - 8 interschool swimmers travelling to Te Rapa Pools to represent our school in the Eastern Waikato Country Schools competition. My thanks to Miss Kelly and Ms Pearce who are taking the children and looking after them on the day. Thanks also to Mr Carter and Mrs Van Hellemond who have given up their time to select the team and run training sessions during lunchtimes. I will try to get over there as well to support our athletes.

Harvest festival

This Thursday the Harvest Festival is being held on the school field. There will be all the things that one would expect to see at such an event. I'm really looking forward to it as I've not seen or been to one before. I have seen the huge amount of work that has gone into the organisation from the PTA. It has become apparent that some families have not received the right amount of information as to what their children are doing. If you are a bit mystified - firstly apologies - but secondly, please let me know and I will do my best to support a project. The weather is looking slightly 'iffy' for the day so fingers crossed for some sunshine.

Sports Exchange Pics

Last week we had a summary of our sports exchange but ran out of room to put any photos in. Here are a couple of shots from the day.



Shave for a Cure

Last Friday we had Wacky Hair day and raised \$271 for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer. Thank you to those who supported this cause. Winners of the Wacky hair competition will be announced at assembly this Friday.

Summer Cordes opted to get her hair cut to support Freedom Wig Charity.

Summer had 37cm cut off - well done Summer!

New Entrant Parent Information Evening

Our second NE Parent meeting is tomorrow night, 7pm in Room 10. This is for parents with NE starting next term.

Alumni Success

One of our immediate past students Paul Walton, let us know that he had made selection for the St Johns College 1st VI hockey team.

This is a significant achievement for a student in Year 9.

Well done and congratulations on your selection.



School community out and about

Last weekend 154 teams took part in walking the 100km Oxfam trailwalker event in Whakatane. Three of our school parents were in this team. They walked until they had no skin left on their feet, were in some pain and showed amazing resilience and determination.

They walked from 6am through to 2:30am. This crew came 9th overall and are pictured here (L to R) Niall Gavin, Shaun Baird, Jay Pari and Liam Woodney. Well done boys.



WHAT'S COMING UP

MARCH

27 NE Parent Meeting

28 Harvest Festival

29 Class Photos

APRIL

2 BOT meeting

12 End of Term 1

SeeSaw

By now you should have accessed SeeSaw and seen some of the rich examples of learning that are being posted up by students and staff. If anyone is still not able to get into this platform please come and see us. Next week I will look into providing an area for parents to use SeeSaw at school. This could look like a couple of computers set up in a handy spot for those who perhaps come to school early at the end of the day to jump on and view or comment on student's work. I'll keep you informed.

School photos

Class photos are being taken this Friday. They provide a great artefact for the school as the years roll by. I went through some of the old ones that we hold in the office and found one from 1998 featuring a much younger **David McNair** and **Nicky Pearce**. I wonder how many others some of you might recognise?

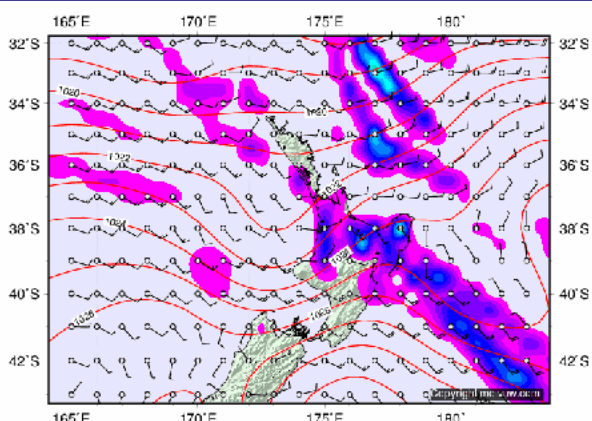


In the wake of the Christchurch incident the NZ Police have asked for a copy of our emergency procedures. These are a critical part of school operations and are updated annually. They detail how the school responds to all manner of emergency situations that might occur in the school, from volcanic eruption to lock-down. In the event of an emergency the imperative lies in the safety and well-being of our students and staff. If anyone wishes to know any detail around our emergency procedures please contact me and I'll gladly go through them with you.

66-hr forecast of MSLP (hPa), surface wind (kts) and 6-hr accumulated rainfall (mm)

Valid for:- 1900 NZDT Thursday 28 March 2019

Forecast issued at: 0100 NZDT Tue 28 Mar 2019 (1200 GMT Mon 25 Mar 2019)



That's about it for this week. In any event - keep sending messages and prayers to those who control the weather. You may need coats and umbrellas. The forecast is not flash at this point.

Have a great week.
Thank you



SCHOOL NOTICES

Harvest Festival – this is on Thursday from 5.00pm to 8.30pm. There are going to be many activities including pony rides, wobbly train, dunking tank, face board and a car wreck (let's wreck it!). The Student Council are also hosting games such as gumboot throwing, three legged race, egg & spoon race and other events. There will be a Fonterra Tanker on display, vintage vehicles on display, class projects on display, live music and much more. BBQ food for sale and many stalls to buy local crafts and produce from (cash only, no EFTPOS available). Games and rides will be cashless – you will be able to purchase tickets for these on the night (cash only, no EFTPOS available). Share the Facebook post, call friends and family and come along for a great night. <https://www.facebook.com/events/548566795644999/>

Pumpkin Competition – if you are entering a pumpkin at the Harvest Festival, can you please confirm your entry to Rhianna at lr.annear@xtra.co.nz. Also, can all pumpkins be by the hall deck by 4.30pm on Thursday.

Cake Decorating Competition – we are very lucky that Blackwell and Ruth Publishing House have donated The Great New Zealand Cooking Book, The Great New Zealand Baking Book and The Great New Zealand Birthday Cake Book as a prize for this competition (valued at \$140.00). All cakes entered will be sold via a silent auction. Can all who are entering a cake please confirm you will be bringing a cake to Rhianna at lr.annear@xtra.co.nz. Can all cakes be at the hall before 3pm, as the judge will be there at 3pm to view.

Scarecrow Competition – Who will be the winner this year? Will it be your scarecrow? This will be judged as 'The People's Award' – vote for your favourite on the night and winners announced at Assembly the following day. Can all scarecrows be by the hall deck by 4.30pm on Thursday.

Easter Raffle – we have had some amazing treats delivered for these raffles and we have some great prizes to go with them. Keep those Easter goodies coming in, so we have great baskets to raffle off. Tickets are on sale now and will also be available for sale at the Harvest Festival. Draw to take place at the end of the term assembly.



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