



Gordonton School

Newsletter

2 April 2019

TĒNĀ KOUTOU,

Good to see some rain over the last couple of days. Those who live on the land will have certainly welcomed it.

Miss Carter - New Adventure

It is with pleasure I can officially congratulate Jaimee Carter on her successful selection for the position of Deputy Principal at Rotokauri School. Jaimee has been here for 8 years and has worked tirelessly for most of our students as their teacher over that time. This promotion is a significant and well-deserved achievement for Jaimee and wonderful and exciting next step on her career pathway. I thank her for all that she has done for our learners, her love and care of our teachers and her professional input into our learning journey. She will be sadly missed. Jaimee finishes at the end of Week 2 Term 2 and we are busy putting things in place to continue learning and care of our little learners moving forward.

Harvest Festival

The aforementioned rain thankfully stayed away and allowed the Harvest Festival to proceed unimpeded. What a fantastic night! The student work on display in the hall was outstanding and you could see the effort that had been put into it. The outside activities were also impressive with plenty to see, do, eat and drink. The dunking tank proved popular and I took a turn on the chair myself, surprised by the accuracy of the throwing by some children. My sincere thanks to Rhianna and her PTA team who coordinated the event and also to the teachers for both the in-class effort and staying late on the night to ensure the night had success for all. See below for photos.

Winter Sport

Thanks to Kelly Mills and her enthusiastic team of sports committee parents. We now have all of our Winter teams registered and most coaches and managers found. I am constantly impressed by the Gordonton School approach to sport and again I hope to be on the sidelines helping encourage our children. Big thanks to those parents who have stepped forward and offered to coach or manage teams. This is big commitment and the kids really appreciate it, as do I. With only a couple of positions left to fill we are on track again for success.

PB4L

We are well into our PB4L journey with our PB4L team running staff meetings. We are moving into the next critical step of identifying and implementing values for the school. There will be some community consultation around this so watch this space.

Cyber safety

Our goal is to protect every student from online harm while still allowing them to take advantage of the incredible possibilities the internet has opened up. That's why we've partnered with Family Zone, New Zealand's leading provider of cyber safety and digital-awareness tools and services.

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Kapa Haka

I grabbed a picture of some of our enthusiastic Kapa Haka learners enjoying a session with Olinka and Moeau. A bonus for me was that this learning happened right outside my office and provided a wonderful soundtrack to my Friday morning.

School Photos

Our school class photos took place last week. Individual photos will be at the beginning of next term, Wednesday 1st May.

Thank you to James Gavin for allowing us to use his giant harvester and to Glen Day for the use of his hay bales in our photos.



Swimming

As the temperature has cooled down, we have now closed the swimming pool. A huge thank you Blair Sweetman who has diligently kept the pool cleaned and available for our swimming programmes as well as the After School care.

Eastern Waikato Country Schools Swimming

Last week Miss Kelly and Miss Pearce took 35 of our best Year 5-8 swimmers to Te Rapa to compete against the other Eastern Waikato Country Schools. I managed to get down there for part of the day and was pleased to see Gordonton shining through with the swimming, positive attitude and behaviour of our team. I grabbed a couple of pictures of our competitors. Miss Kelly advises the final results are still being processed but all of our swimmers gave a good account of themselves. Pictured are Meg Enersen on the starting blocks and Emily Pari racing. Well done team and teachers! Thanks also to the parents who travelled down to support our kids.



WHAT'S COMING UP

APRIL

2 BOT meeting

9-10 Student council away to Waiting

12 End of Term 1

29 Start of Term 2

MAY

1 Individual photos

Wedding Bells

Finally congratulations to Karen Rei and husband Andre on the occasion of their marriage in Taupō last weekend. We wish them both the very best of good fortune and happiness on your future journey together. Karen will be back tomorrow but I know she and Andre will be travelling to the Netherlands a bit later to celebrate with family there.

Have a great week everyone.

Thank you. Keith O'Donnell



SCHOOL NOTICES

MUD RUN

Date Friday 7th June at Ngaruawahia Christian Camp. Cost is \$25. Notices will come out soon.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Well, the Harvest Festival has come and gone and what an amazing event it was!! On behalf of the PTA, we would like to say thank you to our sponsors and helpers below:

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We know there are plenty more, and we thank you all for any assistance that you gave to make this a successful event.

Scarecrow Competition Winners:

- 1st – Sophie & Chloe Hawkins
- 2nd – Chloe Gollop
- 3rd – The Williams Family
- HC – Greer E, Lauren V, Peyton W

Cake Decorating Winners:

- 1st – Marie Gardiner
- 2nd – Sarah Hall
- 3rd – Veronica Lenihan

Pumpkin Winners:

- 1st – Cameron & Ryan Thompson
- 2nd – Felicity Passau
- 3rd – Luke & Ellie Halpin

To all who came and supported the event, thank you so much. We have raised nearly \$5,000.00 which will go towards our playground upgrades.

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