



# GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



**Me mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga o te katoa**  
**(We should work together for**  
**the wellbeing of everyone)**

*Nga mihi o te ra (Greetings of the day)*

**Awhina - Helping others to be the best they can be**

Welcome to week 9 and day one of Covid-19 Alert Level 1. It seemed like a long journey but collectively we got there in the end. I thought the whakatauki that opened this week's newsletter was appropriate in that we still need to be vigilant around hygiene and health but also celebrate our journey out of restriction together.

## Manaakitanga care for ourselves and others

Amy Gavin, one of our wonderful learning assistants, is leaving our school to take up a full time position in a legal office.

Amy has been here for 2 and a half years, and contributed greatly to the support of our learners.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing Amy all the very best with her new adventure.

Her last day in the school will be next Thursday 18th June.



### QR CODE

The NZ Covid Tracer QR code is on the office door



### LOST PROPERTY

All the lost property is out on display. Please check to see if any of this belongs to your child.



### CROSS COUNTRY

This will be held next Tuesday 18th June, 11.15am  
All welcome.



### SATURDAY FOOTBALL

Starts this Saturday 13th June.

As I said on our information streams last night, any restrictions on entry to the school are the same as they were pre-covid. Between the hours of 9.30am and 2.20pm we ask that you sign in at the office so we know who is here. This is primarily for the health and safety of our students and staff, or in the event of an emergency situation.

That aside it was great to see smiling families in the school again this morning. One of my observations during alert restrictions was seeing some children gain new levels of independence at drop-off in the mornings. This was especially so with some of our younger learners in Te Kakano who previously had needed support getting to class. If you have also seen growing resilience and resolve in your children, we support you in continuing to grow that and perhaps allowing them that independence in the mornings.

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You will also have noticed the speedy construction on the new school fence. Jardon and his team are working hard to complete this contract and the fence is quickly taking shape. Please be aware of the health and safety of all when entering



and leaving the grounds and keep clear of the construction area. We may need to adjust the entry and exit points as they near the front of the school but this will be clearly marked and guided. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Ngākau Pono - Integrity, loyalty and honesty**

Saturday football ‘kicks off’ this Saturday with our teams taking the field for the start of a belated and shortened season. The sports committee led by Kelly Mills, have worked diligently behind the scenes to get us organised for a start. I’m a firm believer in children being involved in sport from an early age as it also gives them another experience of teamwork, participation, commitment and care for their fellow team. I’m looking forward to getting around some games and supporting our sporting endeavours.

**DRESS UP DAY**

On Friday 26th of June the Student Council are hosting a mufti day with the theme

**‘SUPERHEROS’**

Children can come as a known superhero, invent one of their own, or come as one of our community superheroes - maybe a health worker, policeman or firefighter. There is no donation asked for this but there will be prizes awarded at the afternoon assembly the same day, for best boy and girl from each of the four learning teams - Te Kakano, Te Pihinga, Te Mahuri and Te Rakau.

Hayley Verryt - Student Council Chairperson.



## Ako - Quality Teaching and Learning

As all of our children are now back learning in the school we have significantly reduced the online learning to what is happening in class. The children and teachers have been reflecting on what went well during the health crisis so we can capitalise on the opportunities it gave us. Clearly a wider use of digital technology for learning along with building a local curriculum were to the fore. We have been lucky that the Ministry of Education has awarded the school with 40hrs of professional development to enhance our use of digital tools in the learning and so we are building on our experience in meaningful ways over the rest of the term.

The mid-year report will be put up on Seesaw on the last day of term 2. This report will show graphical information on progress and achievement in the core curriculum of writing, reading and maths as well as assessment in respect of the key competencies of learning and the values of the school. There will also be a general comment and for those of you who contributed comments at the end of lock down, we will include part of your narrative here. We will hold learning conferences in Term 3.

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

*Keith O'Donnell, Principal*



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## Cross Country

As with lots of things, the end of lockdown has left us scrambling to get a few events done in good time. This year's school cross country will be held across the road in the usual place **Next Tuesday 16 June at 11.15am.** (in the event of cancellation due to weather it will be the following day at the same time).

The event is for children **9 years and older**. We will be having a walk through on Monday 15th June. Please make sure your child brings suitable footwear for cross country. No football boots or soccer boots. For walk through they can wear gumboots. They may get dirty so please also bring a change of clothes.

We will be selecting a team to compete at the Eastern Waikato cross country which is scheduled for Wednesday 24th June at Porritt Stadium.

That's about all for this week. Take a moment to savour the taste of success and unrestricted freedoms, spare a thought for those in the world still locked in the struggle and have a good week everyone.



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## TAUPIRI JUNIOR RUGBY

It's great to be back in level 1 I hope everyone is fit and well.

Yes we are having junior rugby this year here are some important details you need to know and please pass this onto others who are interested.

Next Thursday night, 18th of June at 5.30pm at the club, we are having a muster, weigh in for those that need it and we are training as well. Please be on time as it will be a busy night. Make sure your child has a mouthguard ready to train in. Fees are payable on this night \$40 single or \$60 family.

If you are wanting a weigh in please bring a birth cert or passport and make sure you go online before hand to [www.sporty.co.nz](http://www.sporty.co.nz) and then type in Taupiri Rugby Football Club then click on this and go to the junior section and fill out details and then push submit at the end of the document.

I need trophies back urgently next week as well please so anyone that received a big trophy at prize giving last year please bring them into the club room next Thursday to me without fail thank you.

Just to let you know there will be training every Thursday from the 18th of June up to school holidays. Then our competition for Saturday rugby will begin on the 25th of July and go through to the 26th of September. I apologise to the calving families for this but it was a Waikato central junior rugby decision.

If anyone has any queries please text or phone me after 5pm on 0276869499.

Coaches and managers - we are holding a meeting at the club Monday the 15th of June at 7pm. We need all management at this meeting as we need to cover a few things.

Leah Scott (Secretary)

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