



# GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Room 1 new learning space

**He rangi tā matawhāiti, he rangi tā matawhānui**  
**A person with narrow vision has a restricted horizon; a person with a wide vision has plentiful opportunities.**

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

Last week was a big week for us with conferences and moving to new learning spaces across the school. Thank you to those who were able to make it to school for conferences. The feedback is that the conversations were useful.

## Sports Photos

Sports photos are happening on the 23rd September. With a severely impacted season due to the Covid crisis the sports committee have decided to dispense with our usual prize giving Saturday (crowd numbers always exceed 100 at this event) and make awards on the last game of the season. The photos will be taken starting at 2.30pm in the staff room as the netball girls have a game to get to after that.



### HOTDOGS

Every Friday.  
Orders to be in by  
9am Thursday



### MUD RUN

Still going ahead  
Friday 11th  
September



### PTA MEETING

Thursday 10th  
September, 3pm  
in the staffroom



### EWCS & WFPSA

**SPEECH FINAL**  
Thursday 10th  
September

## **Ngākau Pono-Doing the right thing**

Thank you to Jeff Freeman - retired Knighton School Principal, who the Board of Trustees commissioned to conduct performance appraisals on the Principal and Deputy Principal. This was a process which occurred over several days and included one on one interviews with teaching and admin staff, examination of school documentation and of course, talking to students. He will be providing his report to the Board of Trustees for their next meeting.

Building finally started on our Senior block this morning and our senior classes are looking forward to their new learning environment.

## **Ako-quality teaching & learning**

Rooms 1 and 2 are currently working from their temporary spaces in Room 7 and the library. Room 7 students have moved down to be with Room 11 and 12. This is not an open learning environment but an opportunity for Action Learning (formerly Play Based Learning) to take place with more teachers and lower ratios. We are very lucky to be able to have this opportunity and our tamariki will no doubt enjoy the Action Learning that will take place.

## **Awhina-Supporting others to be the best they can be**

This build has been a long time in the process. A former student of the school (now in year 12) spoke about this rebuild being planned when he was in year 8. Five years ago!. As we are a small rural school we don't have a myriad of spare spaces for classes displaced by the renovation to reside. My sincere thanks to the staff who have shown their resolve and resilience, flexed their programmes and spaces to meet a short term need and facilitated an easy transition through this time. The building is set to continue through next

term but with the nicer weather upon us it will ease the need to be inside those temporary spaces.

The library is now based in the back of the hall. We will still have assemblies, however, this will only be for students as we continue to observe Alert Level 2 restrictions and now limited space due to a smaller seating area. You can still join us via Zoom using the same link each week. We will send a seesaw message with the link on Friday morning. Te Māhuri are sharing this week.

The BoT meeting scheduled for tomorrow night has been shifted to next Tuesday 15th September.

This Thursday at about 2 - 2.45 we will have a visit from a few of the Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic netballers. This has only just been confirmed today so we don't have a programme for the visit but that will be exciting for our students, especially our young netballers. Watch the Gordonton Sports Facebook page for more detail closer to the time. Thanks to Amanda Foster for organising this visit for us.

## **Term dates 2021**

I have suggested term dates for next year. Once I have had these approved by the Board of Trustees I will communicate them out to the community through the newsletter and they will go up on the school website.



## Roll 2021

This is about the time of year when we turn our minds to who will be here next year. If you have a child in year 6 who you are intending to move to intermediate please let me know so we can start gauging numbers for the Te Rakau team. If you have a new entrant who will be starting and haven't yet completed enrolment information I ask that you contact the office. We continue to have a lot of interest from outside of our zone for enrolment at Gordonton School but these children attract a lower priority than in-zone students. We will run a ballot for out of zone places before the end of October.



## Upcoming Events

Speech finals - This Thursday night at Puketaha School.

Mud run - this is still going ahead. Please check Facebook for an update that was posted last week.

PTA Meeting - Thursday 10th September, 3pm in the staffroom. All welcome

*Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī*

*(That's all for now)*

*Keith O'Donnell, Principal*

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