



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Nga mihi o te ra (Greetings of the day)

Welcome to week 7. Despite being in the midst of winter we have unseasonably warmer temperatures forecast for the week. We have had a bit going on but looking forward to a quieter week this week.

THIS WEEK'S WHAKATAUKI

**Whakatauki: Ka mahuta a Matariki i te pae,
ka mahuta ō tatou tūmanako ki te tau.**

*When Matariki rises above the horizon our
aspirations rise to the year ahead.*

*The rise of Matariki indicates the start of the
Māori New Year.*



DRESSUP DAY
Friday 18th is
Pajama day



PIEDAY FRIDAY
Get your orders &
payment in by
Thursday 12pm



**AG DAY
COMMITTEE
MEETING**
Wednesday 23rd
June 6.30pm



LOST PROPERTY
Please check the
lost property bin.

We are putting some new wooden dividers on the turf area to separate the hockey practice areas and we are shifting the little whare over into the main part of the school.

Ngākau Pono-Integrity, loyalty & honesty

Permissions update

At the beginning of each year we send out an email to all parents requesting consent for a variety of reasons. One of our main consent items is the use of photos and/or names in our school newsletter and our school website.

We have looked over this particular permission and feel it needs explaining.

PERMISSIONS EXPLAINED

PUBLISH NAME & PHOTO IN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We often like to share photos of children and/or children's work in our school newsletter. This newsletter is then published on our school website and a link to the newsletter is published on our school Facebook page. Please note: the document that is published on both sites is a PDF and names are not searchable on the internet.

FACEBOOK

We occasionally like to share photos of children in school based activities on our Facebook page eg sports days, end of year prize giving. Please note that no parent/child will be tagged, and if we use a name it will only be a first name.

If you would like to amend your permission please let Dee know in the office.

DRESS UP DAY

This Friday is Pajama Day. This is not a fundraiser, just a fun day to wear your PJs/

This week in New Zealand's Historic past:

15 June 1935 - Lovelock wins Mile of the Century. The Ivy League Princeton University hosted an annual elite mile race during the 1930s. New Zealand medical student Jack Lovelock, who had set a world record there in 1933, was invited to return in 1935 to run in what became known as the 'Mile of the Century'.

16 June 1971 - Polynesian Panther party founded. The Polynesian Panther Party was founded in Auckland by six young Pacific Islanders. The group included Samoans, Tongans, Cook Islanders, and a few Māori. Many were university students. Their headquarters were in Ponsonby, then the heart of the Auckland Pacific Island community.

17 June 1843 - The Wairau incident.

Four Māori and 22 Europeans were killed in the first violent clash between Māori and Pākehā since the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

18 June 1932 - Long Distance Walker Esther James reaches Bluff. Aucklander Esther James, a well-connected former model, had left Spirits Bay in the Far North on 3 December to walk the length of the country to promote New Zealand-made goods during the Depression. She had government patronage and support from the Manufacturers' Federation.

19 June 1940 - Niagara mined off northern coast. The Second World War arrived in New Zealand with a bang when German mines sank the trans-Pacific liner *Niagara* off Northland's Bream Head. The sinking shocked the public and shattered any illusions that distance would protect these islands from enemy attack.

20 June 1987 - All blacks win the inaugural Rugby World Cup. With Michael Jones, John Kirwan and David Kirk scoring tries, the All Blacks defeated France 29–9 at Eden Park, Auckland. Kirk became the first captain to lift the Webb Ellis Cup.



Awhina-Supporting others to be the best they can be

Paid Union Meetings

Gordonton teachers who are members of NZEI Te Riu Roa will be attending a paid union meeting on Tuesday 29th June, with some attending in the morning and others in the afternoon. The purpose of these meetings is for teachers to discuss the priorities for the renegotiation of their collective agreement in 2022.

Issues being discussed, such as school staffing levels, directly impact on the education of your children. These meetings are a critical component of the negotiation process and it is the legal right of all members to attend a meeting and have their say.

While there will be some impact on the usual school programme that day, we have adjusted the programme to minimise disruption, and the school will remain open.

Cross country results

Some of our intrepid runners competed last week in the EWCS cross country competition held at Porritt Stadium. The results are as follows:

9 year old boys	2nd Will Page
9 year old girls	2nd Aleah Gavin
	4th Keira Gee
10 year old boys	1st Tenia Makianu
	3rd Samuel Grayson
11 year old girls	1st Sian Morgan
	4th Makayla Robinson
12+ year old boys	5th Troy McIntosh
12+ year old girls	1st Lily Johnson
	3rd Tiare Ennion

Well done to all our competitors especially Lily and Sian (pictured on her way to victory) for their first places!! Thanks to Jennifer Adam and Catherine Thomson for their organisation.

Ako-Quality teaching & learning School Band

After only 4 practices the school band performed at Assembly last Friday. The band played 'Bigger' by Stan Walker and the school joined in the singing. I am very proud of these young people. I know what it feels like to go on stage and perform when you are feeling slightly under prepared but thanks to the support from Mr Hunt who has guided them thus far they pulled it together. I'm excited to see where they can take it to.

Video for website

Over the last few weeks my brother, Alan, has been shooting videos in the school so we can have a great promotion tool for our school. The shooting is finished and the video should be produced and up on the website this week. All generously done for free.

Manaakitanga-Kindness, care & respect

MANA cards

These are reward cards that our children earn if they are living the school values in the way they conduct themselves. From this week some of our student councillors will be giving out MANA cards in the playground. Just more sets of eyes in the playground keeping a watch out for awesome behaviour.



*Heoi anō tāku mō
nāianeī (That's
all for now)
Keith
O'Donnell,*

Pie Day Friday

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 Committee AGM Meeting 2021

Wednesday 23rd June 6.30pm, in the school staffroom

If you are keen to see AG Day happen this year but not sure if you can commit to a committee role please still come along and register your support/interest.

Our committee needs new helpers to ensure this day can carry on for our children.

If you can't make the meeting but still wish to support Ag Day in some capacity,

Please call Emma on 0277723770.

THANK YOU

MATARIKI ART AUCTION

Art Auction is coming up on Thursday
1st July.

Now is the time where we ask our school family for art pieces to donation to our auction.

If you or a family member or a friend have any art piece that you would like to donate please bring into the school office or email Debbie for more details
debbieh@gordonton.school.nz

Thank you

TE KURA NUI O

ROTOTUNA

HIGH SCHOOLS
2022

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
INFORMATION SESSIONS

Wednesday
7 July 2021

Rototuna High Schools
6.00 pm

PRE-ENROLMENT INFORMATION
- MEET THE TEAM FROM RJHS

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS
(YEAR 7 2022)
& WHĀNAU ALL WELCOME

Gordonton School
Horsham Downs School
Whitkahi School
Puketaha School

Open Day RJHS - Thursday 5 August
Tours at 9.45 am and 2.00 pm



**Gordonton School,
Hamilton**

Holiday Programme

Term 2 2021

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

Mon 12th July

Sea, Snow & Sand

We dive into our natural environment and learn about biomes and climates around the world! We'll make crafts inspired by our major Biomes!



Tue 13th July

Rainbow Day

Somewhere over the Rainbow, we have colourful activities to do! Join us to create Shooters, Twisters, and Magic Art! We also dive into some colourful experiments!



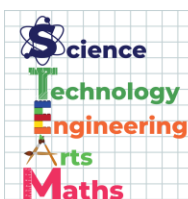
Try our Virtual Reality Kit onsite!



Wed 14th July

STEAM

We'll make bouncy balls from liquid, construct the highest tower and build the strongest catapult!



Thu 15th July

Take Flight

We're making parachute people, Hot Air Balloons and try a hovercraft experiment!



Fri 16th July

Arty Party

We'll experiment new ways of colouring, make a collage, stamps and abstract art!



Mon 19th July

Escape Room

Can you find your way out?

Did you find the clues?

Work together to crack the code!

Don't get trapped!



Tue 20th July

sKIDS Farm House

Rise and Shine we've got a Farm to run!

We'll make vege stamps, bake for the farmers with Churned Butter and we'll make animals for the Farm!



Wed 21st July

Super Science

Get your Lab Coats, its Science time! We'll do awesome experiments like Floating Stickmen, and Dancing Rice. Later we'll make Salt Paintings and eat our own DIY DNA!



Thu 22nd July

Wearable Arts

We're making our own clothes and accessories with recycled papers and materials!

Then we'll show it off on our Runway! There are Prizes for best dressed!



Fri 23rd July

Sundae Fundae

I scream, you scream, we all scream for Ice Cream!

We'll open an Ice Cream Shop and make Ice Creams to eat and to show for our Ice Cream Party!



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