



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Pictured left to right: Troy McIntosh, Brigitta Miller, Alex Bell & Daisy Gower pictured with Hearty and Jan from National Heart Foundation.

Nga mihi o te ra (Greetings of the day)

Ngakau Pono - Doing the right thing

Covid - 19 Alert Level 2

I think everyone was a little surprised on Saturday night to receive notification from the Ministry of Health that we were escalating alert levels across the country. My thoughts are with

THIS WEEK'S WHAKATAUKI

**Aroha mai,
Aroha atu**

Love and
compassion
received,
love and
compassion
returned.



STUDENT CONFERENCES

Tuesday 2nd &
Wednesday 3rd
March



BOOKING FOR STUDENT CONFERENCES

Please use the
SKOOLLOOP APP



EARLY SCHOOL FINISH

Tuesday 2nd
March 12.30pm



SPORTS COMMITTEE AGM

Monday 15th
March, 7pm in the
staffroom

those colleagues and students in Auckland who are navigating another lockdown and impacts on their learning and their school year. Add to that the pressure on business and employment and things are very tough for our northern neighbours.

Here we are back into the well rehearsed Alert Level 2. I sent out a reminder around staff and student safety and school expectations. These compliances are set out by the Ministry of Education.

Donation to the Heart Foundation

Last Friday we had a special visit from Jan Kane and 'Hearty' from the National Heart Foundation. They joined us at assembly to receive our donation of \$2500.00 which were remaining funds raised from last years *jump-rope for defib* fundraiser.

We are delighted to see the money go to a good cause. I would like to thank Hayley Van Hellemond for her organisation of the event, National Heart Foundation and our banking partners ASB for providing the large mobile transfer board. (Who else knew you can't get big cheques any more?)

Ako - Quality teaching and learning

As far as parent interviews are concerned we are still holding them. A few points to follow:

- Use the Contact Tracing App when you enter the school for interviews.
- Maintain a 2m distance where possible, both when talking to others in the school and in the interview itself.
- Surfaces used will be wiped down between interviews.
- If you are sick or have a condition making you vulnerable please consider postponing and rescheduling your interview.

During our normal day please wait at the carpark or on the lawns out front for your child(ren). If you must enter the school please use the tracer app and you must sign in at the office.

Booking for interviews will close at 8pm tonight. If you would like to change or make a booking after this please contact Dee in the office.

Manaakitanga - Kindness, care and respect

Contacting Teachers

Occasionally there might be times or situations where you feel the need to contact your child's teacher out of school hours.

Email is a great tool for this however, some parents have been expecting instant replies or engagement from the teacher.

Please keep in mind that our teachers have lives outside school and although emails can be sent at any time, we don't expect teachers to respond straight away. Unless it is a dire emergency, the teacher will respond the following working day and answer your inquiry.

Doing this will help with the care for our valuable staff so they can also relax and refresh.

Awhina - Supporting others

Positive news from the Digital Technology teacher at Peachgrove Intermediate

I just wanted to briefly say that it is an absolute privilege for me to teach your students when they come to Digi. They're kind and supportive to their peers and above all, they listen!

I feel the Mana of the school values when they step into my classroom. I just wanted to say Miharo and thank you, your kura and your staff. Matua Haami

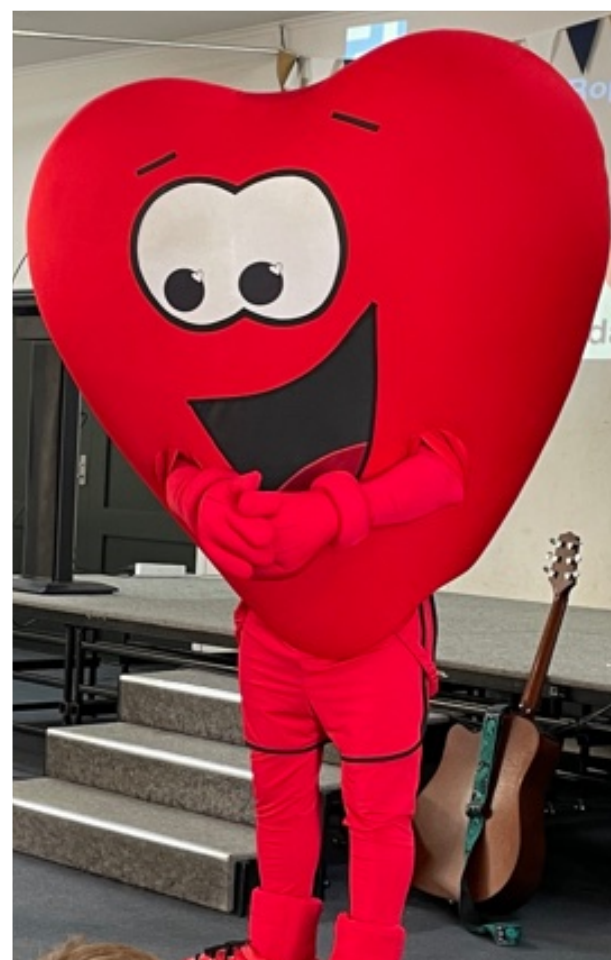
Thank-you in advance for your tolerance and goodwill while we navigate through another Alert in the Covid landscape.

I fear this will become all too common as we move forward. Rest assured the children's safety and well-being along with that of the staff and school is a priority on mine and the Board's agendas.

That's about all for this week.

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

Keith O'Donnell, Principal



Our defibrillator which is located outside the school office

Gordonton School Sports Committee AGM

Date: Monday 15th March

Time: 7pm

School Staff Room

All welcome

The Sports Committee are looking for a couple of keen individuals to join our team. No special skills needed, just an enthusiastic attitude! Come and have a chat with us.





Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

Open Day 2021

Anglican Boarding School for Years 9 to 13



Friday 19 March

Come experience what Dio has to offer at our Open Day 2021.

10.00am - Principal's welcome in the All Saints Chapel followed by tours of boarding and the day school.

10:00am to 12:00pm

Waikato Diocesan School for Girls - Limited on-site parking at Martin Street entrance (off McNicol Street). *No registration required

We welcome your enquiry about joining our school family

07 855 2038 extn 2703

admissions@wdsg.school.nz

www.waikatodiocesan.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BOOKING PARENT CONFERENCES

Please download the **SKOOLLOOP** app.

1. Click on the INTERVIEWS BUTTON
2. Click on SCHOOL
3. Select GORDONTON SCHOOL
4. Select the TEACHER
5. Select the DAY
6. Select the TIME, press SELECT.
7. Enter in your CHILD'S NAME, YOUR NAME and your EMAIL ADDRESS
8. SIGN the form
9. Click BOOK INTERVIEW



FAQ

1. YES, you will receive an email confirming your interview time.
2. YES, you will need to do this for each child
3. Can't download the App? Please contact Dee in the office, she will book a time for you - admin@gordonton.school.nz
Please note: Teachers are unable to book times, please see Dee.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Dance Fitness classes TERM 1 timetable 2021

*TUESDAY - 6pm - Classic Nia - Morrinsville

WEDNESDAY - 9.30am - Classic Nia - Gordonton

WEDNESDAY - 11 am - GENTLE Nia - Gordonton

*WEDNESDAY - 6.30pm - Nia 52 Moves - Hamilton

**First class for Term 1 is Tues 9th Feb *52 moves class starts on Wed 17th Feb 2021*



21 College Drive, Gordonton

office@rainbows.org.nz

www.rainbows.rz Phone: (07) 8243188

Rainbows are a well established Christian Centre based in rural surroundings.

6 months - 6 years

8:00am - 4:30pm

Sessions and full days available
20 hours ECE subsidy and WINZ.

Catherine Weston (Certified Nia® Teacher, MSc)
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Hamilton SISTA SMASH!

Come along for a fun
day of soft ball cricket!

Join in the fun of day filled
with music, laughter, and some
cricket! Open to Year 5-8 girls.

10AM-2PM
Thursday 25
March

Seddon Park,
Hamilton



Developed in
partnership with



13 MAR 10am
Korikori Park
Kimbrae Drive
Rotorua



WHEELS ALONG WAIKATO



Fun for everyone

Food Trucks
Entertainment
Market Stalls
& more



Fun Cycle Rides

Round Tuna 10km
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HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND



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