



# GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



## THIS WEEK'S WHAKATAUKI

**He manako te  
kōura i kore ai**  
Wishing for the  
crayfish won't  
bring it.

Once we act on  
what we want,  
our dreams will  
turn into reality.  
Take that leap  
and make your  
dreams come  
true.

**BE ACTIVE  
LEARNERS**

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

**Welcome to week 1**

Welcome to Week 2. I trust Mother's day was a worthy celebration in your home. I lost my Mum three years ago, two weeks after starting at Gordonton School. I Sunday remembering her.



### PIEDAY FRIDAY

Get your orders &  
payment in by  
Thursday 12pm



### MUDRUN

Entries open now



### DRESS UP DAY

Friday 21st May  
Book Character



### DRESS UP DAY

Friday 28th May  
Pink Shirt Day

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

The children in Room 8 spent some time writing and publishing Mothers day poems last week. I have chosen a few to publish in our newsletter.

## Manaakitanga-Kindness, care & respect

The weekend also saw the start of Winter Sports and Gordonton was competing across Hockey, Netball and Football. Our coaches assembled on Thursday night for an information evening and a talk from guest speaker Ricky Herbert. Ricky is a former international and professional footballer and coach. He was able to give some advice to our officials to assist them in their journey this season. Thanks to Kelly Mills for organising the evening for our valuable volunteers who enable us to provide such rich sports opportunities.



## This week in New Zealand's Historic past:

- 10 May 1897** NZ's first woman barrister and solicitor appointed.
- 11 May 1945** Charles Upham presented with first Victoria Cross New Zealand's most-decorated soldier, Charles Upham, received the first of his two VCs – for outstanding gallantry and leadership during the Battle of Crete in 194.
- 12 May 1971** Anti-Vietnam War protests in Auckland. Anti-war protesters disrupted a civic reception in Auckland for New Zealand soldiers returning from the Vietnam War.
- 13 May 1936** New Zealand National Party founded after the crushing defeat of all opposition by the Labour Party in 1935. It would be another 11 years before National formed a Government.
- 14 May 1907** Plunket Society formed. Dr Frederic Truby King helped form the Society for the Promotion of the Health of Women and Children at a meeting in Dunedin Town Hall. The society, soon known as the Plunket Society after Lady Victoria Plunket, the wife of the Governor at the time.
- 15 May 1901** Nicholas Oates appeared in the Christchurch Magistrate's Court charged with driving 'a motor car within the city at a speed greater than four miles an hour' (6.5 km/hr) on Lincoln Road, Christchurch.
- 16 May 1981** All Whites beat Australia on road to Spain. The New Zealand football team's famous 2-0 victory in Sydney was a defining moment in their epic qualifying campaign for the 1982 World Cup finals. (Ricky Herbert who appears elsewhere in this Newsletter played in that Team).





### Pie Day Friday

The student Council had their first week of Pie Day Friday. Thanks to everyone who purchased a pie, sausage roll or butter chicken wrap. This will be available every Friday for the winter terms.

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\*\*](#)

### Ako-quality teaching & learning

The school band had their first get together last week under the guidance of Mr Hunt. I'm excited to see this getting started and we spent some time getting our sound equipment and lights running again after they made way for the hall to be used as a

classroom last year. Pictured below are the band getting ready to make music!

### EPRO8

This week our EPRO8 team is beginning their run in the annual competition. They build something from a specific kit to a specific set of parameters and then submit their work for judging before they can move to the next round. Photos of their efforts will be in next week's newsletter.

### Ngākau Pono- Integrity, loyalty & honesty

#### Whanau Group

The school Whanau Group will be meeting on Wednesday 12th May @ 2pm. I'm looking forward to their voice contributing to the decisions we make at school.

### Bricks 4 Kidz

Bricks 4 Kidz is an after school STEAM programme which will be run once per week at school. It is a user-pays offering and allows children access to technology through lego and robotics. You might have seen a pamphlet or flyer come home after a demonstration was held at school, and there was one aimed more at parents on Friday afternoon at the gate. The school's contribution is the offering of a space for this to happen.



**Policy Review****Review Instructions**

This term the Board are reviewing three policies. One of these, Reporting to Parents, requires parent consultation. If you wish to view and comment on this policy before the BoT meeting on 22 June 2021, please follow the link below and click on the red review tab.

**Documents under review****Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement**

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

*Keith O'Donnell, Principal*

# BOOK FAIR 2021

Next week we are running the Scholastic Book Fair.

Book fair will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8.30am - 8.55am, then again 2.30pm - 3.15pm.

Friday only open in the morning 8.30am - 8.50am.

All children will go through the book fair book with their class and will bring home a wish list for you to purchase. No books/items can be purchased during the class visit.

**Please come and support our book fair!**

## DRESS UP DAY

We are also having a book character dress up day next Friday 21st May.

## MudRun 2021

Year 3 to 8 only 24th June \$25/child  
(payment MUST BE MADE before 18th June, No payment, No entry)

Yr 3-4 1.5km course

Yr 5-6 3km course

Yr 7-8 3km course

Limited to 80 spaces, enter online through [MudRun Link](#)

**KIDS SPEAK OUT!**

No Confidence – School speeches – Bullies – a NIGHTMARE?

After School Classes: Kids gain a voice and real-life skills.

LEADERSHIP: School Holidays 1-4 days with Certificate - Age 10+

RING: Roz 027 248 2888 [www.speak4success.co.nz](http://www.speak4success.co.nz)

## *Mother's Day:*

*Blond hair, the oven bursting out with the taste of  
cup cakes.*

*Nice soft skin squeezing my body.*

*Being my best supporter.*

*No one can replace my Mum.*

*love Mayson*



## Mother day

My mum with a shining smile and  
shining blue eyes.

Looking at me .

I hear mum's beautiful singing voice in  
the kitchen.

I smell the floral smell of perfume  
floating around the house.

I touch the black silky hair of my mum.

I feel warm arms hugging around me.

Love olive.





# Happy Mothers day.

I love your beautiful brown hair and your beautiful blue eyes.

I like it when you give me warm hugs.

You make me happy.

You smell like flowers.

Love Isla



# Happy Mother's Day

Mum I love you because you make my favourite dinner schnitzel

Mum I smell cream on your hands when you come home from work.

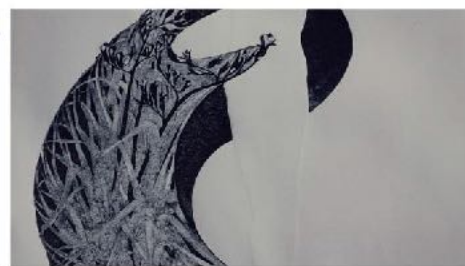
Mum I hear your voice waking me up in the morning

Mum I see your silky skin as we walk out the school.

LOVE FROM

FELICITY





## The Gordonton Art & Design Trail May 15-16, 2021



### THE GORDONTON ART & DESIGN TRAIL

Gordonton Artists and Designers are opening up their studios for Gordonton's very first Art & Design Trail. Our Artists and Designers will take you behind the scenes, provide you with light refreshments and studio discounted product prices!

Take a trip out to the countryside and explore the Arts of local Artists and Designers. Our Artists look forward to meeting you!

### ARTISTS & DESIGNERS

Artists and Designers include:

- Bola Ceramics; 'Bola Ceramics is inspired by the connections and reminders of earthly surroundings; unique vessels made for you in mind'.
- Hayley Fischer; 'I have always been interested in all aspects of art. My work encompasses a range of arts and crafts'.

### ARTISTS & DESIGNERS

- Gemma Reid; 'My work focusses on the importance of our interaction with our natural environment'.
- Jacquie Haselden; 'Jacquie's recent works reflect an interest in narratives that celebrate her ancestors and is connected to place'.
- McLeod Pottery; 'My work is inspired by function and I make it beautiful'.
- SCHATCHI; 'Our inspiration comes from lifestyle, comfort and quality'.
- Zaman; 'My inspiration comes from Middle Eastern jewellery. I upcycle and create contemporary and functional items'.
- Karin Barr; 'Creating glass works gives me the opportunity to express myself'.
- Gracie Eden; 'A compulsive doodler, having fun creating'.

### DATES & TIMES

This event will be held over two days; **Saturday 15th - Sunday 16th May 2021, between 10am-4pm**. The Trail Map details are available on our Facebook Page.

### SOCIAL MEDIA & CONTACT

- The Gordonton Art Trail
- Gordonton Art Trail
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