



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Rhys Pari taking a run. (Photo credit Glen McIntosh)

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai

(If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive)

Nga mihi o te ra (Greetings of the day)

Hi everyone and welcome to Week 5.

It seemed that we 'dodged a bullet' on Friday evening with the announcement from the Government that we would be remaining at Alert Level 2 here in the Waikato for at least another week. This will be reviewed on the 21st August (this Friday) to see if it is adjusted

**Ngakau Pono -
Doing the
right thing**
Staying away when
sick

Many of our rooms are operating on reduced numbers as absences climb.

This could be due to extra precautions around Covid-19 or just general winter coughs and colds.

38 children away today! A reminder to everyone, if your child is sick please keep them at home. These are unique times and we need to err on the side of caution for the health and safety of everyone.



HOTDOGS

Every Friday.
Orders to be in by
9am Thursday



MID TERM BREAK
NEXT MONDAY
24th August



FOOTBALL SKILLS
Please note new
date.
Register via sports
hub



Stay safe
And
Be kind

in response to the latest health information. To that end we are 'business as usual' here at school, or at least as usual as level 2 restrictions allow.

Just to recap on the school response:

- Greater emphasis and management of sanitising and hand washing - hand sanitiser is available in all rooms;
- Wiping down of surfaces in the classroom;
- No assembly until we move down to level 1 again although kapa haka and small gatherings where social distance can be maintained are still ok;
- Te Rākau will still attend tech/arts at Peachgrove on Thursdays;
- Parents asked to sign in and out of school at the office outside of pick-up and drop off. Please also use the Covid QR code which is at both gates;
- School transport operates as normal.

Manaakitanga - Kindness, care and respect

You will notice the whakatauki in today's newsletter is about kindness given and received. In these uncertain and stressful times it is sometimes easy to become self centred or critical. Now more than ever is a time to demonstrate care and kindness to one another and to be careful with our words and actions.

We've seen in the media over the weekend how misinformation can spread quickly. We have these conversations regularly with children as part of our values education. In order to get kindness you must show kindness. Always a good reminder to everyone and we adults need to ensure we model the expectations ourselves.

Awhina - Supporting others to be the best they can be

I managed to get along to some sport on Saturday and caught some football out here at school. I was impressed by the teamsmanship and sportsmanship consistently displayed by our players. It was a perfect morning for soccer. I've attached a couple of pictures this week of some of our successful players.



Henry Mills in control with Jora Singh-Sekhron in support.

(Photo credit Glen McIntosh)

Ako - Quality Teaching and Learning together.

Mrs Conder started taking the year 5-8 EPRO-8 teams through their paces last Thursday. I went and visited them in the hall last week and watched the Te Māhuri team of Matthew Dons, Kobie Hunt, Fernando Urzua - De La Maza and Chelsea Conning designing and constructing a giraffe with moving features. (see picture)



Great learning here and we are also lucky with the expertise Mrs Conder brings to this.

Ngakau Pono - Doing the right thing

We are due to have a mid-term break next Monday 24th August. This will go ahead if we are still in Alert Level 2 and school will be closed on that day. Should we escalate to level 3 or higher after Friday's review, the mid term break will be pushed out a few weeks until it can be effectively used.

The Board and I will know more on Friday and will communicate any changes out via the usual channels.

American hotdogs are still on sale for Friday lunch and we are ensuring that the health considerations are front and centre of the operation to minimise risk. That includes gloves and masks worn by all those preparing the food, stringent hand washing for food handling, careful wiping of surfaces and cleaning of utensils.

That's about it for this week. Be kind everyone.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī

(That's all for now)

Keith O'Donnell, Principal



PLEASE NOTE: NEW DATE

FOOTBALL

**with NATIONAL LEAGUE FOOTBALL PLAYERS
Joeseeph Harris & Henry Fa'arodo**

Mondays 3pm to 4:15pm -- Start 31 Aug to 21 Sep 2020

4x sessions - \$40 -- (excl 24 Aug- mid term break)

Register via link at www.gordonton.school.nz - Sports Hub page

Registrations close 27 August

Contact Kelly Mills, sportschair@gordonton.school.nz

This is an opportunity for all kids to come along and enjoy their Monday afternoons playing soccer. Pick up some structure and skills from the coaches (who play at the highest levels in NZ).



GORDONTON SCHOOL
PARENTS
SPORTS DAY
Soccer & Netball
SUNDAY 30th AUGUST
10:30AM
 @ Gordonton School soccer fields

fun
Good vibes
PLAY
GAME ON

\$5 per player - All proceeds to coach/referee training & development
 Teams will be drawn for 7 aside matches.

BYO - Drinks, Snacks, Picnics
 BBQ will be out for use.
 Rain - no game - Cancellation will be posted on the Gordonton School Sports Facebook page
 Referees decisions are final!

Any queries - email - Kelly Mills
 sportschair@gordonton.school.nz



RAINBOWS
 Gordonton Early Childhood Centre

21 College Drive, Gordonton
office@rainbows.org.nz
www.rainbows.nz 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.

AMERICAN HOTDOG

Our student council are selling American hotdogs each Friday of this term.
 Orders are to be in by Thursday 9am.

ORDER FORM IS BELOW

DON'T HAVE A PRINTER TO PRINT THE ORDER FORM?

That's ok.

Please write your order on a piece of paper, pop your order and money into an old envelope or plastic bag and put it in the mailbox that sits on the office desk.

Thank you.

\$3 each **AMERICAN HOTDOGS ORDER FORM** **\$3 each**

HOTDOGS FRIDAY 21 AUGUST **ORDERS IN BY THURSDAY 9AM 20 AUGUST**
Please place order in the letter box on the office desk

Name _____ Room _____ No of hotdogs _____
 please circle what you want on your hotdog: cheese tomato sauce mustard

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Amount enclosed: _____

PLEASE NOTE: We will **NOT** accept any orders Friday morning.
 All orders **MUST** be in by Thursday 9am. Thank you