



# GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



**“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.”**

My strength is not that of an individual but that of the collective.

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

Happy Tuesday everyone and welcome to Week 4. We had a busy week last week with lots of students out of the school participating in various experiences. Most of Te Māhuri and Te Rākau children attended Hard-court day at Minogue Park. This is one of our Eastern Waikato cluster events and is well organised by Whitikahu School. The weather, for once, turned on for us and provided an

## Manaakitanga Milk for Schools

We started Milk for Schools yesterday and as mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are trying to reduce the amount of rubbish we use so have moved from small individual milk cartons to larger ones.

Great to see children bringing their cups to school to look after our environment. All classes have had a lesson about how to drink their milk without spilling it and rinsing their cups so they can bring them home to be washed thoroughly before bringing it back to school the next day.



### MILK FOR SCHOOLS

Children to bring their own cup please



### HOTDOGS

Every Friday.  
Orders to be in by  
9am Thursday



### MUD RUN

Friday  
11th September  
see link below to  
register



### ASSEMBLY

This Friday 14th  
August  
2.20pm



excellent day. (Traditionally it has been wet and windy).

### Ngākau Pono - Doing the right thing

Our Gordonton children competed strongly in what is a fun competition, but most importantly their behaviour and conduct including fair play and respect toward officials was first-class. This is what we expect of them and they of themselves but is worthy of mention. Thanks to the students and also the supporting parents and teachers who travelled as well.



### Awhina - Supporting others

On the same day Te Kācano students went for a trip to the Hamilton Zoo. They are studying sustainability and the preservation of animals is one of the strands they are exploring. Again there was excellent support from parents and teachers and the feedback on the trip was outstanding.

### Manaakitanga - Kindness, care and respect for our environment and each other

Our classroom block redevelopment is progressing well and yesterday the BoT building team, Tania and I, looked over colour swatches and samples for the interior touches. Work will be commencing on this project very soon and will be complete by November.

We are also freshening up the toilets between Rooms 5 and 6 and the entire school roof is being re-screwed and repaired where required.



## Ako - Quality learning and teaching

Our EPRO8 team is doing some problem solving challenges in the school hall this Thursday from 9am until late morning. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, this year schools are videoing their entries and sending them in for judging. Feel welcome to come and watch this problem solving in action in the hall.

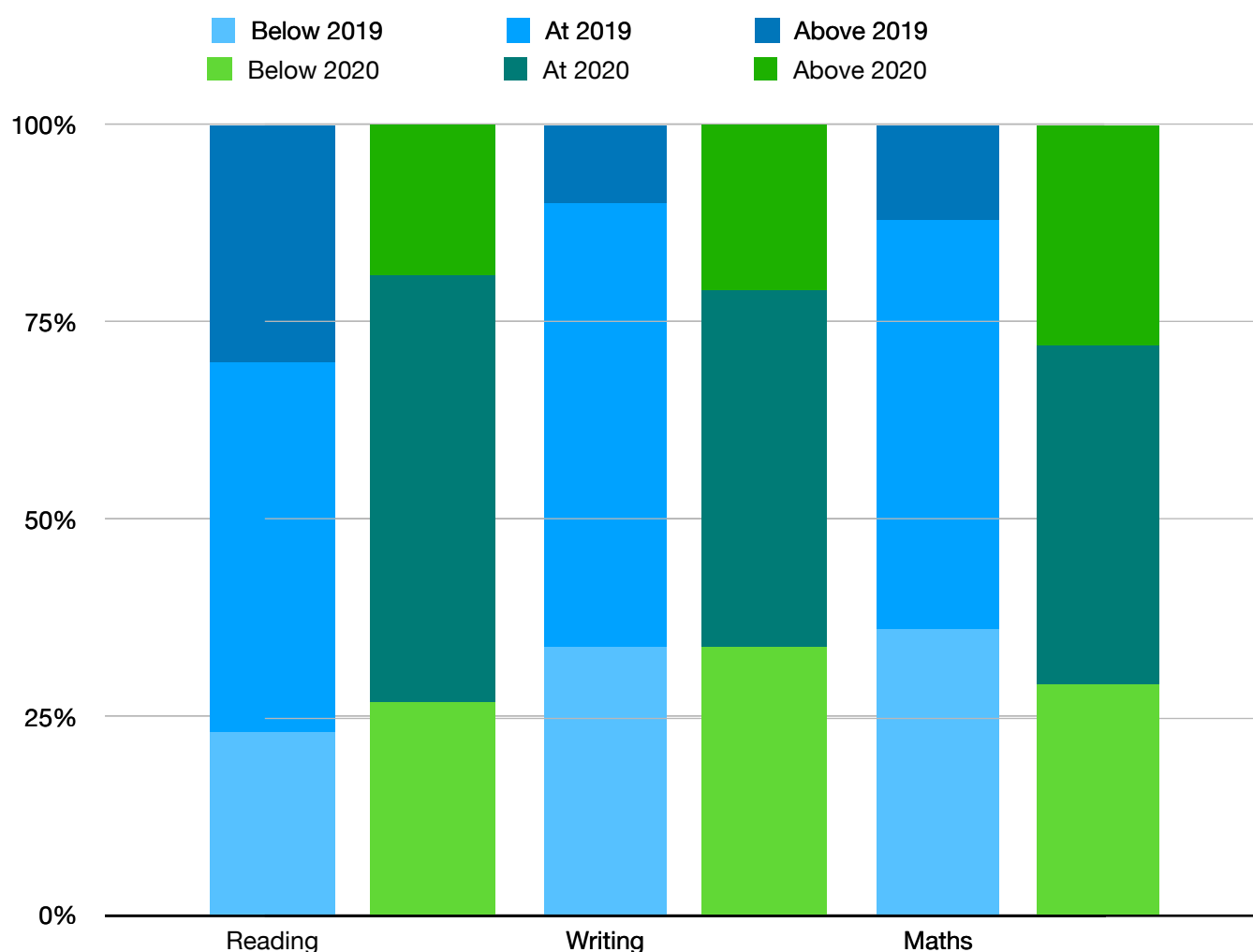
### Student Achievement

Last Tuesday I shared with the Board of Trustees our mid year achievement data in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. I have replicated the whole school graphs below with the blue bars for (Mid) 2019 and the Green bars for (mid) 2020.

Given the 12 months that was, the disruptions we have navigated, distance learning, staffing changes, curriculum

development and of course the health crisis and shut down, our results have remained essentially stable with very little of the 'slippage in learning' that other schools have experienced. I put that down to the excellent teachers we have, your support at home and of course the students and their resilience.

In a perfect and uninterrupted 12 months we would have liked to have seen some reduction in those achieving below the expected level and increases in those at or above the level. The last 12 months have been less than perfect conditions for learning. We have already set realistic goals to bring the learning to where it should be by the end of the learning year.





## Policy Review

Each term the BoT reviews a number of school policies to keep them current and relevant for our school, staff and learners.

Occasionally a policy requires consultation with the community. This term it is the **Learning Support Policy**. Here is a link to it. <https://gordonton.schooldocs.co.nz/index.htm?toc.htm?10531.html>

The password to access the *schooldocs* page and make submissions is *woodlands*. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be on the 8th September. If you have anything to offer the review please make your submission before 1st September.

## Awhina and Manaakitanga

Finally, this Friday we say ka kite ano (See you again soon) and ngā manaakitanga (best wishes) to Mrs Enya Smuts as she leaves to embark on maternity leave. She and Husband Dirk will be welcoming baby Malia into the world in the coming weeks. All the best Enya and see you back soon.

Room 11 will be capably led by Mrs Grayburn and Mrs Hooper in her absence. Below Mrs Smuts is pictured with the learners in Room 11 today.

That's about all for this week. Keep safe and warm.

*Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī*

*(That's all for now)*

*Keith O'Donnell, Principal*



## MILK FOR SCHOOLS



All students who have milk at school will need to bring a plastic cup which they can take home for washing each day. The cup will need to be clearly named. Those students without cups at school will miss milk for the day.


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# FOOTBALL

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

**Mondays 3pm to 4:15pm -- Start 17 Aug to 21 Sep 2020**

**5x sessions - \$50 -- (excl 24 Aug- mid term break)**

**Register via link at [www.gordonton.school.nz](http://www.gordonton.school.nz) - Sports Hub page**

**Registrations close 13 August**

**Contact Kelly Mills, [sportschair@gordonton.school.nz](mailto: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

**\$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](mailto:sportschair@gordonton.school.nz)**

**MUD RUN 2020!!!**

For Yr3-8 students

Friday 11th September

Limited spaces, 1st in 1st served

Entries &amp; payments deadline 26th August

\$25 per child

Register via link below

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf26XARkutzVqG73_c9PyWTWkfGQiESq8gxNkSNJRZQ51Cbg/viewform?usp=sf_link)[1FAIpQLSf26XARkutzVqG73\\_c9PyWTWkfGQiESq8gxN](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf26XARkutzVqG73_c9PyWTWkfGQiESq8gxNkSNJRZQ51Cbg/viewform?usp=sf_link)[kSNJRZQ51Cbg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf26XARkutzVqG73_c9PyWTWkfGQiESq8gxNkSNJRZQ51Cbg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

21 College Drive, Gordonton

[office@rainbows.org.nz](mailto:office@rainbows.org.nz)[www.rainbows.nz](http://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 14 AUGUST****ORDERS IN BY THURSDAY 9AM 13 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