



# Gordonton School

## Newsletter

30 July 2019

TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ,

We had a great start to the term last week and children have settled quickly back into school routines. We had a few tired children on Friday but that's to be expected.

Welcome back to Mr O'Donnell who has been travelling the world for the last month. While I have enjoyed being in the drivers seat, I am thankful to have Mr O'Donnell back. I am also very grateful to the staff, who have helped keep the school running smoothly in his absence.

Our focus on respect for the start of the term continues and we have had a large number of tamariki being rewarded for demonstrating respect. The blue card boxes are getting full. We will continue to focus on this for this week.

Congratulations to Nathan Morgan, Samuel Clausen, Levi Dyer-Bunce, Will Van Hellemond, Sam Van Hellemond and Ethan Gavin who came second in the Theatre Sports competition held at the Meteor. Huge thanks to Helen and Greg Morgan who were the drivers of the event.

### Safety

Recently I attended the Gordonton District Committee meeting where the topic of safety for children came up. It was mostly around rural children walking to school but it got me thinking more about safety in general. Safety is paramount so here are a few reminders around how to keep our tamariki safe.

**Sign out** - Please sign your children out at the office if you are picking them up early. We need to know where your child is in case of an emergency. If we know your child is not at school, we can focus on the children who are rather than spending valuable time looking for children who aren't at school.

**Arrival times** - Will many of our teachers are at school before 8am, we are usually preparing for the day and not expecting to have children on-site until the first bus arrives just after 8 o'clock. This also means children are not supervised until 8.15 when we have a teacher aide who supervises the playground before school.

**Getting to school** - Last week has brought very thick fog in the mornings. As we all know fog reduces visibility. There are some mornings when I can't see the school from Garfield Street. If you have children walking or biking to school in the fog, please make sure they can be seen.

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi

*Tania Rogers*

### Science

Our Science programme with Mrs Bankier started last week and the children had a great time in Science.

This term they will be learning about air pressure.

Below is a picture of Room 9 enjoying their first Science lesson.



### Fun Friends

Fun friends is a new programme we have started this term. It is similar to our Friends For Life programme but for younger children. We are fortunate to have Marie Gardiner trained in these programs so that we can offer it to the children who would benefit from it.

A reminder to those parents who have children on the programme for this term, there is a meeting tomorrow night at 6pm in Room 10.

We participate in a recycling programme called Paper4trees. Paper4trees is a waste minimisation and tree planting programme for NZ schools and preschools. In return for recycling paper and cardboard, we receive plants to plant in our school.



Mr Sweetman grabbed a group of children from Room 1 on Friday to assist with planting a dozen or so native grasses on the front slope of the lizard. Given a year or two of strong growth, these grasses will become a stabilising force for the soil-rich slopes to stop them from eroding away.

This year's sponsor of our trees is the Lion Foundation and the trees were provided by Full Bloom Nurseries.



## AG DAY AGM AND GENERAL MEETING

**6 pm Tuesday 30th July 2019 - TONIGHT**  
**Gordonton School Staffroom**

We have had a large number of long-standing committee members standing down from the committee and would love to see some new faces.

**Without committee members, this event will not run!**

You do not need any "animal" experience, we need people who are able to help organise and coordinate this event.

Come along and help to keep this long-standing rural school tradition. If you have any questions about what is involved please come and see Hayley Van Hellemond in Room 1.  
See you there!

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### JULY

31 Fun Friends Hui

### AUGUST

5-15 Life Education visit

7 BOT Meeting

19 Yr 7 Hearing & Vision testing

19-20 ASB Get Wise

21 Hard Court Day

### SEPTEMBER

4 Student Led Conferences - start at 1.15 pm

REVISED DATE

5 Student Led Conferences - start at 3.00pm

REVISED DATE

9-15 Maori Language Week

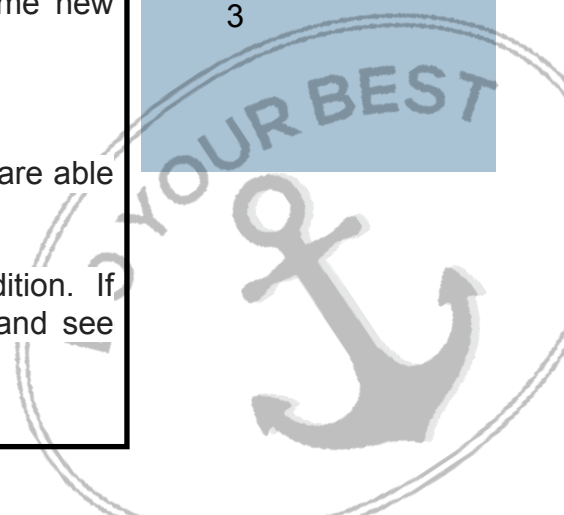
18 BOT Meeting

18-21 Ice Skating

20 Curling

23 Yr 7/8 Immunisation

27 Last day of term 3



## LIFE EDUCATION

Thank you to those families who have paid for Life Education. As Life Education is next week, we would appreciate payment by the end of this week.

\$3.50 for Year 1-6

\$5.80 for Year 7-8

Please can you send the correct amount along to the school office, in a sealed envelope as soon as possible.

For those who have activity fees, I have emailed those families who need to top up. If you haven't heard from you and you have an activity fee, you have paid.

Thank you

## FROM OUR PTA

### Art Auction

We had a hugely successful event last term and by the last calculations, we made our highest total ever – over \$6,000.00!! The PTA Committee wishes to again thank all who donated, created, came along and supported the event. Thanks again to the teachers and school staff who made this major fundraising event the success that it was.

### Ice Skating

18 September to 21 September <https://www.facebook.com/events/354366532087347/>

Be prepared for a cool but not cold ice skating experience

The Ice Skate Tour travels around New Zealand with state of the art, artificial ice rinks. They look like ice and have 97% same gliding capacity as natural ice. Surrounded by an inflatable boarding and helmets + gloves provided at no charge (both compulsory for kids) it's the safest possible way to try ice skating.

Prices are \$8 for kids under 16, \$12 for adults and \$35 for a family (2 kids + 2 adults or 3 kids + 1 adult) which includes ice skates, helmet, gloves and at least half an hour ice skating (longer if capacity allows).

### The Gordonton Curling Cup 2019

20 September 2019 from 6pm <https://www.facebook.com/events/345327409417634/>

Enjoy a great night out with your colleagues, family or friends

A unique opportunity to try out curling, a fun activity for all! We'll have great music from the 80's and 90's going.

Teams of 4 adults compete in pools of 4 teams (so you get at least 3 matches). Each pool takes 1 hour to finish so you don't have to wait long in between matches. If you make it to the finals you'll play again around 8pm. Who is going to raise the Curling Cup?!

Sign up your team now! Limited spaces! Tickets through Eventbrite.

Match schedules will be posted on Facebook the week before the event.

# CALF REARING SCHEME

PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE

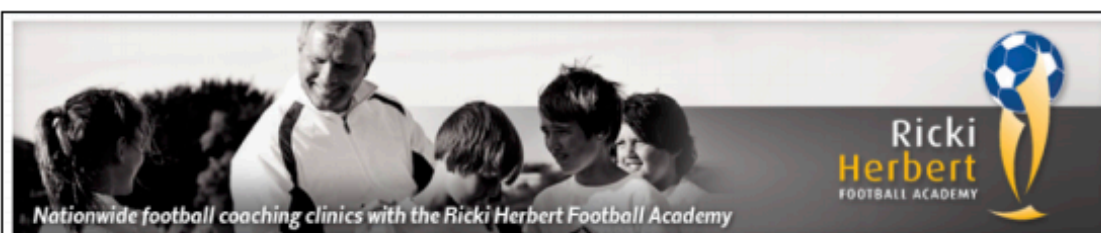
Please tick which of the following you are will to donate:

☐ We would like to raise a calf/calves for the PTA. \_\_\_\_\_ (please state number of calves)

☐ We would like to purchase a virtual calf to be reared

☐ We would like to donate the following amount to the calf scheme  
\$50                      \$100                      \$200                      \$300                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## Ricki Herbert Football Academy In-School Programme – Gordonton School

The Ricki Herbert Football Academy offers various opportunities to young footballers looking to improve their overall game. RHFA have worked with players all over the country in Talent Centres, Holiday programmes & also takes a selection squad of players overseas regularly to play in tournaments. The RHFA in school programme covers different themes of football over an 8-week duration.

### RHFA In-School Programme consists of:

- 8 training sessions a term per age group
  - o 45 minute sessions run during lunch times

Cost: \$10 a session per player, \$80.00 for the term per player.  
ANZ 06-0507-0173023-02

### Themes of football covered in the In-School Programme include:

- Passing and moving
- 1<sup>st</sup> touch and control
- 1v1, 2v2, 3v3
- Possession
- Small sided games
- Dribbling
- Shooting and finishing

### Training details:

- Training day: Friday's
- Training time: Lunch Time
- Start Date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August
- End Date: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

RHFA would like the opportunity to work with your players through our In-School Programme. For any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact me on the below details.

### Registration form:

Players Full Name: .....

Players Date of Birth: .....

Parents Email: .....

Contact Number: .....

Please send the completed form to [brea.rhfa@gmail.com](mailto:brea.rhfa@gmail.com)

Regards

Bradley Rea  
Cambridge Head Coach  
Ricki Herbert Football Academy  
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Phone: 027 891 0000



# NOTICES



## CORNER DESK - DONATION

We have our old library desk up for grabs.

If you are interested in this please see Mrs Kelly in Room 5.

Cost: A donation

## AIMS GAMES FOOTBALL TEAM FUNDRAISING

We are wanting donations of old batteries from cars, trucks, tractors for raising funds to get us to Aims Games in September.

Please ask family, friends and your neighbours. Thank you

Contact Kirstine 027 499 4776 or Brendon 027 479 0535.



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# OPEN DAY

**TUESDAY**  
6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019

TOURS BEGINNING AT:  
9:30 AM / 1:45PM / 5:30PM\*

PRE-ENROLMENT INFORMATION  
SEEING LEARNING IN ACTION  
\*5:30PM WILL BE A TOUR OF THE BUILDING ON

**PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS & WHĀNAU  
ARE ALL WELCOME**

\*CURRENT RJHS STUDENTS & WHĀNAU PLANNING ON ATTENDING RSHS

We will begin in Te Rangimārekura (Large Theatre) with the  
Principals' address followed by a tour of the school.



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