



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Teachers & support staff taking the place of students for our teacher only day

Nga mihi o te ra (Greetings of the day)

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all managed to get the opportunity to spend quality restful time with your children and families across the term break. While the weather was predominantly fine, regular wet days kept many close to home.

Through the holidays a couple of our shade sails succumbed to the wind and have been taken down. The Board of Trustees property committee will explore the options for replacement/repair.

THIS WEEK'S WHAKATAUKI

**Titiro whakamuri,
kokiri whakamua.**

Look back and
reflect so you can
move forward.

As we are halfway
through the year we
are now reflecting
on the year so far
and planning for the
future.



WELCOME

Welcome to our
new families to
Gordonton School



PIEDAY FRIDAY

Get your orders &
payment in by
Thursday 12pm



AG DAY MEETING

Wednesday 28 July
6.30pm in the
staffroom



DRESS UP DAY

Our next dress up
day is Friday 6th
August
ONESIE DAY

Reports

You will have received your child's progress report on the last day of school last term.

This report measures your child's progress to date. At the next Board of Trustees meeting I will present the school-wide progress and achievement data and following that start sharing it with the community. If you have any questions or queries regarding your child's report please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. We have parent interviews coming up in week 6 this term.

Winter sports also re-energises this weekend with Gordonton representing across the codes. Our children have maintained a great reputation of sportsmanship and fair play. I'm hoping to get around the codes and support our children.

Ako-Quality teaching & learning Teacher only day

Yesterday the teachers met at school for a day of learning. This was one of the days provided by the Ministry of Education in 2019. The school was closed for instruction. During the day the staff explored their professional growth cycle process, Tataiako - the Ministry Cultural Competency framework, and PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning.

PB4L

We are making some changes to our reward system for PB4L so that all children are rewarded for showing our school expectations.

Each time your child receives a MANA Card they receive 1 Anchor dollar. Once they reach A\$10 they will be able to spend their Anchor dollars on items in our prize store. These will include small toys, games and lunches.

The aim is for children to show all the expectations so when they get 5 cards for

showing Manaakitanga they get a certificate and the same for 5 cards of Awhina, Ngākau Pono and Ako. When they have 4 certificates they will get a MANA badge. As they get more certificates, they get a star onto their MANA badge.

Encourage your children to talk to you about what our expectations are, what they look like and how they can show them at school.

This week we are focussing on Manaakitanga - kindness, care and respect for ourselves, others and the environment. Talk to your children about how they can show this at home and at school.

When someone is not showing the correct expectation at school we would say, "Are you showing Manaakitanga? What would it look like if you were showing Manaakitanga?" If they don't know, we teach them. What Manaakitanga looks like at home might be different to what it looks like at school. That's ok, so long as the children know what the expectations are in the different places.

Awhina-Supporting others to be the best they can be

MRS G's Programme

Last term we started a programme called MRS G's Programme. MRS G stands for **MANA** (as in our school values), **R**esilience (building resilience), **S**trategies and **S**upport and **G**rowth.

This programme ties our school values, the work we have been doing around wellbeing and building resilience in our children. We had two groups of children successfully complete this last term.

This programme is for children who might benefit from learning more about their emotions and how to manage them more effectively, how to build resilience, how to grow into a more confident child and strategies for coping with different

situations. The programme runs for the term and is 1 afternoon a week, during school time.

If you are interested in your child doing this programme in term 3, please let their teacher or Tania know via email taniar@gordonton.school.nz.

NZ Principal Conference

Tomorrow we are hosting the Waikato Full Primary Principals Association AGM at Gordonton School.

Next week I am attending the NZ Principals Conference in Rotorua. Mrs Rogers will lead the school while I am away.

Finally we have our School Production at the end of this term. Much more to come on that over the next few weeks.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī (That's all for now) Keith O'Donnell, Principal

Pie Day Friday CONTINUING FOR TERM 3

Reminder to get orders and payment in by 12pm Thursday. We only order what we need and the orders are made on Thursday afternoons so please make sure your order is in on time.



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**](#)

TE KURA NUI O
ROTOTUNA
HIGH SCHOOLS
2021

RJHS - OPEN DAY

THURSDAY
5TH AUGUST, 2021

TOURS BEGINNING AT:
9:45 AM / 10:00 AM / 10:15 AM
11:30 AM / 11:45 AM / 12:00 PM
12:15 PM / 1:45 PM / 2:00 PM

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS & WHĀNAU
ARE ALL WELCOME

We will begin in KŌMAKORAU (Staffroom).

AG DAY 22 OCTOBER 2021

Just a reminder that Ag Day is happening on 22 October 2021, so if you haven't already done so, now is the time to be thinking about whether your child/ren are keen to care for and enter a calf/lamb/goat this year! For families wanting to know more about what is involved in rearing an animal, there are info handouts available in the office. You can click here [<https://waikatoaandp.co.nz/exhibitor-information/boys-girls-agricultural-club/>] to find out more about what happens on the actual day. A registration link to register your children and animals for the day will be available soon.

NEXT MEETING

The Ag Day Committee is meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28 July in the staffroom - all welcome to attend.

SPONSORSHIP

If your business is keen to sponsor Ag Day, the Committee would love to hear from you.

TERM 3 - 2020 OVERVIEW

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
	26 July 	27 Term 3 Starts	28	29	30	31/1 August
2	2	3	4	5	6 Onesie Dress up Day 	7/8
3	9	10	11 EWCS Hard Court Day WaiMath	12	13	14/15
4	16	17	18	19	20	21/22
5	23	24	25	26	27 Daffodil Day  Gold coin Fundraiser	28/29
6	30 	31	1 September Conferences - Half day	2 Conferences start 3.15pm	3	4/5 
7	6	7	8 Senior Speech Finals	9	10	11/12
8	13 Y8 Immunisations	14	15 EWCS Speeches	16	17 Super Hero Dress Up Day 	18/19
Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week						
9	20	21	22 Full Primary Speeches WFPSA Cross Country	23	24	25/26
10	27	28	29 Production	30 Production	1	2/3

WE'RE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF
TRAINING CHRISTIANS FOR CROSS-
CULTURAL MINISTRY!

JOIN US
FOR OUR

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 31 JULY

11AM - 4PM

CAMPUS TOURS
TASTER LESSONS
INTERACTIVE FUN
KID'S ACTIVITIES
PLENTY OF KAI + KŌRERO

**(SHORT INTROS HAPPENING
AT 11AM & 2PM)**

RAINBOWS EARLY CHILDHOOD
CENTRE WILL ALSO BE OPEN TO VIEW!

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