



# Gordonton School

## Newsletter

7 May 2019

TĒNĀ KOUTOU,

Last week we had the pleasure of hosting some of our alumni for afternoon tea. These were last year's Year 8 students who were invited back to share with us some of their experiences from the transition to their secondary school. I also invited this year's student



councillors along to host the visitors and hear their thoughts.

It was really great to see them back in the school and I was surprised at how much they seem to have grown. They highlighted one or two areas where they felt were a little "under-done" but importantly they also felt, in the main, they were well prepared and ready. The good thing is that all the

things they felt needed attention are things we have also identified and taken steps to address. A great example of this is Science: Our leavers felt this was an area they struggled with in Year 9 and this year we are rolling out a school-wide science programme starting in Term 3, led by Trina Bankier.

I also learned that I need to have these meetings a bit earlier in the year as the day clashed with quite a few of their sports practices and many were unable to make it.

**PUM - Teachers Union meeting** - Wednesday 8th May I encourage you to uplift your children early from school from 12.30pm while the teachers are all off-site attending a paid union meeting. The school won't be closed but there will be no teaching or learning programmes delivered. Some support staff will be here to supervise any children not collected.

### PB4L

During Term 1 we spent some time discussing values that are important to our school. We have had staff input into this and at the end of the term we got student voice around what our children thought were good values for Gordonton School children. The next part of this is to involve the community in helping us to decide on the best values for our school. Watch this space as we will soon be giving you the opportunity to have your input.

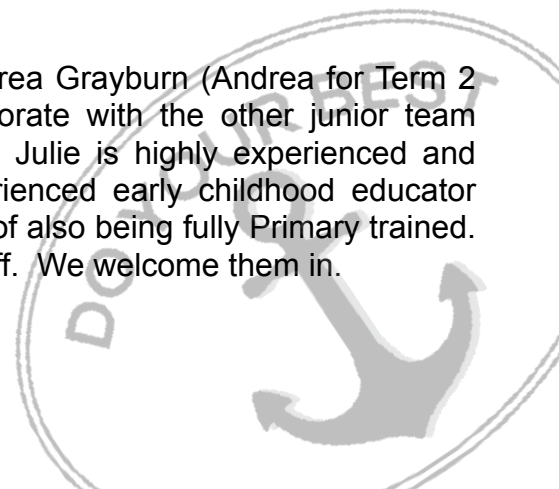
### New Staff

Taking over from Jaimee in Room 12 will be Julie Dons and Andrea Grayburn (Andrea for Term 2 only). They will share the learning duties in there and collaborate with the other junior team teachers to make learning seamless for our younger learners. Julie is highly experienced and comes to us from Rototuna School. Andrea is a highly experienced early childhood educator (formerly from Rainbows in Gordonton) who has the added value of also being fully Primary trained. They will bring an exciting dimension to the learning and to the staff. We welcome them in.

### Assembly this Week

Assembly has been shifted to Thursday afternoon, primarily because we have a large number of staff out of the school for various reasons on Friday and as this is the celebration assembly for Miss Carter it was felt the more there, the merrier.

Assembly will start at the earlier time of 2pm. All welcome.



## Winter Sports

Winter sports started last weekend and I came out to watch football being played in the fog and mist. Some high quality matches were played and sportsmanship was evident from all the teams. Some mixed results, as expected, during the grading rounds but here are some pics from the day:



That's about all for this week. Stay safe and well.  
Hei konā mai.

Regards  
Keith O'Donnell

## GORDONTON SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### 2019 Parent Election Notice

This week nomination forms will be posted to each parent of the school.

If you are interested in submitting a nomination form and wish to find out more information about how the BOT run, what they do and what they don't do, please have a look on our website. <https://www.gordonton.school.nz/bot-elections-2019>

There is also a link to NZSTA (New Zealand Student Teacher Association). NZSTA is a membership-based national organisation representing the interests of its member boards. Membership of NZSTA is open to boards of trustees of any state or state integrated school.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and we would appreciate it if you could submit a signed candidate statement and photograph.

Thank you  
Dee Haakma, Returning Officer

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### MAY

- 8 Paid Union meeting 12.30
- 17 Pink Shirt Day
- 20-24 Book Fair
- 21 Character Dress up day
- 22 Junior school Alpaca visit
- 22 BOT meeting
- 28 School Cross Country
- 29 Cross Country postponement day

### JUNE

- 5-7 Senior School Camp
- 7 Mud run-yr 3-8
- 12 EWCS Cross Country
- 19 NE parent meeting
- 20 Art Auction

### JULY

- 5 Last day of term 2

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## PHOTOS

### CLASS PHOTOS

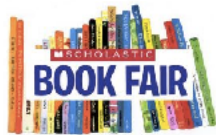
Shoot key code have been sent home.  
This will give you details on how to  
order your class photo.  
Free delivery for all orders placed  
before midnight on Sunday 19th May.

### INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Next week an envelope will be sent home with  
details on how to order your individual photos.

## BOOK FAIR

May 20th - May 24th  
in the school library



8.20-8.55am in the morning and 2.55-3.30pm in  
the afternoon

Come along and have a look at some great  
books and support our school.

## MUD RUN

Friday 7th June at the Ngaruawahia Christian Camp.  
Cost is \$25. Forms are available from the office.  
Any questions please see Miss Kelly in Room 5.

## ART AUCTION

The Art Auction is coming up quick on the 20<sup>th</sup> of  
June – if you are a budding artist or know someone  
who is and would like to donate art to the auction,  
please contact Rhianna at [lr.annear@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lr.annear@xtra.co.nz)

## FRIENDS FOR LIFE

### REMINDER OF PARENT MEETING

Tonight 7 May, 6pm in Room 10

## CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

Tuesday May 21st come dressed as  
your favourite book character.  
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All orders **MUST** be in by Thursday 9am. Thank you



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MATARIKI

## STARS

Matariki is the Maaori name for the cluster of stars visible during June/July. There are two versions of Matariki. One being that the cluster has 7 stars and another where there are 9 stars that light up the sky.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2019

**CyberSafety Parent Information Evening** – which is to be held at the Hillcrest High School Auditorium on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 from 7pm.

We have guest speakers:

Pauline Spence (Educator) from Netsafe

Constable Jack Driver from the Waikato Police Social media team

Constable Pete Van't Wout – School Community Officer.

Please RSVP on the event link below so we get a rough idea of numbers.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/458156674953426/?ti=ia>

## FREE CYBERSAFETY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

THURSDAY 16 MAY - 7PM

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