



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



THIS WEEK'S WHAKATAUKI

Mauria te pono

Believe in
yourself.

You can have
dreams but in
order bring those
dreams to bring
reality you need to
believe in yourself.

We believe in our
tamariki and that
helps them to
grow.

Nga mihi o te ra (Greetings of the day)

**Awhina-Supporting others to be the best
they can be**

Book Fair

This week we have our Book Fair. Books can be viewed and purchased before and after school. Classes will be going



BOT MEETING
Tuesday 18 May



PIEDAY FRIDAY
Get your orders &
payment in by
Thursday 12pm



DRESS UP DAY
Friday 21st May
Book Character



DRESS UP DAY
Friday 28th May
Pink Shirt Day

through the book fair and those who wish to purchase a book or few will have a wishlist with the names of the books they would like. We will end the book fair with a dress up day on Friday. Children can dress as their favourite book character.

Pink shirt day - a day of raising awareness around bullying - will be the following week on 28th May.

EWCS Tech Challenge

We have a team of Year 7 and 8 children attending the EWCS Tech Challenge on Wednesday. Good luck to Kyla, Troy, Dion and Ethan.

Cross Country

Our School Cross Country is coming up next week on Tuesday 25 May. Fingers crossed for fine weather. We will be doing this as a whole school this year. Last year we had to run a separate cross country for the juniors, due to COVID19.

Thankfully we don't have that restriction this year and we are back to full school.

Children will be walking the cross country track this week, weather permitting. The postponement date for Cross Country is the following week, Tuesday 1 June.



Dame Te Atairangikaahu

This week in New Zealand's Historic past:

- 17 May 1833 - First British Resident comes ashore.** Hundreds of Māori greeted the new British Resident in New Zealand, James Busby, when he landed at the Paihia mission station on 17 May 1833.
- 18 May 1966 - Death of Māori King Korokī.** Korokī Te Rata Mahuta Tāwhiao Pōtatau Te Wherowhero was the fifth head of the Kīngitanga movement founded in 1858 in response to European colonisation.
- 19 May 1846 - Brunner, Kehu and Heaphy reach Māwhera pā.** This journey was part of Thomas Brunner's epic 1846-48 exploration of the South Island. He was guided by Kehu of Ngāti Tūmatakōkiri and accompanied by Charles Heaphy, a draftsman and artist with the New Zealand Company.
- 20 May 1773 - New Zealand's first sheep released.** During his second visit to New Zealand in 1773, James Cook released a ewe and a ram in Queen Charlotte Sound. They survived only a few days – an inauspicious start to this country's long association with sheep.
- 21 May 1840 - Hobson proclaims British sovereignty over New Zealand.** Lieutenant-Governor William Hobson proclaimed British sovereignty over all of New Zealand – the North Island on the basis of cession through the Treaty of Waitangi, and South and Stewart Islands by right of discovery.
- 22 May - 1884 First New Zealand rugby team in action.** The first representative New Zealand rugby team played its first match, defeating a Wellington XV 9-0 before embarking on a tour of New South Wales.
- 23 May - 1966 Coronation of first Māori Queen.** Princess Piki, the daughter of King Koroki, was selected as the sixth Maori monarch – and first Queen – during her father's tangi, in accordance with Kingitanga protocol. She assumed her mother's name, Te Atairangikaahu.

Manaakitanga-Kindness, care & respect

Halberg Games Success

Last month, Gordonton Student and Student Councillor Riley Fenn, competed as part of the Waikato Team at the Halberg games. He competed across multiple disciplines including archery, athletics and swimming and contributed to the Waikato team achieving 4th place. Pictured on the front page: Riley with his certificate and medal, and a shot of him competing in archery.



Ako-quality teaching & learning

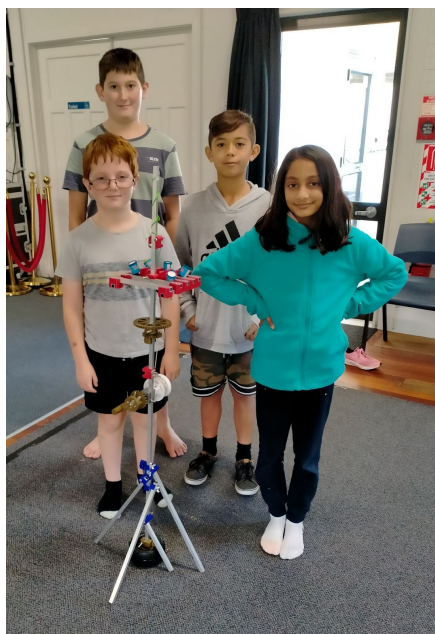
Gordonton EPro-8 2021

Te Māhuri and Te Rākau entered teams into the New Zealand EPro-8 Challenge this week. The challenge required students to design and build a famous landmark to scale that could launch several party poppers using the EPro-8 engineering kit. After four hours of designing, building and

problem solving to meet the challenge, both teams proudly achieved their goals. Students have submitted a video, report and photos of their final designs, ready for online judging. Results will be announced on May 26th. If successful, students will attend a semi final event in June. Congratulations to both teams and good luck! And thanks to Mrs Conder for leading this learning.

Te Māhuri EPro-8 Team

Radha, Samuel, Luke and Levi.



Te Rākau EPro-8 Team

Heidi, Troy, Ethan and Dion.



Ngākau Pono- Integrity, loyalty & honesty

Trees

Last week there was an article in the Number8 Network magazine where it was reported that during our recent tree felling in the school we had felled the centennial tree, planted during the Gordonton School centennial celebrations in 1991.

Our inquiries and photographs taken at the time revealed the centennial tree was originally on the front lawn of the school and nowhere near any trees we cut down.

Once this was brought to the attention of Number8 Network they immediately took down the article and published a retraction and an apology to the board and school.

Any trees brought down on the school property were felled to keep our children, staff and buildings safe. They will be replaced as new trees are acquired.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī (That's all for now)

Keith O'Donnell, Principal

Ngākau Pono- Integrity, loyalty & honesty

Pie Day Friday

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**](#)

MudRun 2021

Year 3 to 8 only 24th June \$25/child
(payment MUST BE MADE before 18th June, No payment, No entry)

Yr 3-4 1.5km course

Yr 5-6 3km course

Yr 7-8 3km course

Limited to 80 spaces, enter online through [**MudRun Link**](#)

WANTED TO BUY LIFESTYLE PROPERTY - Approx. 2ha+ with HOUSE .

Must be mostly flat land. CASH BUYER—Good Budget Available for the right property.

Looking everywhere from , Hamilton Surrounds, Cambridge Surrounds, Matamata Surrounds, Morrinsville surrounds, Te Awamutu North. **PLEASE PH—0277149272**

ALSO may require rental property while we look for our new home! Has anyone got Accommodation on their farm that you can rent us for short term PLEASE for 2 mother/daughter. No dog or Cat! Required from Mid August.

BOOK FAIR 2021

Next week we are running the Scholastic Book Fair.

Book fair will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8.30am - 8.55am, then again 2.30pm - 3.15pm. Friday only open in the morning 8.30am - 8.50am.

All children will go through the book fair book with their class and will bring home a wish list for you to purchase. No books/items can be purchased during the class visit.

Please come and support our book fair!

DRESS UP DAY - We are also having a book character dress up day next Friday 21st May.

ANZAC POEMS BY ROOM 5

THE ANZACS

ANZACS

Very Brave Men

Sacrificing Themselves

Hearing Cries of Dying Men

Dealt With

By Samuel Grayson

ANZACS

Courageous men

Fighting for you and me

risking their lives to save our land

Winners

By Ebony

The ANZACS

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Very loyal

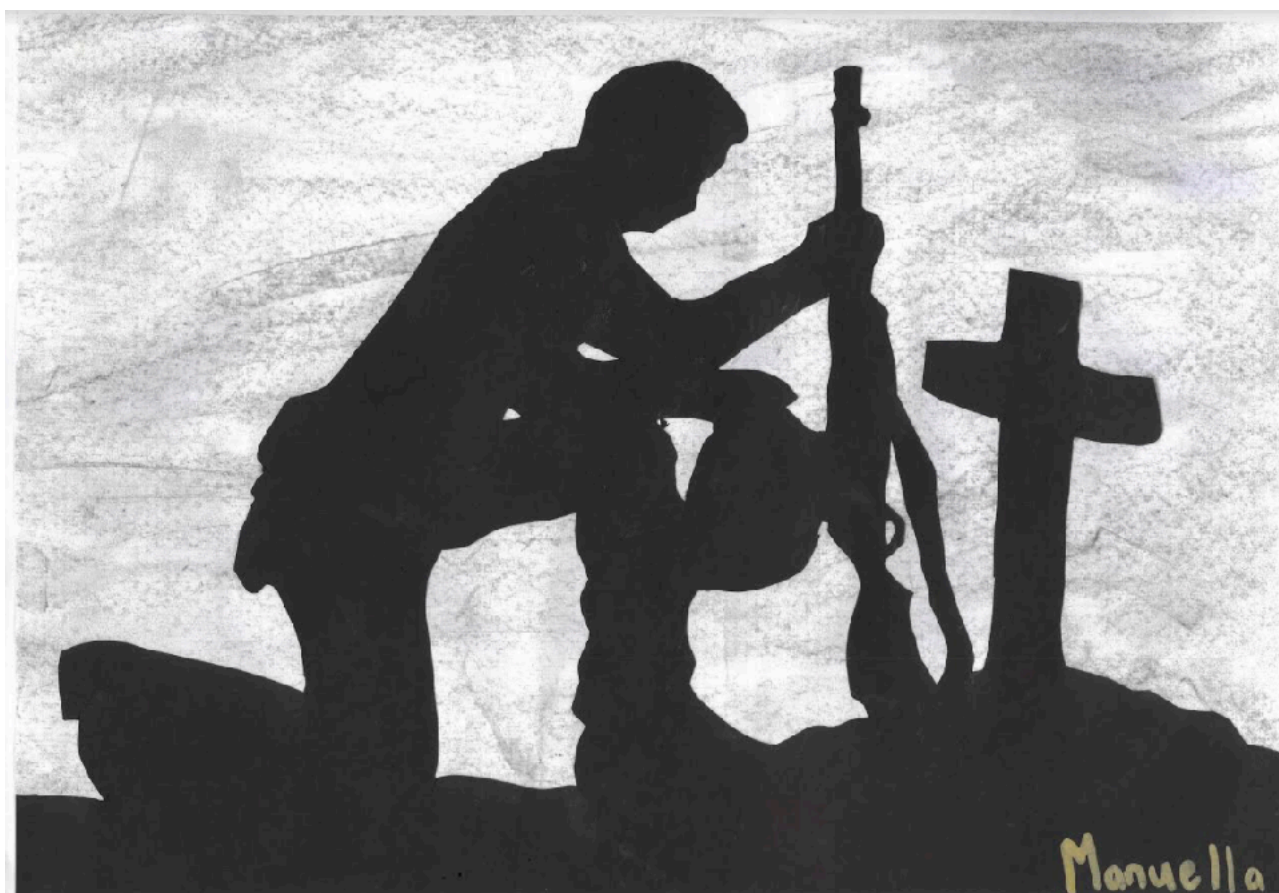
Fighters and defenders

Missing families and friends

Heroes

By Eddy

ARTWORK FROM ROOM 4



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