



# Gordonton School

Anchored in **MANA**

TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ,

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

Welcome to the final week of School for 2019. Many schools have already closed their doors for the year but for us we remain open to fulfil our statutory obligations under the Education Act around opening requirements.

We are putting out an early newsletter this week as it contains relevant information for activities and celebrations that are taking place as we close the year off. This will be the last newsletter for the year.



## Monday

Today at 2:11pm we will be observing the National Minutes Silence to commemorate the lives of those who died on the Whakaari/White Island eruption. We will do this as a whole school.

## Tuesday

G-Town Day - tabloid sports organised by the Student Council and House Leaders. Starting at 11.00am till the end of the day. This will proceed rain or shine as there are lots of water activities. The Student Council are also using their funds to give back to the school by providing every child with a Juicy Ice block.

Student progress and achievement reports will be published on Seesaw. This will be in the digital format similar to mid-year. It will contain summative data for the year and also identify classes and teachers for 2020.

## Wednesday

Intermediate Trip to Hinterland in Horotiu - leaving the school at 8am and returning at 1.30pm.  
Year 8 Graduation Dinner at Woodlands from 6 - 8pm

## Thursday

Students will go to their 2020 class at 9.45am and meet their new teacher for next year. Our newly appointed staff will be in the school to be part of this and this is a short 45 minute familiarisation time. Those children leaving/graduating will be cared for by other staff.

Prizegiving - Please be seated in the school hall or environs by 11am for our end of year prize-giving. If you wish to take your child(ren) home after prize-giving you may. If you take your child home can you please advise the office or your child's teacher.

## Friday

Final school day for 2019. This is essentially a pack-up day with no programmes running. There will be a water fight for the INTERMEDIATE children only. School will close for instruction at 12.25 (start of lunch) and children may be collected from then. Those for whom transport or care is an issue can remain at school until 3pm as Staff will be on site. The school buses will be running at the earlier time. Again, if you take your child home can you please advise the office or your child's

teacher. If you choose to keep your children home on that day please notify the office as well.

I would like to acknowledge the teaching and support staff for their hard work creating the best learning outcomes for our students.

Finally I would like to thank all of you parents and caregivers for your continued and enthusiastic engagement with the school, your support of school events and festivals and your dedication to working with us to Anchor our children in MANA alongside their educational progress and achievement.

For our students and staff who are leaving the school at the end of this year, good luck, go well and pursue excellence in all you do.

On behalf of the whole staff at Gordonton School, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing New Year.

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

Keith O'Donnell  
Principal

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### DECEMBER

- 18 Intermediate trip to Hinterland
- 18 Yr 8 Leaving dinner
- 19 Prizegiving
- 20 Last day of term 4

I leave you with a picture of one of your students drumming and singing at last week's music concert.



# NOTICES

## Lantern Festival Competition

Some of our tamariki have created lanterns as part of the Lantern Festival in Wellington early next year. They now need you to vote for their lanterns. The winner is determined by public vote and voting opens on 20 December. First prize is a trip to Taiwan for the winner and an adult courtesy of Air New Zealand and the school wins a \$1000 donation.

It's easy to vote for your favourite lantern.

1. Visit <https://www.wellingtonlanternfestival.co.nz/> and go to voting tab
2. Click on the school you would like to view lanterns from
3. Submit your vote of your favourite! (One vote per email address)
4. Share your favourite lantern on Facebook and Instagram using hashtag #wellylanternfest



Every voter goes in the draw to win a year's supply of Rj's Liquorice.

### SCHOOL STATIONERY 2020

As in previous year we have arranged with OfficeMax to help supply our school stationery.

OfficeMax now have lists of all the class requirements and these can be purchased from [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz) later on this week.

All purchases made through MySchool will earn rewards for our school that go towards further resources for the teachers.

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