



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



THIS WEEK'S WHAKATAUKI

**Kāore te
kumara e kōrero
mō tōna ake
reka**

The kumara
does not say
how sweet he/
she is.

This proverb
accentuates the
value of
humbleness.

Nga mihi o te ra (Greetings of the day)

Manaakitanga-kindness, care and respect

I went and watched Gordonton Ravens vs Gordonton All-Stars in Futsal at Fraser High School last Friday. It was a great game with All-Stars just inching clear in the final minutes. Glen McIntosh took these shots during and after the game. Despite being a local derby the players all showed outstanding respect and sportsmanship for each other.



JUNIOR TABLOID SPORTS

Tuesday 17
November



EWCS ATHLETICS

Tuesday 17
November



CHRISTMAS IN THE Paddock

Wednesday 2
December

Ako-quality teaching and learning

Teachers and students have been busy completing assessments that summarize the year's learning. What an unusual year we have had but I am very proud of the way our staff and students have made use of the available time outside lockdown. Once we have the data analysed and presented to the Board of Trustees I will share it in the newsletter. Your individual child's learning progress will be communicated home in the report at the end of term.

This week sees 57 children from Te Mahuri and Te Rakau teams travelling to compete in the Eastern Waikato Interschool athletics. This is a great annual event held at Porritt Stadium. Gordonton always represents well and this year should be no exception. Those children who are competing will have brought home details of the day so you can get along to watch. Fingers crossed the weather performs for us.

Enormous thanks to Marian Conder and Grant Carter for leading the organisation of this event.

Tabloid sports

Te Kakano and Te Pihinga are holding their tabloid sports day the same day and making use of the senior students remaining behind from Athletics to help manage this day. Notices have been sent home with programme details. This event replaces Junior athletics which has been run in past years but the activities on offer attend better to the skills, development and enjoyment of our youngest learners.

Awhina

Last Friday we acknowledged and celebrated Diabetes awareness day with the school turning out in blue. Donations for the day totalled \$153.70. With a number of our school community afflicted by

Diabetes it is a worthy fundraiser for us to get behind.

Ngākau Pono-intergrity, loyalty and honesty

We have had arborists in the school over the last few weeks assessing some of our trees. Three trees have been identified as dead or have become dangerous due to cracks or growth affecting buildings or structures. The Board has considered the reports and decided to follow the advice of the arborist. These will be removed safely and new trees planted in their place.

Our school always looks neat and tidy, well groomed and maintained. This is due in entirety to the work of our property Manager Mr Blair Sweetman. Blair is exceptionally reliable and dedicated to his job. He takes a personal interest in the school and is always searching for ways to make the school neater, more attractive and also functional. He is great at solving problems and also manages contractors coming into the school. The kids all know and love Mr Sweetman. Thank you Blair, we appreciate you.



Christmas in the Paddock

Preparations for Christmas in the Paddock are progressing well. This event which is an opportunity to have all of our children perform, takes place on 2nd December and starts at 5.30pm. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic or buy something from the PTA run BBQ where there will also be drinks (Non Alcoholic) and snacks for sale.

If you have been through the office in the past week or so you will have noticed quite a few Christmas decorations behind the desk. The Student Council has been working with Miss Haakma, Mrs Rogers and Mr Sweetman creating Gatsby themed

decorations for the Music Room and the Children's Room at Woodlands Homestead. This week they get to put up their decorations ready for the opening this weekend.

This has been a great opportunity for our students to be creative and we look forward to seeing the final result. A big thank you to Dee for all her creative energy and enthusiasm.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī

(That's all for now)

Keith O'Donnell, Principal



Gordonton School INVITES YOU TO

Christmas

in the paddock

**Wednesday 2 December,
5.30pm @ Gordonton School**

Come along and have a picnic on the field while you watch and listen to our tamariki perform Christmas songs. Each team will be presenting a Christmas item and Kapa haka will perform.

Bring your own picnic or support the PTA and buy some food from the BBQ.

Enter the competitions, join in the lolly scramble with Santa and be the best dressed Christmas person.

Market Stalls
Kapa Haka
Photo Booth
Performances
Bring the whānau.

COMPETITIONS
Colouring in
Best Dressed
Decorated Christmas Tree

Meri kirihimete - Merry Christmas

Due to it being a very busy time of year there will not be a postponement date if it rains.

This is an alcohol and Smoke free event

2020 BULL CALF FUNDRAISER

Hi all.

Our calves are now all sold. A huge thanks to Matthew Hancock from Carrfields Livestock and Andy Smiths Transport for making this happen.

Together with the support of these great families we have raised around \$2,770.00
A massive thanks to:

Michael Holman, Dave and Karlene Verryt, Jamie and Kate Haultain, Alister Smith, Mark and Hayley Van Hellemond, Vickie and James Thompson, Naginder Singh and Baljinder Kaur, Ryan and Sarah Finlay.

If you were unable to raise a bull calf or are a non farming family and would like to add to this great fundraiser please contact the office, or payments can be made directly to the PTA bank account 03 1355 0680628 00 with your name and bull calf as reference please.

100% of these funds go into improving your children's education in areas not funded by the government, whether it be maths, english, science, writing, sports gear or a new playground etc we all win.

Thank you



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Rainbows are a well established Christian Centre based in rural surroundings.

6 months - 6 years

8:00am - 4:30pm

Sessions and full days available

20 hours ECE subsidy and WINZ .

Babysitter available

My name is Harrison McLeod and I am a local gordonton, 15 year old boy available for babysitting. I am happy to play with children and responsible enough to send them to bed.

I can do simple first aid and know who to call in an emergency. For information and references please call or email

call: 020 4175 1632

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LABEL READING

LESS SUGAR CLAIMS

Products labelled "no added sugar" may still contain large amounts of natural sugar. Products labelled "25% less sugar" or "made with 65% fruit juice" can still be high in sugar. Look at the label and pick products with less than 10g of sugar per 100g.



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