



# GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



**Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi**  
*With your food basket and my food basket,  
 the people will thrive*

## EPRO 8

Our Year 5/6 EPRO-8 team came **FIRST** in the regional semi finals and will now head to the regional finals (details around this are yet to be issued). This team has earned an EPRO-8 trophy.

The Y7/8 EPRO-8 team came 6th overall and are still very proud of their efforts. They will not be attending a regional finals competition.

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

**Manaakitanga-Kindness, care & respect**

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

This week is Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori language week). To start the week we joined Te Wā tuku Reo Māori (The Māori Language Moment). This is a nationwide event to



**KIA KAHA  
TE REO MĀORI**

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI  
14-20 MAHURU 2020



### HOTDOGS

Every Friday.  
Orders to be in by  
9am Thursday



### AG DAY MEETING

Wednesday 16th  
September  
7pm



### SPORTS PRIZE GIVING

23rd September



### LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Next Friday 25th  
September

promote the revitalisation of Te Reo Māori. The aim is for 1 million of us to be speaking, singing and celebrating te reo at the same time. The target was met and more than 1 million people joined this event.

Yesterday, at 12pm we all met as a school and sang waiata as our contribution to the Te Wā tuku Reo Māori.



Mrs Pene has given us all a whakatauki of the day for each day of Te wiki o te reo Māori. A whakatauki is a significant saying or proverb. Each whakatauki ties in with our school Values of Manaakitanga, Awhina, Ngākau Pono and Ako. We have

included them below so you can kōrero with your tamariki about them.

### Ako-Quality teaching & learning BoxBots

Mr Carter is taking two teams to compete in the BoxBots competition at Fairfield Intermediate this Thursday. We first competed in this competition last year and the children did very well and enjoyed it so much we decided to do it again.

As with everything, COVID has put a bit of a spin on it and unfortunately we are limited to one spectator per team. However, the beauty of technology allows us to view this competition via live stream.

For those of you who are interested in checking out BotBox, here is the link to the live stream <https://tinyurl.com/boxbots2020>. It doesn't start until Thursday at 4pm.

Thank you to Mr Carter for organising the teams and giving our tamariki this opportunity for ako.

Day	Value	Whakatauki
Rāhina	MANA	He waka eke noa <i>We're all in this together</i>
Rātu	Manaakitanga	Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi <i>With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive</i>
Rāapa	Awhina	Aroha mai, Aroha atu <i>Love and compassion received, love and compassion returned.</i>
Rāpare	Ngākau Pono	Tangata ako ana i te kāinga te turnaga ki te marae <i>A child with a solid grounding will stand tall in society</i>
Rāmere	Ako	Whaowhia te kete matauranga <i>Fill the basket of knowledge.</i>



## Awhina-Supporting others

### Netball (Netipōro)

Last week we had a visit from the Waikato/ Bay of Plenty Magic Netballers, Abigail LATU-MEAFOU and Ariana CABLE-DIXON. We had a very excited bunch of tamariki and future netballers ask them questions about their netball careers.



## Ngākau Pono-Doing the right thing

Recently, if you have been watching the news, there has been a spike in reported cases of children being exposed to harmful media content when using the internet.

Here at Gordonton School we have very robust filters and checking mechanisms to ensure our children are digitally safe at school. If you wish to reinforce your own systems or practices around internet usage at home there is a useful link below. Prevention is better than cure in this instance. It is impossible to 'unsee' something. Always better to not see it and our young people need guidance navigating that world.

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/upsetting-content/>

## Speeches

Our Year 5 - 8 students performed admirably in the EWCS speech competition last week. Hosted by Puketaha School, this public speaking competition matches the best of the best from Eastern Waikato Schools in a night of excellent speaking and delivery. Of course there is no show without covid being involved and spectator numbers along with movement between the categories was limited but despite this, the event was well organised and attended.

The results for us:

Year 8 Girls	Kardelen Ripley - 3rd
Year 6 Girls	Olivia Kemp - 3rd
Year 5 boys	Teina Makianu 2nd



## Sun Hats

We are approaching the summer season and sun hats are mandatory for our children to wear to protect them from damage for the sun. Ask anyone who has had to deal with carcinoma (myself included) UV light does not discriminate who it damages. The staff will be actively encouraging students to wear sun hats when outside. Those who don't have them will be directed to a shady spot. There are school sun hats available for sale in the office - Dee is confirming the price - but now is a good reminder and window of opportunity to make sure your child has one. We recommend the brimmed hat that goes right around the head.

## Building upgrade

You will see workmen crawling all over the area of Rooms 1- 4 as the upgrade swings into life. There was a VERY short window of time from the time the Ministry of Education gave the go-ahead to the time that the builders came into the school. Building noise has become part of our

soundscape but the children are coping particularly well.

Over the holiday break there will be roofers working across the whole school and so the front gates will be locked with no access from unauthorised persons onto the school site. The toilets between Rooms 5 and 6 are also getting an upgrade at this time.

With the builders already ahead of their programme we may see an earlier finish to this contract but presently it will be the end of the year.

## Mud Run

Well done to our students who braved the conditions and participated in the Mud Run last Friday. Thanks to all who assisted with transport and supervision and also to Kerry Boxell who coordinated our entry and dealt with all the liaison with families. I also wish to thank Kerry for all of her effort around coordinating the sports this year. It is a difficult job and she delivers every time. In what has been the most difficult of years I appreciate Kerry's efforts.

## PTA

I went along to the PTA meeting last week. This hearty group organises the school events that assist in raising money for the nice-to-haves that we get. They are looking at purchasing a new gazebo that will be used at major events for our students to shelter under and at the same time promote the school. If you would like to join the PTA, or just offer your services as a helper then please get in touch with Dee in the Office and she will put you in touch with the right people.

*Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī*

*(That's all for now)*

*Keith O'Donnell, Principal*





## Winter Sports Prizegiving



Wed 23rd Sept on the sports field outside the hall

- Team photos will start at 2.30pm. Your manager will be in contact with your team's allocated time
- Managers will also be in contact in regards to your team's plan for the afternoon
- Please send uniforms to school with your child so that they can change quickly after school. All soccer shirts will be collected by managers directly after your child's photo. Hockey & Netball shirts will be collected after your final games

The Sports Committee are looking for a couple of keen individuals to join our team. No special skills needed, just an enthusiastic attitude! Come and have a chat with us on Wed!



\$3 each

### AMERICAN HOTDOGS ORDER FORM

\$3 each

**HOTDOGS FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER ORDERS IN  
BY THURSDAY 9AM 17- SEPTEMBER**

**Please place order in the letter box on the office desk**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ No of hotdogs \_\_\_\_\_  
please circle what you want on your hotdog: cheese tomato sauce mustard

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Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will **NOT** accept any orders Friday morning.  
All orders **MUST** be in by Thursday 9am. Thank you



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