



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



*He pai te tirohanga ki nga mahara mo nga raa pahemo engari ka puta te maaramatanga i runga i te titiro whakamua.
(It's fine to have recollections of the past but wisdom comes from being able to prepare opportunities for the future)*

Nga mihi o te ra (Greetings of the day)

Awhina - Helping others to be the best they can be

Let's hope that with all the hard work done and sacrifice made by the country to reach this level of response, that a slip-up at the border doesn't see us with a second outbreak of the virus. I was pleased to report to the BoT last week that the school was settled and functioning well and there were no issues to report around operations.

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

Fence

The fence is fast taking shape across the front of the school. Despite my initial reservations about spoiling the look of the school, the fence is functional and aesthetically neutral and will provide a higher level of safety and security for our children. Jardon and his team are working fast and the project should be complete at the end of the holidays or close to it.



**AG DAY AGM
TODAY**
3pm in the
staffroom



**EWCS
CROSS COUNTRY**
Wednesday at
Porritt Stadium



SUPER HERO DAY
This Friday
Come dressed as
your favourite
super hero



**LAST DAY OF
TERM 2**
Friday 3rd July

PTA meeting

Last Monday the PTA held their Annual General Meeting and election of officers for 2020/21. Debbie Hawkins stepped up as the chairperson replacing Rhianna Annear who steps down after yeoman service and many many hours of selfless organising over years. The secretary is Stacey Van der Drift with Sandy page taking on the treasurer role. Again, if you missed this meeting, would like to join, or you would like to help out at events or with fundraising, please contact the office and we will put you in touch with someone to discuss further.

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Building

Our Room 1-4 upgrade is now out to tender and hopefully construction will begin toward spring/summer. There has been much work done in the background on this project with changing costs, plans and budgets. We will also be upgrading the fire alarm system through this building and refixing the roofs across the entire school to ensure water tightness and preservation of our classes.

Ako - Quality teaching and learning

Report

The teachers are nearly up to the school wide moderation of overall teacher judgements that will position the students in progress and achievement on a curriculum continuum. This will be shown in the mid-year report that I described in the last newsletter. We have just navigated a unique time in education and despite parents and teachers best efforts there were obvious barriers to ideal progress in learning. Please don't be too concerned about any slight slippage in achievement of your children as it can be explained given recent events, but importantly we are working hard to bring everyone back to where they should be. The main focus of this term was to reintegrate the students post lockdown and ensure they felt safe and happy at school.



Ngākau Pono - Doing the right thing

Mufti Day - superhero day

This Friday the student council is hosting a dress up day where the children can come dressed as their favourite superhero. This could be a known superhero or one they have created. During lockdown we discovered a new kind of superhero - essential workers. Perhaps we will see some of these on Friday.

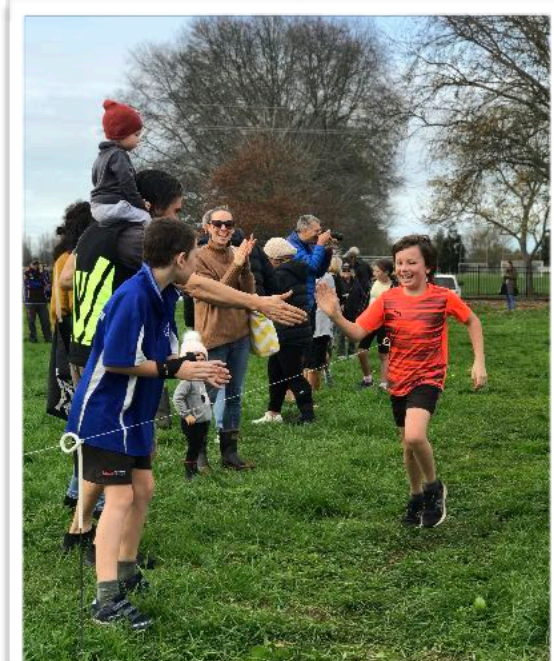
There will be prizes of vouchers from local businesses so the school can support them as well. These prizes will be awarded at the celebration assembly the same afternoon - which will of course be live streamed to the community. There is no donation required from students for this day.

Manaakitanga - Care for ourselves, others, animals and the environment

Cross Country

The weather was kind to us on Tuesday and we were able to run the senior school cross country without postponement. My thanks to Mr Carter and Mrs Van Hellemond for leading the organisation of this event and all the staff who assisted in making this a successful day. Even with a short preparation time the fitness of the children was evident. Thank you to the parents and whanau who were able to come out and support the runners. Thanks also to John and Cloudy who facilitated the use of the farm for us to run on.

See next page for Cross Country results.



EWCS Cross Country is this Wednesday and Mr Carter and Mrs Conder will be joining the team at Porritt Stadium. Children attending this event will have received a letter last week. If you are interested in helping out for this event, please contact Mr Carter.

The forecast for Wednesday is not ideal and if the weather is not suitable, the event will be cancelled.

Ag Day/Group day

A decision is being made this week by the committee as to what shape the annual agricultural day will take this year. I have never seen calves at Gordonton School in the last two years due to the M-Bovis issue and it is my enduring hope that the decisions made this week will see their inclusion back into this iconic celebration. More on this as the information is confirmed.

Weekend Sport

Great to see our tamariki out on the field again this weekend. Rosie popped along to watch the Jets play at Discovery Park.



Well done to all those who received player of the day and thank you to the parents who came along to support and coach our teams.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī

(That's all for now)

Keith O'Donnell, Principal

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

	9 Yr old Girls	9 yr old Boys	10 yr old Girls	10 yr old Boys
1st	Lily O'Hearn	Teina Makianu	Zoe Van der Drift	Matthew Dons
2nd	Mills Stuart	Samuel Grayson	Makayla Robinson	Judd Page
3rd	Holly Parkin	Nissan Bindra	Sian Bartley	Kobie Hunt
4th	Milla Cate	Noah MacDonald	Kyla McIntosh	Rhys Pari
5th	Peyton Cordes	Xaviar Eagles		
	11 yr old Girls	11yr old Boys	12+ yr old Girls	12+ yr Boys
1st	Lily Johnson	Troy McIntosh	Meg Enersen	Taylor Lucey
2nd	Tiare Ennion	Riley Eagles	Ava O'Hearn	Alastair van Vugt
3rd	Brooke Cordes	Dylan de Vries	Jessica MacDonald	Nathan Morgan
4th	Heidi Gavin	Blake Day	Hayley Verryt	Ben Sim
5th				Kaden Robinson

FROM THE BOT

Hi from the Board

It was great to hear how settled and focussed our students have been, at our meeting last week. We are pleased to hear that all teachers and students are back at school happily engaged in their teaching and learning. With that in mind, reports are due to parents soon and we were able to confirm the report format at this meeting.

It is also pleasing to see the progress on the fence at the front of the school. It is a safety measure funded by the MoE to keep our children safe. Our community should feel as welcome as usual, it just means you need to walk a little further to the gate!

Our school was expecting to be reviewed by the Education Review Office (ERO) this year. We have recently been informed that given the Covid 19 response, ERO will not be conducting regular education reviews until further notice. Instead ERO have taken the approach of contacting schools to gather information to inform ongoing system support. Their focus is now on wellbeing and learning, and how schools are continuing to support educational equity.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 4 August at 6.30pm in the school staff room. We welcome public presence at board meetings and hope that members of the public enjoy their time observing board meetings. If you would like to come and observe or learn more about what we do, please feel free to contact the office.

Noho ora mai,
Shona Enersen and the Board

GORDONTON SCHOOL BULL CALF FUNDRAISER

Hi all.

I am now taking registrations for the Gordonton School calf fundraiser. Some of us are now nearing calving, so it's time to put one or two aside for the school. With the risk of Mycoplasma Bovis still upon us, the calves will not be able to come here as they have done traditionally in the past before sale day. So ideally they could be sold with your own stock if possible or alternatively the truck will come and collect directly from individual farms.

We think this is an easy and simple way for our community to support Gordonton school. All this requires is raising a bull calf to 100kgs this spring. We will also be doing a virtual calf for those non farmers that would like to support us and unable to rear a calf.

We need our children to get the best out of their school. So 100% of all proceeds raised go directly to improve Gordonton School in areas where the Ministry of Education do not put money into or not enough.

This is one of the bigger fundraiser for our school. Farmers and non farmers can get involved. Please email Wayne Lucey at kimmiewayne@yahoo.co.nz if you would like to donate a calf or a virtual calf for this years fundraiser.

We are more than happy to talk to anyone wanting to know more about the calf fundraiser.

Please Phone Michael Holman 021 570 828
 Dave Verryt 027 245 8102
 Wayne Lucey 021 289 2038



Holiday Programme

Full Day	08:00 a.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$45.00
Half Day (AM)	08:00 a.m.-01:00 p.m.	\$25.00
Half Day (PM)	01:00 p.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$25.00
Short Day	08:00 a.m.-03:00 p.m.	\$35.00

Gordonton
50 Woodlands Road, Gordonton 3281

Row with Skiddy!

Mon 06 Jul



Build and decorate your sKids rowing boat to get ready for a race like no other!

sKids Active

Tue 07 Jul



Exclusive to sKIDS, bring all your energy for a day of sKIDS Active fun! Including the final Row with Skiddy Race!

Shrek Slime Party

Wed 08 Jul



Come join us for a Shrek Slime Party, with lots of swamp filled fun.

Its Games Day

Thu 09 Jul



A day of Old vs New, lots of games, board games and yes even bring your device!

Wheels Day

Fri 10 Jul



Bring your scooters, bikes and helmets. Sit your drivers license and have a day of wheelie good fun!

FoodStorm

Mon 13 Jul



Cook up a storm with one of sKIDS' speciality programmes! Learn, Cook and (most importantly) EAT amazing, delicious food made by you!

Mexicano Day

Tue 14 Jul



It's fiesta time so put on your Mexican Hat for a day of fun! There's pinatas and maracas and let's make nachos while we're at it!

Superheroes

Wed 15 Jul



Come dressed in your favourite superhero costume for a great Superhero Adventure to try to defeat Dr Skidzz

Born to Move

Thu 16 Jul



Get your dancing shoes on for our BORN TO MOVE™ programme! Experience the joy and vitality of moving to music!

Slumber Party

Fri 17 Jul



Come in your pyjamas or comfiest clothes and bring a pillow. Movies, hot chocolate and the biggest pillow fight!

Breakfast Bonanza! Don't forget if you book a sKids July Holiday Programme session before 15th July, you'll go into the draw to win a month's supply of Nestle cereal to feed your whanau!

For more information, call 0800 274 172 Or 027 281 8575
or email gordonton@skids.co.nz

Register now at www.skids.co.nz click on



MSD-Approved
Work & Income NZ OSCAR Subsidy available!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WORK AVAILABLE

Assistant Manager (2IC)


We have an opportunity for a person motivated and passionate for farming to help run our 78ha milking platform farm and occasionally help on the 64ha runoff. This is drive in only position – there is NO accommodation available with this position. Primary roles are milking and feeding cows, with other farm jobs.

You will need to have

- Good organisational skill and show initiative
- Capable and safe when using machinery
- Excellent animal husbandry skills
- Able to work efficiently without supervision
- Able to work well with others
- Keen to listen and learn
- Fluent in English
- Have a valid drivers licence

We run a split milking system, 370 cross-bred cows (at the peak) currently producing 170,000 – 180,000 kgMS. We are between Whitiakahu and Tauhei (20mins NE of Hamilton and 15mins NW of Morrinsville) on consolidated peat. The owner will be hands on in busy times and you will be required to work closely with the farm owner and the farm consultant, both of whom will provide guidance and mentoring when required. We try as much as possible to create a work/life balance. We have a great record as employers with a previous employee being with us for 14 years. Our farm is system 5, 24ASHB shed, ACR's, Protrack, In-shed feeding and feedpad.

Please send your C.V. with a covering letter and any other support documents/references to frosties@farmside.co.nz




TE KURA NUI O
ROTOTUNA
HIGH SCHOOLS
2021

OPEN DAY

TUESDAY
4TH AUGUST, 2020

TOURS BEGINNING AT:
9:45 AM / 2:00PM* / 5:30PM*



PRE-ENROLMENT INFORMATION
SEEING LEARNING IN ACTION
*2:00 PM & 5:30PM WILL BE JUNIOR HIGH ONLY

**PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS & WHĀNAU
ARE ALL WELCOME**

*INCLUDING CURRENT RJHS STUDENTS & WHĀNAU PLANNING ON ATTENDING RSHS

We will begin in Te Rangimārekura (Large Theatre) with the Principals' address followed by a tour of the school.

WORK AVAILABLE

Part time milker wanted.

Approximately every second weekend.

3 bedroom house supplied.

Rent \$460.

8 minutes north/east Hamilton City.

House fully insulated, heat pump and wood fire.

Double garage, sleep out, pets negotiable.

Ph. Penny Taylor 027 449 0133



21 College Drive, Gordonton

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www.rainbows.nz Phone: (07) 8243188

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.