



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Tēnā koutou katoa,

In this weeks newsletter:

- 🚩 Congratulations
- 🚩 Hats
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- 🚩 ERO

From the Principal

Welcome to week one of Term 4. I trust everyone had a good break and had lots of fun times. Certainly the children at breakfast club regaled me with their adventures over the two week break.



Welcome to Charlie Hunt



Congratulations to Mr Hunt, who welcomed baby Charlie into the world over the holidays. As you can imagine, he is over the moon.

We had some roof repairs happening in the school over the holidays as well as new shade sails out the front of the school, which have come just in time for summer.



With summer comes hat wearing. Children will need to wear hats outside during break times until the end of the year. Wide-brimmed jobs to protect little faces from the UV light which Rā, the sun, delivers in big doses. Don't be fooled into believing that caps, beanies or hoods are fine. If kids don't have a hat they will be directed into shady areas to play. The first week of term- as always - is a grace period. Thanks to those who have organised their hats already.



Highlight this week is Ag Day which is scheduled for Friday. Always a big day in the Gordonton calendar and my sincere thanks to Emma Crawford and her team for all of the organisation that has gone into the day this year. Group Day follows on Monday.



**Monday 14
October**
PTA Meeting
@ 7pm



**Thursday 17
October**
Shine Girl Starts



Friday 18 October
Ag Day



**Monday 19
October**
Group Day

This term, of course, we have athletics at local and inter-school level, Futsal, Cricket, Touch, Splash Polo and Summer Hockey as school sports, along with all the other outside stuff that summer allows.

This will also be something of a bittersweet term for our year 8s as it will be their last at Gordonton School.



In week 4, we have the team from ERO coming in to give us our final assessment and ERO report and please remember that Friday 25th of October is a Kahui Ako teacher only day and school will be closed for

Instruction on that day and of course the following Monday which is Labour day.

In any event I look forward to seeing you around the school over the next 10 weeks at some of the many events.

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

Keith O'Donnell

Principal

Kīwaha

Kīwaha are sayings or idioms. Try and use this one at home.

The pronunciation is underneath.

Hoea tō waka!

Hoy-ah taw wah-kah

Literally - row your canoe

Figuratively - Go for it!



Term 4

October

Monday 14 - First Day of Term 4

Monday 14 - 7pm PTA Meeting

Thursday 17 - Shine Girl starts

Friday 18 - Ag Day

Monday 21 - Group Day

Friday 25 - Teacher Only Day

Monday 28 - Labour Day

Wednesday 30th - Orini Fun Day

November

Friday 8th - School Disco

Thursday 14th - Te Pihinga

Pukemokemoke Trip

Monday 18 - Senior School Athletics Day.

Wednesday 27 - EWCS Athletics (Porritt Stadium)

Friday 29th November - Junior Athletics Day

December

Thursday 5th - Christmas in the Paddock

Friday 13 - Reports home

Tuesday 17 - Prize Giving and Term ends



Community Notices

Drop-in Information session for the proposed Online Sand's mine at Gordonton

Date: Thursday 17 October 2024
 Time: 3pm – 6pm
 Location: Gordonton School Hall

Come along and find out about the proposed Sand Mine at Gordonton. Pop in anytime between 3 and 6pm.



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