



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Tēnā koutou katoa,

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From the Principal

Welcome to week 5 of Term 4. Keeping with the pace of the year, this term seems to be flying past. Nearly at the half-way point but still with plenty to do.



Mrs G in the house! PTA Disco



ERO

Last week as I mentioned, we had Michelle from the Education Review Office (ERO) in the school conducting our final assessment for this review cycle. Over a course of observations, interviews, inspections, gathering evidence and checking compliance, ERO found the school in very good shape, especially in the Government's areas of focus: student achievement, equity, and wellbeing. While our term 3 attendance was down, closer scrutiny of the numbers found all absences either explained or investigated. If the draft indications are correct we can look forward to a positive and affirming report.



Disco

Friday saw the PTA hosting the school Disco. This was a well attended and run event and many of our Tamariki took the opportunity to dress up and have fun. The pleasant evening also saw parents congregate and socialise on the Hall deck and environs. All in all, a fun night. If you missed it, make sure you book in for the next one. Thanks to all who helped out with the Disco.



Student Council

Tomorrow, I will be travelling to Puketaha School with a group of our Student Councillors. They



**Thursday 14
November**
Te Pihinga trip to
Pukemokemoke



**Monday 18
November**
Senior Athletics



**Wednesday
27 November**
EWCS Athletics



**Friday 29
November**
Junior Athletics

have used some of their council funds to purchase a juicy for every student at Puketaha in a great show of Manaakitanga. Puketaha school, as you are aware, fell victim to a damaging fire set off from a lightning strike. Damage to a school environment weighs heavily on students, even more so than the adults. I know Principal Nyree Oliver and her team are working hard to keep the students happy, positive and well.

This is the Gordonton School Council's neighbourly goodwill gesture.



Athletics

Monday, November 18. To make the day run as smoothly as possible, we would appreciate any help with the timing of sprints. If you can assist, please let Hayley (hayleyvh@gordonton.school.nz) know what time(s) you are available as soon as possible. Helpers do not have to commit to the whole day. The day will begin at 9.00 a.m and will conclude with the house relay around 2.30p.m.

Christmas in the Paddock

We are running our Christmas in the Paddock event again this year on Thursday 5 December. This is an event where our students perform Christmas songs and we have performances from our Kapa Haka, band and a selection of Music House students. This year, we have special guests, The Salvation Army Band. We look forward to their performance.

Bring along a picnic and sit on the field to watch the performances. It's a great way to end the year.

That's about it from me. Have a great week everyone.

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

Term 4 Lunch orders

We will have lunches from Matte Black and Juicie Tubes available to order.

Order & pay by 3pm Thurs [LINK](#)

Kīwaha

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

The pronunciation is underneath.

Mea rawa ake

Meh-ah rah-wah ah-keh

Nek minnit



Term 4

November

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

Athletics Helpers

Te Rakau & Te Mahuri are looking for parents to help with timing and recording of sprints. If you are able to help with this, please email Hayley (hayleyvh@gordonton.school.nz)





SUMMER SPORTS ROUND UP

Hockey

Great night for both teams coming away with wins.

Stormers player of the day went to Will for being mid field and attacking powerhouse. Coaches award went to Sahiba for stepping in to help out tonight and scoring some goals.

Hurricanes player of the day went to Nika for her solid defence against some much bigger players. Coaches award went to Chris for his attacking drive.

Splash Polo

The **Stingers** had 2 great games on Sunday. Even with the drizzle. Coming away with a draw & a win. POD Jah-rall, for great defence & powerful passes and Puti for getting stuck in and growing in confidence

Futsal

The Gunners played an exciting game, keeping their composure & coming away with the win. POD Fletcher & Alex **Mavericks** POD Ella for constantly interrupting the ball. Great team work. Unfortunate loss, but great effort with only one sub.

Touch

Two players of the day for the **Gordonton Drivers** this week! Isaac did some pretty epic runs and dodges, and managed to score the first try. Chloe obviously listened at practise and ran forward every time she got her hands on the ball, making some good ground for the team.

Cricket

The **Gordonton Hawks** POD Gurfateh



FROM THE PTA...

To raise funds for school trip transportation and classroom lockdown blinds in 2025, the PTA will be selling raffle tickets to win Christmas hampers at the event "Christmas in the Paddock." We would be grateful if children could contribute an item to our hampers. Please bring these to the office by Monday, 2nd December.

Year 1 & 2 - Non-perishable food items such as chocolate, crackers, chips, lollies, etc.

Year 3, 4 & 5 - Toys and stationery items like pens, notebooks, board games, balls, and general toys.

Year 6, 7 & 8 - Beauty products, including body wash, face masks, nail polish, moisturiser, suntan lotion, candles, diffusers, etc.


Feel free to donate any product or service not listed if it is more convenient for you.

SENIOR ATHLETICS DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The PTA are running a sausage sizzle on Athletics Day. Order your sausage sizzle [here](#).

Sausages - \$2

Fizzy - \$2

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Gordonton School
INVITES YOU TO

Christmas

in the paddock

Thursday 5 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 there will be performances from Kapa haka, band, Music House and special guests, *The Salvation Army*.




There is no postponement date for this event. This is an alcohol and smoke free event.



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