



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Tēnā koutou katoa,

In this weeks newsletter:

📌 Production

From the Principal

Welcome to week 7.



Over the last 10 years or so, one of the key measures of school evaluation is the existence and promotion of 'student voice'.

Principals, school leaders, teachers and Boards have historically sought ways to bring this out and evidence it in the school culture, but there is no real definitive description of what student voice looks like.

My take on it is fairly simple. It's the intentional collection of student input and feedback in respect of their learning - and using that voice as one of the guiding influences in localised curriculum and learning design.

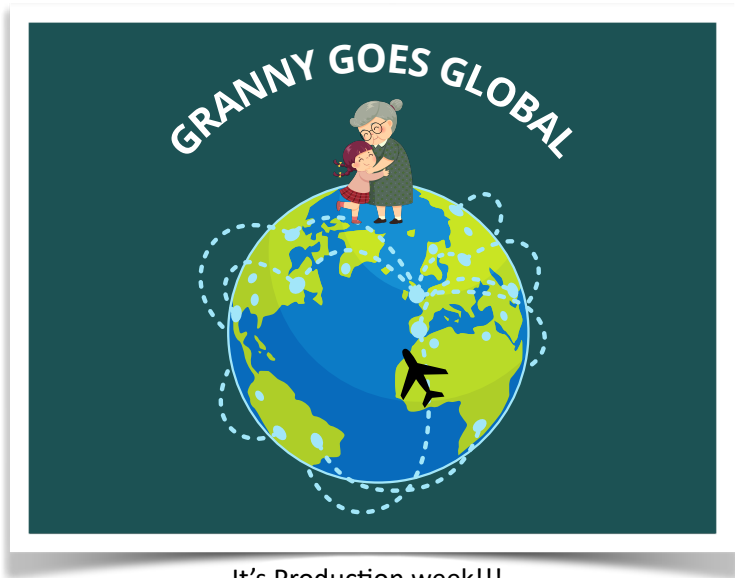


This week you will see the student voice in all its glory as we stage the production 'Granny goes Global'. This production was written and produced by the students, and every student has a role to play in it. It will mostly be acting or performing but might be props, lights, sound, or assistant to those roles.



All the teachers have been enthusiastically involved in coaching, set building and patiently preparing the students for the show. A few have put in many hours outside of normal school operation to meet the deadlines for the show.

Production tends to dominate the week. Normal learning gets dialled back for a few days this week. Expect your children to be tired, to feel nervous, to get a bit grumpy at times, but they will be




It's Production week!!!



**Wednesday 4
September
Production**



**Thursday 5
September
Production
Matinee @1pm**



**Thursday 5
Production**



**Saturday 7 - 13
AIMS Games**



celebrating the performing arts - acting, singing, dancing and making meaning from performance in one extravaganza. Thank you for your assistance and support in getting them ready. I look forward to seeing you at the show.

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

Pie Day Friday

A reminder to get your orders in by 3pm Wednesday for Pie Day Friday.

To order your pies, please order and pay by 3pm Wednesday. [Pie Form](#)

Production Information

Evening performances start at 6.30pm, children need to arrive before then, please see letter sent home for each class.

Run time is approximately 90mins.

Children can be collected from their classroom - please let the teacher know before you take them.

Main cast and backstage crew are to be collected from the hall.

Congratulations

Preeya was selected for the Waikato team to represent the region at the Gymnastics NZ National championships. It was announced yesterday, she was selected for the Step 5 team (a team of 4, out of around 70 kids). Nationals is held in the October school holidays in Palmy, which is a whole week event.

Whakatauki

Whakatauki are sayings that can be motivational or metaphoric life lessons.

Mauria te pono

Believe in yourself



Term 3 Events

September

Wednesday 4 Production opening night.

Thursday 5 - Production Matinee and final evening performance.

Saturday 7 - AIMS Games

Friday 13 September - Assembly

Monday 16 - 20 Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Monday 16 - Year 8 Immunisations

Tuesday 17 - PCT Challenge

Wednesday 18 - Te Reo Māori

Showcase @ Rototuna High Schools

Friday 20 - Winter Sports Prize Giving.

Friday 27 - Last day of term



GORDONTON SCHOOL PRESENTS

GRANNY GOES GLOBAL



5th September Matinee – 1 pm
4th + 5th September – 6:30 pm
Purchase tickets at the office
\$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child





WEEKLY SPORTS ROUND UP

Week 6

The final week of competition for our Football & Hockey players! A few teams still have tournaments coming up to finish off their season. No doubt there will be some great games going on.

Winter Sports Prizegiving is Fri 20th Sept at 5.30pm.

Summer Sport registrations are now open. Deadline is noon Fri 20th Sept

NETBALL

Our Gordonton Manawa Aims Games Team heads off this coming weekend for a week of competition against some of the best teams in the North Island. They will also compete against a Fijian team in their draw. 2 of the players will also compete in individual events, Preeya in gymnastics and Will in cross country. We wish them all the best of luck! Thank you to everyone who has supported them in raising funds and to the amazing parents who are making this experience possible. Special mention to Amanda Foster and to Mrs V for all the behind-the-scenes paperwork!

HOCKEY

What an exceptional game to end the season from the Wildsticks (future Black Sticks) this week! The girls had so much fun being able to wear their favourite rainbow colours and played amazingly well throughout the year. POD went to Elly for making some impressive tackles and has grown in confidence each game, well done Fun last game of the season for the Quicksticks. These kids have improved so much over the season, special thanks Hana Sahiba Bindra 2024 for her wonderful coaching this season. PoD was Holly with some great defence and chasing.

Excellent game of hockey from the Tricksticks. Huge improvement on the teamwork and passing to each other this season. We are lucky to have such a great team of hockey players who are supporting each other across the field and working together. POD today was Sahiba with some great movement around the field.

The last game of the season for the Stormers started at a blistering pace, with first goal been scored in 15 seconds. They walked away with an emphatic win over Maeroa. POD went to Lockie for his attacking position and determination. Coaches award went to Ruby for her consistency in every game throughout the season

FOOTBALL

It's a wrap for the Gordonton Jets. Our youngest football players had a great final day, finishing on a high note. They played well & gave it all they had. Our last PoD went to Harriet and Ewen

A fantastic game to finish the season for the Fantails. The girls were showing great team work and ball skills.

POD went to Harlow who scored two brilliant goals and was all over the field. Ka Pai Harlow

We had an amazing muddy finish to the Missiles football season! The whole team gave it their all and used everything they had practiced this season - passing, calling, tackling, and teamwork! POD went to Ethyn and Josiah as both had their best game of the season with excellent tackles, passes, shots at goal, and clearance in defence

The Bluejays had a strong finish for their final game, rounding out a fantastic season. With great teamwork, positive attitudes, growing skills and confidence shown by all. POD Hayley - strong effort showing great improvement and determination around the field. POM Millie - consistently working hard, embracing position changes.

A muddy finish for the Gunners this week. Exciting right to the end. POD Jake



Mā te wā

See you again.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY SKILL CAMPS

WWW.NETBALLHAMILTON.ORG.NZ



Poipoia te Manawa



Hamilton City Netball Centre Year 3-6 Skill Camp 2024

Tuesday 1st of October
& Thursday 10th of October

Venue: Hamilton City Netball Centre
Cost: \$50.00 per player/per day



<https://netballhamilton.org.nz/poipoia-te-manawa/year-3-6-skill-camp>



Aoife: junior@netballhamilton.org.nz

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FOOTBALL CONNECT





30th September - 3rd October
FOR AGES: 7-15 FROM 8:30AM TO 3:30PM
COST: \$20 PER DAY Rotoruna Library
30 North City Road,
Rotoruna North, Hamilton
www.youthtown.org.nz | @youthtownnz | 0800 004 566

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HOKED ON HOCKEY



Week 1 - 30th September & 1st October
Week 2 - 9th - 11th October
FOR AGES: 5-13 FROM 7:30AM TO 4:30PM
COST: \$60 PER DAY Gallagher Hockey Centre,
Queens Avenue,
Innes Common, Hamilton
www.youthtown.org.nz | @youthtownnz | 0800 004 566



Community Notices

AG DAY

Calves for AG Day

The AG Day committee have a member that has got 4 jersey heifers available for kids for Ag day. If you are interested please contact Kim 0278489499



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Winter Sports Prizegiving



Fri 20th Sept 5.30pm in the school hall
Team photos will start at 5pm in Rm 5

Your team will be advised as to their time nearer the day

Please arrive in sports uniform (including socks but not shin pads or boots) All sports shirts will be collected by managers directly after prizegiving so please bring a change of clothes

Please bring a plate to share afterwards. Tea and coffee provided
Free sausage sizzle for children




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