



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Tēnā koutou katoa,

In this weeks newsletter:

- 🔗 Labour Day
- 🔗 Board reviews
- 🔗 ERO Review

From the Principal

Welcome to week 3. I trust you had an enjoyable Labour weekend, if in fact that national holiday afforded you an extra day off.

For farmers and many self employed people, it would have passed by unnoticed as their work is a 7

days a week situation. Labour day in New Zealand was brought into being in 1890 to originally celebrate the award of the 8 hour working day in 1840 to Wellington carpenter, Samuel Parnell, and was marked with union organised parades and marches where workers were allowed the day, or at least part of it, off to attend.



Calves being judged for Ag Day



Over the years it has morphed into just another public holiday and the 'person on the street' will have little care of its origins. Its celebratory nature has also fallen victim to the need for people to have access to retail and hospitality services and successive neo-liberal governments have facilitated that access. Pretty much now if you get Labour Day off, you can consider yourself fortunate, but also free to do whatever you choose. I wonder if Samuel Parnell was still alive what he would make of the present nature of the day.



Tonight the Board meets at school for a regular meeting starting at 6.30. This term there are a few policies to review and these also invite community feedback. The links to the policies are below:

[General Reviews Link](#)

[School Donations and Student Activity Payments / Attendance Dues and Other Income](#)



**Wednesday 30
October**
Orini Fun Day



**Monday 4
November**
PTA Meeting @
7pm



**Friday 8
November**
Disco @ 5pm



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

Expenditure
Property Planning and Maintenance
Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft

If you wish to review and feedback on any of these policies, please follow the link and online instructions. All feedback needs to be submitted before the 29th November.



Michelle Thurlow, our evaluative partner from the Education Review Office, is formally visiting the school next week. This has been a long time in the process and her visit will mark the apogee of our review process.



Finally, you will read later in the newsletter of the kindness extended by some of our students and their families, taking their Ag day animals to a rest home to visit with elderly residents. What a fantastic thing to do. I'll bet it brought immense joy to them. Thank you for doing such a kind and caring thing. I appreciate it.

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

Term 4 Lunch orders

We will have Juicie Tubes available to order for Fri 1st Nov. Order & pay by 3pm Thurs [LINK](#)
Matte Black lunches will start Fri 8th Nov.

Kīwaha

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

The pronunciation is underneath.

Āmiki rawa tēnā!
Aah-me-key rah-wah
teeh-naah

Too much information



Term 4

October

Monday 28 - Labour Day

Wednesday 30th - Orini Fun Day

November

Monday 4 - PTA Meeting @7pm

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

Winter Sports Photos

Order & pay by
3pm 31st October
\$25 each
[LINK](#)

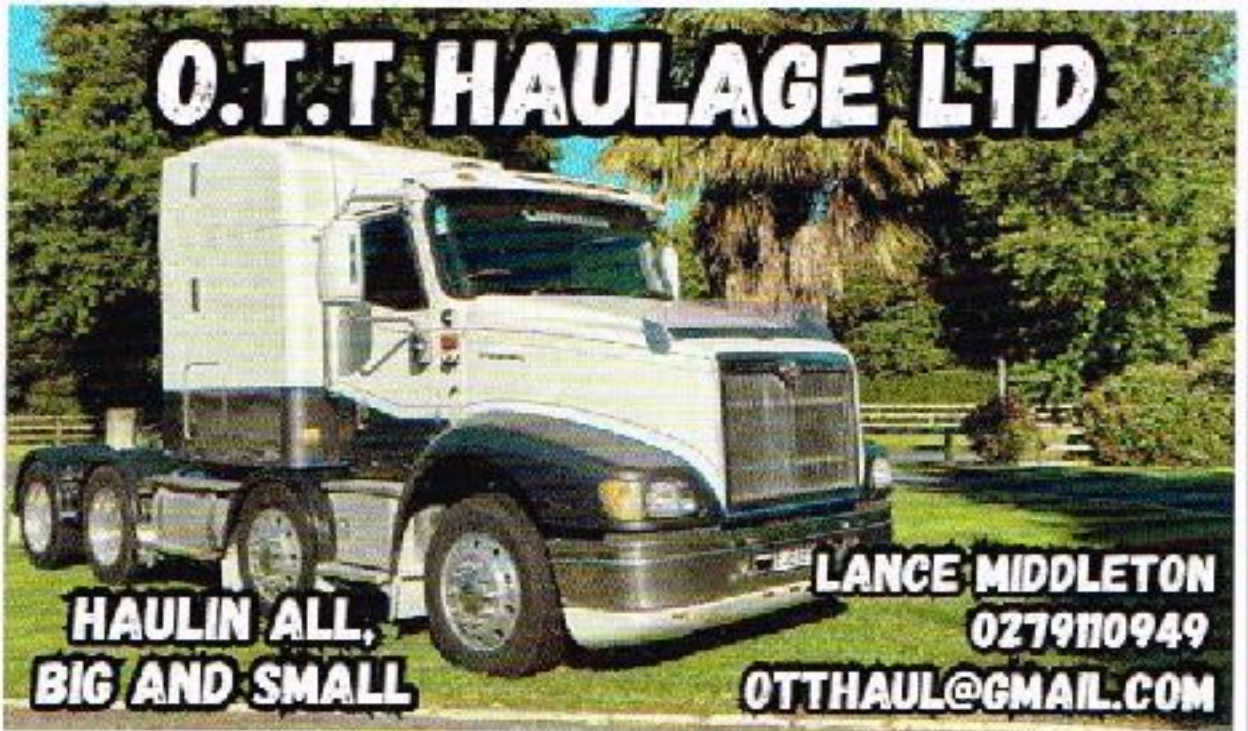




St John's Retirement Home

Over the weekend, Madi, Alex, Reid, Olive and Archie took their AG Day animals for a visit to the St John's Retirement home. Not only was this a great opportunity for the children but the residents enjoyed it too. Some of the residents were farmers who were very excited to see the animals.





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