



# GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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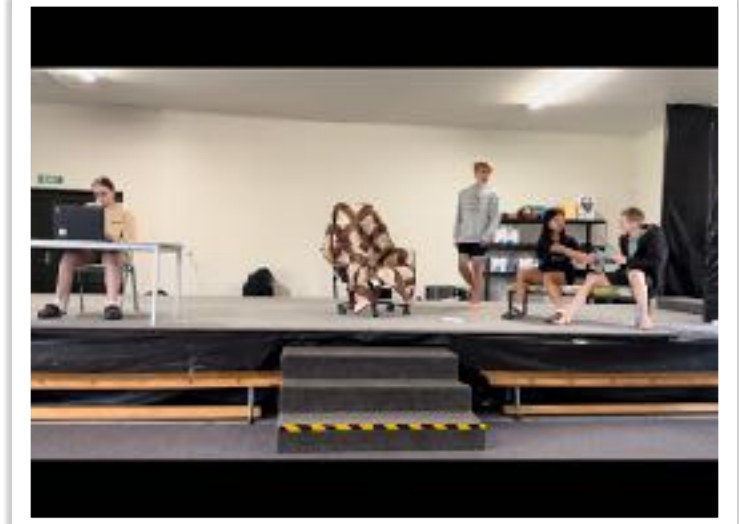
Tēnā koutou katoa,

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## From the Principal

I hope you managed to make use of some fine weather over the weekend to get some important jobs done. Since last weekend was a washout, it was nice to see the sun.



Getting ready for Production.



### ERO

This morning Tania and I met with our evaluative partner, Michelle

Thurlow, from the Education Review Office. We have worked with Michelle for the last couple of years as one of the first schools to go through the revised ERO procedures for school evaluations.

Sadly, the new Government has again changed the way ERO goes about its evaluations and now we are going into the revised system. This visit is the precursor to a full ERO review in Week 4 of Term 4.



### Trading Cards

Over the years, children come into the school with all sorts of collectables that are currently in fashion. We have had toy cars, bey blades, etc. This time it is Disney trading cards. They seem to have captured the collective imagination of the younger students. As always, the challenge with these is they take on a value far above what they are and are traded and exchanged. Mostly it's kept in perspective but there come times when they are a distraction from learning, cause of conflict or too much of a temptation for jealous peers. They can get damaged, lost or, dare I mention it, stolen. Experience has shown me that the best solution is to not have them in the school and that is the stance I'm taking.



**Friday 30 August  
Assembly**



**Wednesday 4  
September  
Production**



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



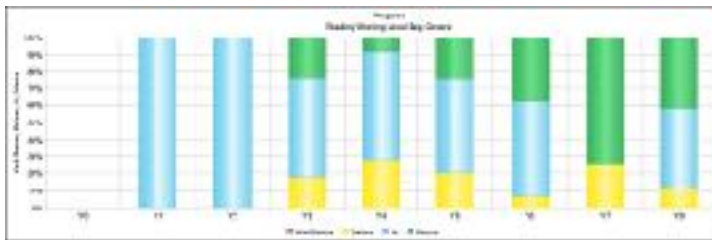
**Thursday 5  
Production**

Should children come to school with them, the cards will be held securely by the teacher and returned at 3pm. For repeat instances, parents will be contacted. Please help us by reminding students that they can't bring their trading cards to school.



### Reading data

Last week I shared the half yearly Maths Data with you. Here is the reading data captured in the school at the midpoint of the year. It is very encouraging, especially with the potential for more improvement before the end of year assessments.



We have 87.3% of our students across the school reading at or above their expected level. This is a great result for our students and teachers and I can vouch for the fact that everyone is working very hard to make further improvement to those already impressive results. Next week I will share the writing with you.

Next week of course we will be in the middle of production. It looks to be super exciting and I know the children are working extremely hard with their teachers, polishing their acts for your appreciation. So much work goes into one of these shows. Expect some very happy, but slightly sluggish children at the end of it - especially our smallest people.



Mr Hunt is still after large (TV Size) cardboard boxes for the production backdrop. If you have any lying around please send them to school.

That's it for this week. Have a great week everyone.

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

## Whakatauki

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

**Ka whāngaia, ka tupu,  
ka puāwai**

That which is nurtured  
will grow and blossom.



### Term 3 Events

#### August

Friday 30 - Assembly

#### 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

Friday 20 - Winter Sports Prize Giving.

Friday 27 - Last day of term

### 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 TIME

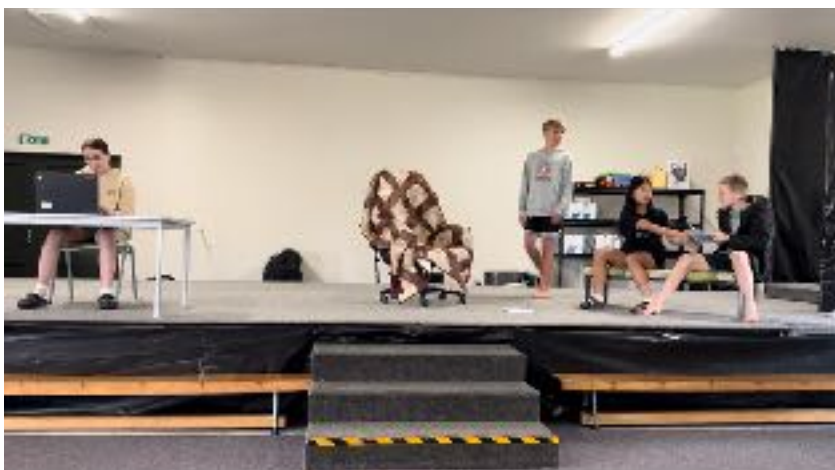
The classes have been practising their item and the Year 7 and 8s have been working hard on lead roles and backstage roles. The stage is set, the backdrops are almost complete, the green screen has been well used and parents have been helping out with costumes and make up. We are well into production mode and the children are excited.

We started planning for production last year when Mrs Rogers worked with last year's Year 7 and 8 students. They worked in groups to come up with an idea for production. They had some great ideas which they pitched to the rest of the group and the rest of the group voted on the best idea. This year, a group of students were selected to write the script. The original idea has changed and developed a bit since then but the main idea of it still remains.

The main cast was then selected and they have been working hard on remembering their lines with a few tweaks to the script. The rest of the Year 7 and 8s who don't have lead roles have other roles like making props, back stage, costumes, promotional material and a dance. This is a big part of our Year 7 and 8 programme as it's their final opportunity to be in production.

A letter will be sent home this week from the teachers with more specific information regarding production for each class.

A reminder to book your tickets using this [Link](#)





# **GORDONTON SCHOOL PRESENTS**

**GRANNY GOES GLOBAL**



**4th 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 5



Our very own Josiah won one of the monthly Milo prize packs. This competition is open to our football players who have won POD certificates. There is still time to enter if you have one of the entry flyers lying around at home

NETBALL

Stellar last game for the **Dauntless!** Didn't quite get the win, but the entire team played so well. A shared POD as we couldn't choose just 1. Eden for sticking by her opponent for the whole game, and 3 super impressive goals and Brigitta for some smooth passing, catching, and for sticking to her 1m defense the whole game Special mention to Isla for filling in too!

HOCKEY

Great game from the **Wildsticks** this week against tough opposition. The team really getting stuck in passing well to each other and showing great accuracy when taking shots at goal! Player of the day went to Olive for her determination to get possession of the ball and saving a number of goals, well done

**Quicksticks** had a fantastic tussle with our Whitikahu neighbours this week. The draw reflecting the quality of the game. POD super sub Bennie wove his magic around the field. Coaches choice was Ella with some outstanding hockey across the park. Well done team.

The **Tricksticks** are going from strength to strength with their passing and teamwork resulting in some excellent team goals. PoD with her first goal of the season, with the whole sideline rooting for her was Mila. Great persistence. Coaches choice was Amy, asked to improve her defence this week she lifted her game through the middle of the field. Great result team.

Another awesome game from the **Stormers** coming away with a convincing win against Leamington. POD went to Angus for his attacking play and great 2 Goals. Coaches award went to Carter for great play in attack and defense and reading the game.

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

The second to last game of the season for the **Fantails** and what a fantastic game it was! The girls were passing to each other, calling, dribbling and working so well as a team. We are so proud of how far they have come this season. The girls had such an amazing game we couldn't just choose just one Player of the Day. POD went to Milla who was the queen of scoring goals, Rebecca for great kicking and following the ball and Addi for amazing attacking.

A great game for the **Missiles**, coming away with a solid win over Northern United. Excellent positive attitudes and skills shown by the whole team. POD was Aidan for scoring two goals and playing incredible defence, playing a large part in the opposition not scoring at all in the second half!

Awesome win for the **Blue Jays** - exciting right down to the last minute! POD went to Lucy for her excellent goal keeping and defence

A great game for the **Gunners** this week. Exciting right to the end. POD Isaac



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](mailto:junior@netballhamilton.org.nz)

**YOUTHTOWN** SINCE 1932

**FOOTBALL CONNECT**





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



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**WHANAU HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**HOOKEED 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](http://www.youthtown.org.nz) | @youthtownnz | 0800 004 566







# Community Notices

## AG DAY REGISTRATIONS

Please use the form below to enter your child and their animal for AG Day. Please have all entries in by Friday 6th September 9am.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Emma Crawford

[gsagcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:gsagcommittee@gmail.com)

[REGISTER HERE](#)



**Gordonton School**  
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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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