



# GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Tēnā koutou katoa,

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## From the Principal

Welcome to week 9 of the term.

E koekoe te kōkō, e ketekete te kākā, e kūkū te kererū (The parson bird chatters, the parrot squawks, the wood pigeon coos)



AIMS Games Netball team

I chose this whakatauki for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week). It

observes that there are all types of languages in the forest - each has it's own history and development, each is worthy of respect and together they provide the soundscape of the world in which we live. Variety is the spice of life and is rightfully celebrated.

AIMS games.

Last week we had an intrepid bunch of netballers travel to Tauranga to play in the Zespri NZ AIMS games. Also in the team were Will Page, who represented at Cross Country (placing 28th) and Preeya Berryman in Gymnastics (placing 13th). The team did better than hoped, winning some games against strong opposition. One of the highlights was a game against Fiji. Gordonton school can now boast an international netball team! I want to acknowledge the hard work of Amanda Foster, who coached and cared for the girls, ably supported by Rachelle Gee and Sandy Page.

We always seem to punch above our weight at this event and, if you balance our results against the size and depth of some of the schools we compete against (some intermediates have over 800 students), our team can be justifiably proud of their performance. Thanks to All.



**16 - 20 September**  
Te Wiki o Te Reo  
Māori



**Monday 16  
September**  
Year 8  
Immunisations



**Tuesday 17  
September**  
PCT Challenge



**Wednesday 18**  
Te Reo Māori  
Showcase



### Board Meeting.

Tomorrow night we have a Board meeting at school. This is our final one for the term. Starting at 7.30pm, one of the discussion topics will be the upcoming ERO visit to the school in Term 4.

### WFPSA cross country

On Wednesday, I am taking a group of elite Intermediate runners to Te Aroha to compete in the WFPSA cross country. This is an opportunity to compete against other full primary schools and will be a good measure of our skill and fitness.



### Te Reo Maori Showcase.

On Wednesday night, over 30 of our students will be performing at the Kahui Ako Te Reo Māori showcase event at Rototuna High School. We did this last year and it is the Te Pae Here acknowledgement of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.

That's about all for this week. Have a great week everyone.

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

Keith O'Donnell

Principal

## Whakatauk

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

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### Term 3 Events

#### September

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

#### Term 4

#### October

Monday 14 - First Day of Term 4  
 Monday 14 - 7.30pm PTA Meeting  
 Thursday 17 - Shine Girl starts  
 Friday 18 - Ag Day  
 Monday 21 - Group Day  
 Friday 25 - Teacher Only Day  
 Monday 28 - Labour Day

#### Ag Day Update

Ag Day entries have closed. If you have missed entering, please email [gsagcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:gsagcommittee@gmail.com)

Could all cups be returned to the office by Friday 20th September

#### 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 USB

USBs of our school production, Granny Goes Global, are available to purchase. \$30 each. Please complete the form [HERE](#) and make payment via the school account 12-3171-0285630-00 or cash/eft in the office. Deadline Mon 23rd September



**Join Us for Two Fun-Filled Days at Woodlands Estate!  
Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd, 10 AM - 1 PM**

Bring the whole family to Woodlands Estate for a fantastic day out! We've got something for everyone:

**Vintage Farm Machinery Club** – Step back in time and see these magnificent machines in action!

**Pony Rides** – Perfect for the little ones who love a gentle ride through our scenic grounds.

**Ispy in the Gardens** – Explore our beautiful gardens and enjoy a fun treasure hunt that everyone can take part in.

**Indoor Activities** – If the weather turns or you just need a break, we've got you covered with fun, creative indoor activities for all ages!

Plus, **our café will be open**, serving delicious treats and refreshments to keep you energized throughout the day.

All this for just **\$3 per person (2 years and older)** – a perfect opportunity to enjoy a day of fun and exploration at Woodlands Estate.

Mark your calendars and bring your friends and family for an unforgettable experience!

**PIONEER** FUNDAYS

2nd - 3rd October | 10am-1pm

- Sam & His Farmyard Friends
- Vintage Farm Machinery
- Victorian Homestead open to explore
- Victorian Dress Ups
- I-Spy in the Gardens

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*WOODLANDS ESTATE*  
 Homestead, Gardens, Venue, Café

Mā te wā  
See you again.



# Community Notices



## 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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