



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Tēnā koutou katoa,

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From the Principal

Welcome to week 4. Hope you managed to get outside over the weekend and take advantage of the spring weather. It was nice to be able to get out in the yard and start preparing for summer.



New sign



A big week for us at School this week as we welcome Michelle Thurlow, our evaluative partner from the Education Review office into the school. Michelle will be visiting classes, speaking with students, staff, Board and even perhaps some parents as she works to complete our evaluation review.

This is the culmination of a two year process with Michelle and we have an excellent relationship with her.



Our motocross men, Van and Ash Haveman, and George Wylie have been at it once again. This time they took our 2nd in the North Island Primary and Intermediate schools motocross competition for 2024. What a season these guys have had and what great ambassadors for the school.



If you travel to school from the south along Gordonton Road you will see a new sign advertising the school not far outside the village. Our last sign got badly damaged by cattle and was very shabby. Thanks to Alistair Smith (Himself an alumni of the school)




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



**Friday 8
November**
Disco @ 5pm



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



**Monday 18
November**
Senior Athletics

we were afforded a new position to showcase the school. Thanks Alistair, and also Blair for his hard work getting the sign installed.



We're in the final stages of putting the school structure together for 2025.

Once I have submitted the proposed structure to the Board for sign off, I will share it with you. The roll is looking very healthy for the start of the year and we are looking forward to perhaps a year devoid of sweeping change that we have navigated this year.

Don't forget to get organised for the school disco this Friday. Details later in the newsletter. Thanks to the PTA for the organisation around this.

Have a great week everyone.

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

Keith O'Donnell

Principal

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.

Mō taku hē

Maw tah-coo heh

My bad/apologies



Term 4

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





SUMMER SPORTS ROUND UP

This weekend saw the last of the summer teams, Splash Polo get out and compete. The season is now well underway for all 9 of our summer teams. It is a short season, with 7 weeks of competition. Thanks to Bowl & Social and Sals Pizza for providing our teams with Player of the Day certificates

Hockey

The Hurricanes coming away with a win and just missing the Rain. POD went to Ebony for awesome attacking play on the wing and coaches award went to James for solid defence and attack.

The Stormers play through sleet and thunder and lightning. POD went to Sam for his great defence in goal and coaches award went to Hunter for his non-stop work of the turf.

Splash Polo

The **Stingers** had a great start on Sunday. Despite the pool being a bit on the cooler side, they didn't appear to mind & got stuck right in. Coming away with a win and lots of smiles. POD Cameron & Alayna

Futsal

The Gunners have had a strong start to their season with 2 convincing wins. POD Ashton Oien & Archie Page

Touch

The **Lasers** played an inspiring first game of touch for the season against Woodstock. For many in the team this was a brand new sporting adventure. Everyone showed excellent listening skills as they combined this first game with their first training session! Supporters on the sidelines were very impressed with how quickly they learnt the rules of the game and worked together to play like a well-oiled machine by the end of the game. Kai pai to Ash for POD for defence and Isaac for POD for offence. Well done to Mae for receiving the Mana award for team spirit.

First game for the **Gordonton Drivers** last week. Lots of smiles and lots of lessons learnt! POD to Aiden who had a superb game with some great touches and super-fast running

Cricket

The **Gordonton Hawks** cricket team had their first game on Friday night. Great involvement by all and big smiles from the kids.





Gordonton School PTA

Mrs G is in the house!

NOT SO SPOOKY DISCO

GOLD COIN ENTRY

GLOW TOYS
FOOD AND
DRINK ON
SALE

Friday 8 November
5 - 6.30pm
Gordonton School
children only


Prizes for best costume



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