



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Tēnā koutou katoa,

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From the Principal

Welcome to week 8.



Last week was massive with the students and staff delivering a first class production, Granny goes Global. What a show it was, 220

students contributing their roles with aplomb, owning the stage and telling a story to very supportive and appreciative audiences. My heartfelt thanks to the teachers, staff and parents who supported our children in that experience. Their memories of the show will endure for a long time to come.



On Saturday afternoon we farewelled the Gordonton AIMS netball squad which, also included Will Page (Cross Country) and Preeya Berryman (Gymnastics). We wish them well as they compete in the southern hemisphere's largest sporting tournament. Good luck team. I'm hoping to get across and catch a game or two.

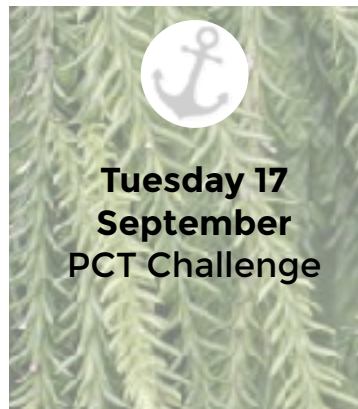


Teacher Only Day,

On Friday 25th October, school will be closed for a Teacher only day. This is the final accord day awarded when the teachers finalised their collective agreement. This day is also a teacher only day for our Te Pae Here partner schools in our Kahui Ako. School will be closed for instruction so please make alternative arrangements for your children for that day.



AIMS Games Netball team



Rugby Success

One of our students, Maddisyn Crawford recently scooped a few awards at the Taupiri Rugby Club prizegiving. Madi won 'Player with most Potential' and her team won the Hawke Cup points trophy! Awesome to see Gordonton kids doing well on the sports field. Great job Madi.



2025 Term dates

Here are the provisional term dates for 2025. They are still to be formally ratified by the Board but I'm not expecting any changes to be made. Importantly, school starts on the 3rd of February and that will be a 'Meet the teacher' day where parents get to come in and formally introduce their children to their teachers and discuss any issues we need to be aware of. We have done this before and it was very successful for settling children at the start of the year. We are a long way off deciding which teacher will be in which class. We won't get our 2025 staffing allocation notified from the Ministry of Education until October.

Term dates for 2025.

Term 1 Starts: Monday 3 February - Meet the teacher:
Waitangi Day 6 February
Term Ends Thursday 10 April
Easter and ANZAC Days are in the Holidays.

Term 2: Term starts 28 April
King's Birthday Monday 2 June
Matariki Friday 20 June
Term Ends 27 June

Term 3: Term Starts Monday 14 July
Friday 15 August - Mid Term Break
Term Ends 19 September

Term 4: Term Starts Monday 6 October
Monday 27 October - Labour Day
Term Ends Wednesday 17 December

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.

Kaua e mate, wheke mate ururoa

Strive for your goals by being strong and resilient like a hammerhead shark



Term 3 Events

September

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

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](#)



Aims News

Sunday 8th



Cross country - Will Page

it was a windy day at aims and the carpark was empty when we arrived but it was soon full as the sun came up. After a nervous spew on my way to the start line I smashed out a great run scoring a PB and coming 28th out of 129. I was pleased that I finished strongly taking over someone right at the end.



Gymnastics - Preeya Berryman

Today Preeya had her first Aims Games Gymnastics Competition. She was super excited. Her favorite apparatus was bar because just before she competed her netball team came to watch. She loved having them there and was super happy but a bit of nerves crept up though. Preeya had a new special leotard to wear to represent Gordonton.



Isla Ransley going for a tip against Mission Heights

3 Day Highlights

- Ruby - Activities on the Beach
- Casey - Met a really nice GK in the Mission Heights team
- Aleah - watching Preeya's gymnastics
- Shekainah - Being WA & the Beach
- Isla - The Beach & being GK
- Emma - Playing Mission Heights
- Kim - Admiring the skill of the Te Fuke team
- Kelra - watching Preeya's Gymnastics
- Lilly - Going the the beach
- Preeya - The team coming to watch me
- Will - Finishing cross country - a PB



1 Nethall Day 1 Update

Team Manawa started with their pool play games today. Playing two very strong opponents from large intermediate schools - Te Puke Intermediate & Mission Heights. These games were always going to be a challenge! vs Te Puke 64-3 vs Mission Heights 38-1

A big thanks to Mr Carter for coming to support us on the sideline

2 Quote of the day

"A day to lose is a day to learn"
- Aleah Gavin

Next Up Tomorrow in Nethall - 1pm Round St. Anne's from Suva, Fiji
4pm Whakarongo Primary School

Mā te wā

See you again.



Community Notices



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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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