



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. It's hard to believe that we are only 3 weeks from the end of Term 1. The term seems to have flown past but there has been a lot happening in the school during that time.

Last Tuesday, 24 of our top swimmers travelled to Waterworld to compete in the Eastern Waikato Country Schools Swim competition. We competed strongly with many placings and podiums. Champion Girl was won by Preeya Berryman, and Jasper Ripley placed second in Champion Boy.



EWCS Swim Team



Well done to all our competitors and big thanks to Mrs V and Mr Carter for their organisation and to Mrs Boxell and Mr Drury for their coaching and selection of our team. Special acknowledgement to the parents who transported and accompanied the team. Your support and enthusiasm helped make it a great day.



On Friday 4 April, the whole school will spend the day at Hukanui Marae participating in a range of cultural activities. This is something we do every 2 years.

On this day, we ask that parents drop their children at Hukanui Marae on Gordonton Road and pick them up from there from 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to join us for the day or part of the day. Attached to this newsletter is the parking plan for the day. Please read it and check that you know where to go to ensure our tamariki are safe.

The permission slip and information about this trip came home via the @school app. If you haven't checked and signed it, please do so. You will need to do one for each child you have at Gordonton School. To



Tuesday 25 March
BOT meeting



Friday 28 March
Assembly



Friday 4 April
Marae Trip to
Hukanui Marae



Friday 11 April
Last Day of Term 1
Assembly

complete a form for the next child, you will need to select each child individually. Please let us know if you are unsure.



Over the last week or two you may have noticed Blair, our property manager, navigating his way around the school on a flash looking Massey Ferguson tractor, resplendent with front end loader. This machine is very kindly loaned to us a few times a year by Waikato Tractors. They are very strong supporters of the school and it is support we are grateful for. It allows Blair the opportunity to do some bigger jobs in the school without the financial encumbrance of purchase, maintenance and storage of a tractor.



The School Board is meeting tomorrow night at 6.30pm in the staff room. Agenda items for this meeting are strategic planning, budget, annual reporting and wellbeing surveys and upcoming events. There is also a swatch of policies to review. All are welcome.

That's about it for this week. See you around the school.

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

Kupu o te wiki

Learn a new word each week in Te Reo Māori.

Each week we will share a new word with it's pronunciation as well as translation.

Aromatawai
(A-raw-mah-tah-why)

Assessment



Coming up...

March

Friday 28 - Assembly

April

Friday 4 - Marae Trip

Friday 11 - Last Day of term. Assembly

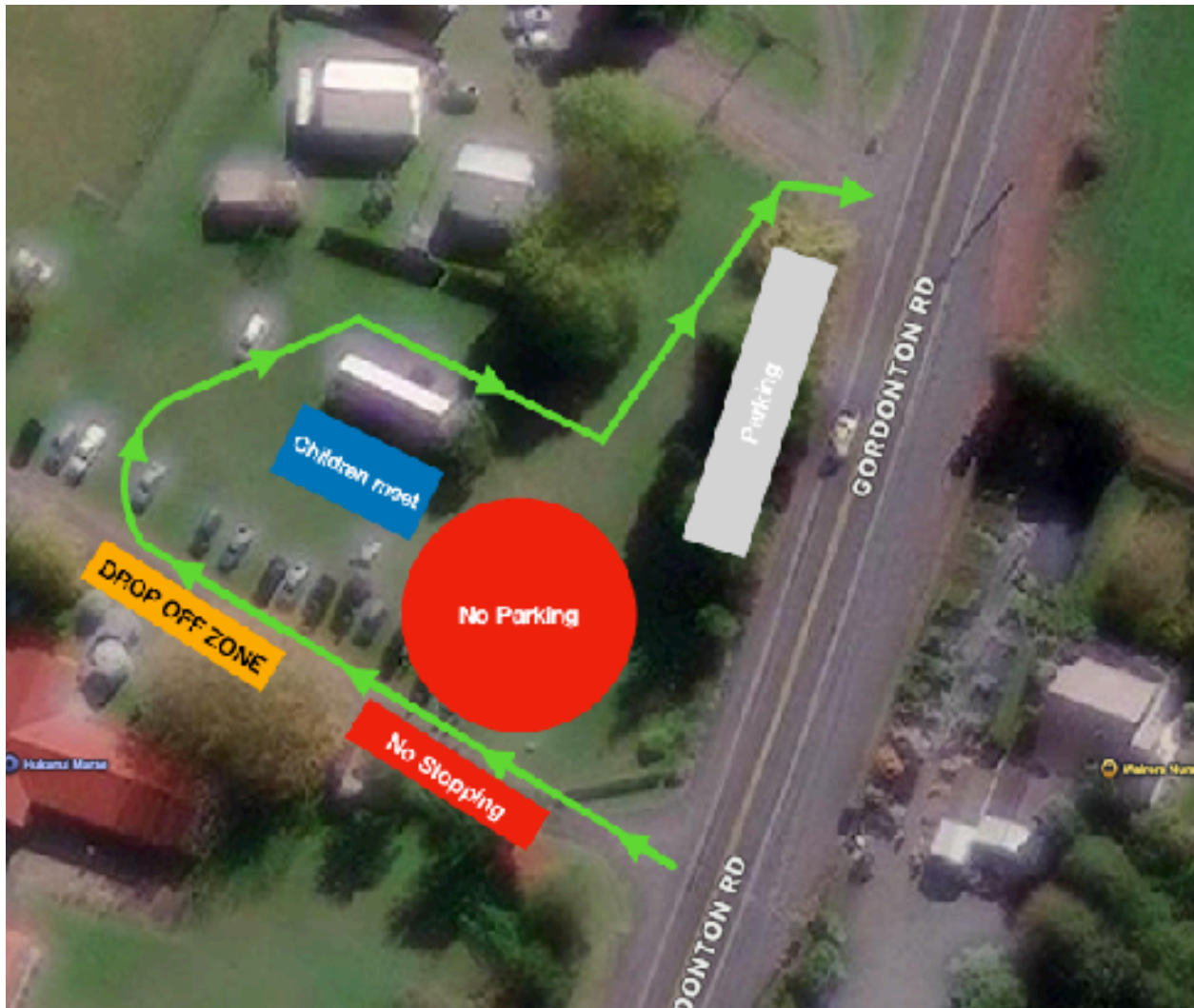
Term 2

Monday 28 April - First day of Term 2

Tuesday 29 April - School Photos



Hukanui Marae Trip - Drop off, pick up and parking



Key



Traffic Flow



Drop Off Zone



No stopping or parking



Where tamariki meet their teacher



Parking

For the safety of our tamariki and staff, please enter the gate closest to the marae and exit through the other gate.

To avoid congestion, please drive to the end of the drop off zone to drop your children off and pull over to the side so others can pass.

There will be cones and signs to show you where to go.

If you prefer, you carpark under the trees, just before the exit, to let your children out but please follow the signs.

Community Notices

POOL KEYS

The pool will officially be closed from the 28th March. Pool keys to be returned by the 1st April.

A form will go home with your child this week for you to indicate preferred method of receiving your bond back. Please return it, with your key to the office.



WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Registrations now open - [LINK](#)
Deadline Fri 4th April



COACHES AND MANAGERS

Without coaches and managers, winter sport is not possible.

If you are keen to manage or coach a sport, the Sports Committee want you!

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