



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

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From the Principal

Tena koutou katoa,

Welcome to week 7. It sounds like we are almost through the term but this is an 11 week term so still quite a way to go.



Cultural Groups preparing for the Festival of Cultures



The corn fundraiser finished on Friday.

Thanks to everyone who got behind it and got some beautiful sweetcorn for their effort. Huge thanks to James and Erin Gavin for donating the corn. We raised a whopping \$929.00 which will go to reducing the cost of the 2 senior camps. Well done everyone.

Last week the staff got refresher training in First Aid. I



worked out the other day that I have done First Aid training through my jobs pretty much every year for the last 45 years. I've done CPR in real life four times. At those times, I never needed to think about what to do. The training is


worthwhile. In an industry where we are entrusted with others' lives on the daily, to be proficient and capable is critical. Pictured are Mrs Steenekamp and Mr Hunt at the training.




Tuesday 12 March
School Photos



Tuesday 19 March
EWCS Swimming



Wednesday 20 March
Hearing and Vision Testing



Wednesday 27 March
Festival of Cultures



School Photos

Tomorrow is the school photos. Individual/sibling photos are also being done. If you wanted a sibling photo taken, but haven't brought the forms back, those need to be in by tomorrow first thing.



House Leaders

On Friday at assembly we presented badges to our 2024 House leaders. These students were successfully voted for by the other students in their houses. They are as follows:

- Kauri: Shekainah Flor and Nathan Grayson
- Kōwhai: Ivy McNabb and Zias Foster-Davies
- Rimu: Preeya Berryman and Chris Steenekamp
- Pōhutukawa: Isla Ransley and Keira Gee

That's about it for this week. As an aside - the P!nk concert was outstanding. What a show! Easy to see how she has remained relevant for so many years. Even as a self-described 'old rocker' I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Have a great week everyone.

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



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Whakatauki

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

Mā tini, mā mano ka rapa te whai.

Many hands make light work



Festival of Cultures

On Thursday afternoons children go off to cultural groups where they can either share parts of their own culture or learn about other cultures. So far we have had demonstrations of Hurling and Gaelic Football from Ireland, Cambodian writing, croissants and cookies, singing and dancing, string games and plays.

Thank you to the parents who have taken this opportunity to come in and be part of this experience for our children. We really appreciate you sharing aspects of your culture with us and look forward to sharing more with everyone else on **Wednesday 27 March** when we have our Festival of Cultures evening.

This is an evening for you to come along and celebrate the different cultures in our kura, sample some traditional foods, listen to some cultural music, watch some performances, look at some art work and learn about some history from other countries.

Children will get a passport to get stamped at each country.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



A banner for the 'Festival of Cultures' at Gordonton School. The banner features a string of colorful triangular flags in red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. The text 'Gordonton School' is written in a blue cursive font at the top, and 'Festival of Cultures' is written in a red cursive font in the center. The background of the banner is a collage of various passport stamps from different countries, including Australia, Italy, and the United States, with dates and locations like '18 MAR 2012', '14.03.2012', and 'SEATTLE JAN 05 2012' visible.

Come join us as we celebrate the different cultures in our school.

Date: Wednesday 27th March
Time: 5.30pm - 7pm

What to expect: Wonder through the classes as different cultural groups share with you parts of their culture. You might get to sample some food, watch dances, view art work, hear music and read some information about the different countries.

Each child will have a passport for them to collect stamps at all the cultures

The PTA will be doing a BBQ with typical kiwi food for you to purchase, including iconic foods such as sausage sizzle, Tip Top Ice Cream and lollie cake. These can also be pre-ordered

Easter raffle drawn at the Festival of Cultures and you can pick up your Hot Cross Bun orders then as well.

Mā te wā

See you again.



Community Notices

Easter raffle donations.

The PTA are organising an Easter raffle which will be drawn at the cultural festival. They would appreciate it if each family could bring in an Easter egg or Easter themed item to put into the hampers. Could items please be dropped into the office by Monday 25th March. Children will be sent home with raffle tickets to sell in the coming days.

TAUPIRI JUNIOR RUGBY

Due to high demand we are having to do another weigh in on Tuesday the 19th of March 2024 at the Club from 6pm to 7pm. If you haven't weighed in yet and are wanting to play this season this is your last chance to come and weigh in and then we will be shutting our books.

For last year existing players check your emails for a link from sporty or register on line www.sporty.co.nz Taupiri junior rugby. Upload a photo of your child to put on your online registration. Heads and shoulders front on.

All New Players: Please register on line www.sporty.co.nz Taupiri rugby. Upload a photo to your online registration . All new players must provide a copy of their child birth certificate or passport at weigh in please.

MUSTER/PUT INTO TEAMS: 21st of March at 5.30pm at the club. This is for everyone who has had a weigh in and who is playing rugby for Taupiri Junior Rugby for 2024 season. Please be on time and wait outside the clubrooms thanks.

Any queries please phone Leah Scott 0276869499.



Next PTA Meeting is on Monday 18 March at 7pm in the Staff Room



WHY JOIN THE GORDONTON SCHOOL PTA?

WE RAISE MONEY!!!

We organise fundraisers to help bring in extra funds for Gordonton School and our tamariki. Each year we are able to provide Gordonton School funding and last year we purchased a new pool cover. We are currently fundraising for a toilet block beside the pool.

THE SCHOOL BENEFITS CHILDREN BENEFIT MAKE CONNECTIONS

ITS A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE
AND GET TO KNOW THE SCHOOL

WHATS THE COMMITMENT?

We meet one evening a month each term in the staffroom at school. This is where we share ideas and put plans in place for the upcoming events. More people, more ideas, more awesome events means more opportunity to help support Gordonton School.

Don't forget to order your Hot Cross Buns! \$5 for 6 buns.

Community Notices



Come along for a morning of delicious delights as we join Wayne Good whilst he prepares fantastic Cuisine right in his own Country Kitchen in Gordonton.

Wayne is a trained chef and world traveller and will not fail to entertain you with his cooking skills and tales. You may also wish to take a look at the beautiful antiques he has on sale in the Antique Shop.

Wayne is well known to Nourish Waikato Magazine readers, so this is your opportunity to meet and hear from him in person. His demonstrations are always popular, and book out quickly. You are guaranteed a fun occasion.

BREAKDOWN OF THE EVENT

Starting at 9.30am with a welcome hot drink, followed by an entertaining cooking demonstration.

Closing with a delicious lunch and a chance for a social catchup.

You even get to take your favourite recipes home to try!

Event start: 9:30am
Finish time: 1:30pm

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128A WHITIKAHU ROAD
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EVENT CONTACT DETAILS:

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tickets are **\$80** per person.

Lunch & refreshments included.

Please notify us of any dietary requirements or restrictions.

RSVP by Friday 22 March.

Registration is **essential!**

FIND OUT MORE OR REGISTER:



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