



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ,

*Nga mihi o te ra (Greetings of the day)*

## Interviews

Tonight and tomorrow night we are hosting parent interviews. These are 10 minute slots where you have the opportunity to meet and introduce yourself to your child's teacher and hear about what they will be learning this year, but it is also a chance to raise any points that you think it is important that we know to provide the best learning opportunities for your child. This is a formal meeting however, there is no barrier to making appointments for informal meetings at any time with your child's teacher. The home-school communication lines are critical so we can work together for their success.

Please adhere to the 10 minute limit. Which will be signalled by the school bell. Any time over that eats into the next family's appointment.

## Parent Teacher Association

We are fortunate here at Gordonton to have an enthusiastic and committed PTA. They are responsible for events and fundraisers in the school. If you are a parent new to the school and would like to become involved in initiatives then the PTA is calling your name. You can be involved to what level you wish but there is always room for more volunteers. The next meeting is on February 26th at 6pm in the school staff room. We'd love to see you there.

## Escape My House

On Friday, our resident volunteer firefighter, Mr Brebner pictured below, talked to us at assembly about the Escape My House promotion that was running last week. You might have seen an ad on TV promoting this. The screen goes black and you are asked to think about an escape plan for your family in case of a fire. We encourage you all to check out the website <https://www.escapemyhouse.co.nz/> and discuss this with your children. They will also be having conversations about this in class.

## Carpark

We have a very busy car park outside our school especially at the start and end of the day.

Compounding this we also now have two school buses servicing our families.

Lately I have noticed a few parking in the bus lines, or blocking other cars. I appreciate this is due to limited spaces but there is little I can do about that.

Please exercise courtesy and care when using the car park or arriving and leaving by car.



## Immunisations

On Wednesday, the Public Health Nurse will be visiting Te Rākau to talk to them about their upcoming immunisations. They will also receive immunisation forms to take home. It is important that these forms are returned ASAP, even if your child is not receiving their immunisation at school.

## BOT Meeting

Our first BOT meeting is on this Wednesday 5.45pm in the board room. All welcome.

## Wellington Lantern Festival

Congratulations to Addison Crawford who won the Wellington Lantern Festival held this weekend in Wellington.

The top three students won a trip to the Lantern Festival in Wellington and at the prize giving, she found out that she had won the competition. Addison and an adult also won a trip to Taiwan and the school won \$1500 in art supplies.

Well done Addison on your win and thank you to all those who voted for her.

That's about it for this week. Hope to see you around the school this week during interviews.

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

Keith O'Donnell  
Principal

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### FEBRUARY

18 Conferences  
19 Year 7&8  
Immunisation info talk

### MARCH

16-20 Te Rākau Camp  
23 Year 7&8  
immunisation  
25-27 Te Māhuri Camp

### APRIL

9 Last day of term 1



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