



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou katoa.

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From the Principal

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I hope you have all enjoyed a restful weekend. If you are a motorsport fan you would have witnessed an epic Bathurst race that delivered lots of excitement, the icing on the cake of course Mustang taking line honours! Not that I'm biased.

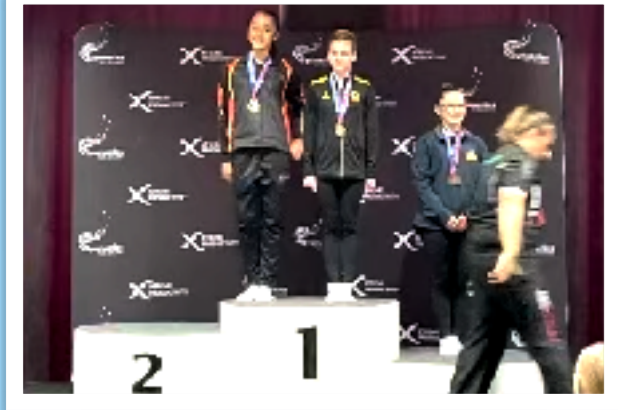


The e-coli alert at the start of last week passed with barely a murmur. My thanks to the staff and students who showed flexibility in accommodating the mechanisms in place to respond to the water issues. It was business as usual from Wednesday.



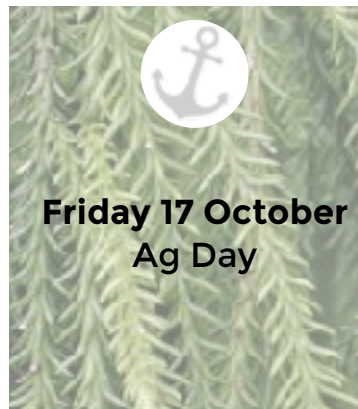
We have a very busy week this week. Tomorrow, 4 of our students from Te Rakau team head off with Mrs V to compete in the Police PCT challenge. We traditionally do well in this event so good luck to our competitors.

This afternoon we are interviewing candidates for a vacancy in the school next year. Hopefully, I will be able to confirm an appointment next week.



Congratulations to Preeya Berryman who competed in Gymnastics New Zealand Nationals for the Waikato team. She competed well, and came away as Gold medalist for Vault. She was in Auckland for the entire first week of the holidays supporting her team mates from steps 5 through to 8. The Waikato team had podium placings for almost every apparatus representing our province so very well.

Well done, Preeya!



Tuesday night sees the first meeting of the 2025-28 School Board. This is the hand over meeting with a few business items in the agenda as well.



Wednesday we have a visit from about 40 cars competing in the Targa Rally. There may well be some short road closures on Woodlands Road between about 11.00am to 2.30pm. Bear that in mind when planning after school pick-ups. The cars will be parked on the field between those times if you want to take a look at them. Kerry and the Student Council are catering a lunch for them which is a nice fundraiser for us.

Friday is the much anticipated Ag day which has record entries this year. The weather at this stage looks fantastic, so I'm looking forward to celebrating the event that undeniably makes us a country school.



Sun Hats - Can I ask that you support us with consistent messaging around the wearing of sunhats this term. Students need a wide brimmed or 'bucket' style hat. Caps with a front peak only are insufficient. Children not wearing hats will be guided into shady spots during break times.

Finally - if you are intending for your children to NOT attend school on the nationwide strike day can you let us know so we can shape up our response for the day. Please email admin@gordonton.school.nz to let us know if your child(ren) will NOT be attending.

The Board has resolved that, following advice from the Principal, we will be open for supervision on 23rd of October. Knowing the numbers ahead of time will give us the opportunity to plan a robust supervised activity framework. There will be no explicit teaching and learning on that day but children can still attend.

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.

Wero
(weh-raw)

Challenge



Coming up...

Term 4

October

Tuesday 14 - PCT Challenge

Wednesday 15 - Targa Rally

Friday 17 - Ag Day

Monday 20 - Group Day

Thursday 23 - Strike

Monday 27 - Labour Day - CLOSED

Wednesday 29 - Orini Fun Day

Friday 31 - Assembly

November

Tuesday 4 - Te Pihinga Kiwi House trip

Wednesday 5 - Gumbboot Day

Friday 7 - Senior Athletics

10 - 14 - Swim Safe

Friday 14 - Assembly

Wednesday 19 - EWCS Athletics

Thursday 20 - Junior Athletics

Tuesday 25 - Te Māhuri Beach trip

Friday 28 - Assembly

December

Thursday 4 - Christmas in the Paddock

Friday 12 - Assembly

Tuesday 16 - Prizegiving

Tuesday 16 - Last day.





 LASER EYE CENTRE

See the Board, See Their Future



Your child's vision shapes how they learn, play, and grow. Squinting, struggling to see the board, or losing focus in class could mean they're missing out on seeing the world clearly.

The Laser Eye Centre is visiting Gordonston School on Monday 3rd of November to offer free short-sightedness (Myopia) screenings. This a simple step that could unlock clearer vision, brighter learning, and greater confidence.

Give your child the gift of seeing their world clearly by signing up at the school office by **Monday 27th of October**.

Note: This screening identifies signs of short-sightedness but does not replace a full eye exam.



We have partnered with the Laser Eye Clinic to offer free Myopia screening. If you think your child might be suffering from myopia (short-sightedness), please get in touch with Tania to register for the free screening.

There is no obligation to stick with the Laser Eye Clinic if the screening shows that your child has myopia. However, they are more than happy to work with you, if you wish to stay with them.

Contact Tania either by email taniar@gordonton.school.nz or pop into the office to get a referral form.

The team from the Laser Eye Clinic will be at school on Monday 3 November for screening.

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