



# GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou katoa.

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## From the Principal

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Welcome to Week 7 already! Wow, the term is flying past and learning is in full swing. Today, we hosted five Principals from a Waikato rural schools Professional learning group who visited our school to observe and learn how we teach maths here at Gordonton. We showed them around our classrooms and they got to see first hand where we are at with our PR1ME maths journey. They had great feedback about their visit and took lots of ideas away with them to implement in their own schools.



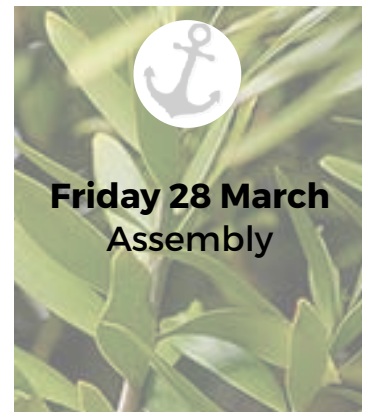
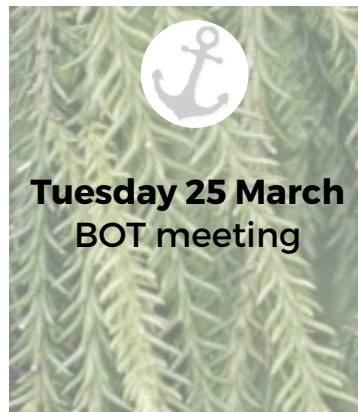
Visiting Principals



Tomorrow, a contingent of our top senior swimmers head off to Waterworld to compete in the Eastern Waikato cluster schools swimming champs. Kerry in the office has sourced swim caps for our team so they look amazing and easy to spot in the pool. Thanks to those enthusiastic parent supporters who are attending to cheer on our team and also to those who are transporting competitors to the pool.



We are nearly at the time when Saturday morning sleep-ins become a distant memory and winter sports dominate the calendar. Gordonton has always featured strongly across the winter codes and this year will be no different. Check out later in the newsletter how you can register your interest for a team.





Staying with sport; a few of our students took part at the WBOP Athletics Children's Champs in Tauranga on Saturday. Zara Foster, Beau Bartley, Amy, Ben & Chloe Meyer did themselves, and Gordonton School, proud. Zara 1st in shotput with a PB throw, and a 3rd in Discus. Beau came away with 3 bronze medals in 200m, 400m & 800m.

George & Ella Wylie competed in a Motocross event over the weekend. George came 5th overall in the 7-11 year olds 53cc -149cc. There were over 60 primary schools represented. Next in the series is Patetonga in two weekends time.  
Well done to all involved



I've been invited to a hui at Hukanui Marae tomorrow night as part of a group of community representatives discussing concerns for the current Resource Consent Applications and proposed developments within our village. I am pleased to have the opportunity to advance the school's views on any of the issues affecting us.

That's about it from me for this week.

Have a good week everyone.

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.

**Whakataetae**  
(far-kah-tie-tie)

race/competition



### Coming up...

#### March

Tuesday 18 - EWCS Swimming

Friday 14 - Assembly

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



EWCS TEAM FINAL TRAINING SESSION



LOOKING SMART & READY TO COMPETE



AMY



BEAU



ZARA



WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MOTOCROSS



GEORGE & ELLA



# 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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