



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Anchored in MANA - Manaakitanga - Awhina - Ngākau Pono - Ako

Tēnā koutou katoa.

In this weeks newsletter:

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From the Principal

Hope you had an enjoyable weekend. It seemed a little bit fresher than usual this morning as I arrived at school. Perhaps we are on the downslope of summer which is a shame but I suspect there are still plenty more opportunities

to get out and enjoy what's left of the

nice weather. Certainly our

competitive swimmers will be hoping

so as we count down to our swimming carnival and representative swim team selection.



Last week was busy as we went through the annual

process of selecting a student council. As always the

standard was high and our year 8 students went

through the process of compiling a CV, nominating

referees, undergoing an interview and then dealing with

either success or otherwise. This is a critical life skill. While there

are some who will never have to go through employment selection,

most will go through it multiple times.



Our Student Council for 2025:

Preeya Berryman (Head Student), Isla Ransley (Deputy Head

Student), Kiarra Dimagnaong, Summer Al-Rawi, Matthew Hollings,

Shekainah Flor, Jasper Ripley.

Congratulations to those who were successful. There will be a



Mrs Boxell and Mr Drury training our swimmers



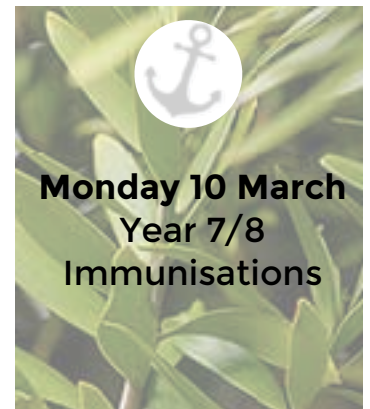
Monday 3 March
Hearing and
Vision testing



**Wednesday 5
March**
Swimming
Carnival



Friday 7 March
Te Pihinga
Duathlon



Monday 10 March
Year 7/8
Immunisations

formal acknowledgement of our new councillors this Friday at assembly. We also have House leaders to select this week.



The Board met on Tuesday last week for its first meeting of the year. Jo Soanes was confirmed as Presiding Member. The board has renewed its commitment to advancing the property projects currently on

in the school - the new toilets by Room 8 and the outdoor learning area for Te Kākano team. We have some work to do before the next meeting in week 8 of the term to finalize our strategic and implementation plans and sign off the budget.

The Board also endorsed our draft ERO report which has been sent back to ERO for final publishing. I'm hopeful I can share that with you all next week.

Another reminder that Board elections are approaching in September. If you think school governance is something you would be interested in, make time to talk to a board member or myself as to what that entails.



Finally, I have been invited to join the Education Review Office as a Leadership Partner. This involves a couple of days training in Auckland in May and then occasional, short secondments out of the school to assist in ERO evaluations in other schools.

I see this not only as a professional opportunity, but an opportunity to observe first hand, and bring back to Gordonton, the innovation and ideas being successfully used in other schools to improve learning outcomes for tamariki.

That's about it for this week. Take care 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 its pronunciation as well as translation.

Kapa

(cuppa)

Team/group e.g. Kapa

Haka - Haka group, Te

Kapa O Pango - All

Blacks(The black team)

Coming up...

February

Friday 28 - Assembly

March

Monday 3 - Vision and hearing testing

Wednesday 5 - Swimming Carnival

Friday 7 March - Te Pihinga Duathlon

Monday 10 - Immunisations Year 7/8

Friday 14 - Assembly

Friday 28 - Assembly

April

Friday 4 - Marae Trip

Friday 11 - Last Day of term. Assembly



**YEAR 5 - 8 SWIMMING
CARNIVAL**

TIME: 11am
DATE: Wednesday 5 March
LOCATION: School Pool

**TE PIHINGA DUATHLON**

TIME: 2pm
DATE: Friday 7 March
LOCATION: School Pool and
field



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