



GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Kaua e hoki i te waewae tūtuki, ā, āpā hei te ūpoko pakaru.

(Do not turn back because of minor obstacles, press ahead to the desired outcome.)

Nga mihi o te ra (Greetings of the day)

Welcome back everyone from the two week holiday break. It was great to see the children come back in this morning rested and refreshed. The first two terms were a uniquely unusual time while we navigated the pandemic response and online learning. 'Normal' learning was interrupted as never before and all of us - teachers, students and families had to learn new ways of doing things.

EARLY REMINDER MID TERM BREAK

An early reminder that we have a mid-term break on Monday 24th August.

School will be closed on that day but we will remind you again closer to the time.

Please check out our term calendar for other events coming up in term 3.




AGDAY AGM
Tuesday
28th July



HOTDOGS
EVERY
FRIDAY



PLEASE CHECK
OUR TERM 3
OVERVIEW



MID TERM BREAK
Monday 24th
August

Thankfully (fingers crossed) that is all behind us now and we can get on with the business of learning as we know it. With life going on as normal here in New Zealand, it seems we are lucky to be in a minority with the virus still spreading unchecked in many developed parts of the world.

For the refreshed staff and children the next two terms will be focussed squarely on the learning and making up for any gaps that manifest for our tamariki during those uncertain times.

Manaakitanga - Kindness, care and respect.

The tender process on our upgrade project of Rooms 1 - 4 is in full swing with visits from prospective contractors over the holidays. The project manager advises that construction could well be underway before the end of the term and continue through until late November.

We are planning our school response to this and how we maintain our operations while builders are on-site. It will undoubtedly require us to temporarily house classes in the hall while their rooms are being refitted, however, we are exploring the options. In any event, due to that, we won't now be doing our planned production this year, instead favouring a concert toward the end of the year where all the children can participate.

Room 11 Staffing

Enya Smuts, our much loved Room 11 teacher is soon to be taking a break to embark on her journey into parenthood.

She will finish on or about the 14th of August. Andrea Grayburn and Nic Hooper will be stepping into Room 11 to lead the learning for the remainder of the year. Both teachers are highly capable junior school practitioners and Andrea will be continuing part time in Room 12 as well.

The children in Room 11 know both these teachers well and there will be no disruption to the learning.

Ngākau Pono - Doing the right thing.

Our fence project was completed during the holidays and certainly changes the front face of the school. The pedestrian gates are all operated by a lift latch similar to that you would find on a pool fence.

Obviously our small learners cannot operate these as the fence is designed to keep them safe. In the mornings when children arrive at school, the gates at the front and by the hall will be latched open and children can make their way into school as normal. Once all are safely inside, the gates will be closed but not locked and will remain so during the entirety of the school day.

AMERICAN HOTDOG

Our student council are selling American hotdogs each Friday of this term.
Orders are to be in by Thursday 9am.

ORDER FORM IS BELOW

DON'T HAVE A PRINTER TO PRINT THE ORDER FORM?

That's ok.

Please write your order on a piece of paper, pop your order and money into an old envelope or plastic bag and put it in the mailbox that sits on the office desk.

Thank you.

If you arrive after the first bell please help those who need it through the gates and either send or bring them to the office so they can be marked as present.

Ako - learning together.

During the holidays Tania and the teachers in Te Kākano attended a course on Play Based Learning. Play is something that we feel is an important part of child development and the course further confirmed our thinking. Some interesting statistics were shared at this course including the amount of time that children spend playing now compared to the 1980s.

This has dropped significantly and evidence shows this has had an impact on resilience and mental health.

The teachers were reminded of some things they learnt when they were training to become teachers and one of those things was that child development happens in stages, not ages. However, through the demands of National Standards we seemed to be set on putting children into boxes. It was a good confirmation for us to continue to focus on what is important for each child's hauora/wellbeing as well as meeting Ministry of Education requirements.

Over the next few weeks we will be discussing this further and really defining what we believe play based learning is and what that looks like at Gordonton School and this will form part of our localised curriculum. Every experience is a learning opportunity.

One way you can support us in this journey is to help us with something called loose parts. These are things you might have around the house that you think is rubbish or has no use but to a 5 and 6 year old it could be a car, a building, a flux capacitor

and more. It might be old pipes, buttons, cable ties, fasteners, cardboard tubes, egg cartons, cardboard boxes, fabric things you no longer need. Bring them along to school and drop them off at Room 7, 10, 11 or 12.

If you have something and you're not sure if it will be useful, ask a Te Kākano teacher, or a 5 year old what they could make it into and if they can make it into something, it's useful to us.

Awhina - Supporting others to be the best they can be.

Teacher Only Day

Thank you all for making the arrangements to keep your children home yesterday while the teachers undertook some professional development here at school. It was a full day where the teachers extended their IT knowledge in the wake of our online learning experiences, started our journey of learning through inquiry and firmed up practice around planning for learning. The teachers enjoyed the day and it was pleasing to be able to use one of the days awarded last year during the industrial round. There are 8 to use over two years.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī

(That's all for now)

Keith O'Donnell, Principal



Te Kakano and Te Pihinga teachers enjoying their learning on Teacher only day.

GORDONTON SCHOOL BULL CALF FUNDRAISER

Hi all.

I am now taking registrations for the Gordonton School calf fundraiser. Some of us are now nearing calving, so it's time to put one or two aside for the school. With the risk of Mycoplasma Bovis still upon us, the calves will not be able to come here as they have done traditionally in the past before sale day. So ideally they could be sold with your own stock if possible or alternatively the truck will come and collect directly from individual farms.

We think this is an easy and simple way for our community to support Gordonton school. All this requires is raising a bull calf to 100kgs this spring. We will also be doing a virtual calf for those non farmers that would like to support us and unable to rear a calf.

We need our children to get the best out of their school. So 100% of all proceeds raised go directly to improve Gordonton School in areas where the Ministry of Education do not put money into or not enough.

This is one of the bigger fundraiser for our school. Farmers and non farmers can get involved. Please email Wayne Lucey at kimmiewayne@yahoo.co.nz if you would like to donate a calf or a virtual calf for this years fundraiser.

We are more than happy to talk to anyone wanting to know more about the calf fundraiser.

Please Phone	Michael Holman	021 570 828
	Dave Verryt	027 245 8102
	Wayne Lucey	021 289 2038

AG DAY 16 OCTOBER 2020

We are pleased to confirm that calves will be back at Ag Day this year, which is happening on 16 October 2020. Group Day will be held at our school on 19 October 2020.

In the next few days all families will be sent an email with a google form link for your family to register their child's interest in entering a lamb, goat or calf in the competition. This will be an expression of interest only, for planning purposes, with actual commitment/registration being required later in the term.

The Ag Committee is holding its AGM and a General Meeting at 5 pm Tuesday 28 July 2020, and welcomes anyone who may be interested in being on the Committee to attend.

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20 hours ECE subsidy and WINZ .

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AMERICAN HOTDOGS ORDER FORM

\$3 each

HOTDOGS FRIDAY 24 JULY

ORDERS IN BY THURSDAY 9AM 23 JULY

Please place order in the letter box on the office desk

Name _____ Room _____ No of hotdogs _____
please circle what you want on your hotdog: cheese tomato sauce mustard

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Amount enclosed: _____

PLEASE NOTE: We will **NOT** accept any orders Friday morning.

All orders **MUST** be in by Thursday 9am. Thank you

TERM 3 - 2020 OVERVIEW

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	20 July Staff Only Day	21	22	23	24 Hotdogs Start	25/26
2	27	28 5pm - Ag Day Committee AGM and General Meeting	29	30	31	1/2
3	3	4	5 Hard Court Day - Year 5-8 Te Kākano Trip	6	7	8/9
4	10	11	12 4.30 - WaiMaths	13	14	15/16
5	17	18	19	20	21	22/23
6	24 Mid Term Break No School	25	26	27 Speech Finals	28	29/30
7	31 1.15 - Student Led Conferences - Half day.	1 3pm - Student Led Conferences	2	3	4	5/6 
8	7	8	9	10	11	12/13
9	14	15	16	17	18	19/20
	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week					
10	21	22	23	24	25	26