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Dear Parents/Caregivers and children,

Greetings to you all,

A number of our students went off on Friday to the Royal Agriculture and Pastoral Show in Hamilton. They all had their successes and received ribbons, no one more so than **Codie White** who along with **Buddie** picked up the **Champion of Champions** trophy for both Rearing and Leading. This is the first time since I've been at Gordonton that one of our students has achieved such a high honour with their calf. Congratulations Codie all that hard work has certainly paid off.



Mary and I spent a couple of weeks in Eastern Europe and saw some amazing sights. A couple of things really stood out:

- ❑ The resilience and determination of people, particularly the **Poles of Warsaw** who lost 80% of their city and 70% of their population to the ravages and savagery of war. Amazingly they have rebuilt the city especially the older historical areas and you wouldn't know that the buildings have been constructed since 1945.
- ❑ The inhumanity of man to fellow man is no more clearly exhibited than at **Auschwitz**. They have left the place as a reminder to us all of our frailties and cruelty - with rooms full of human hair, spectacles, suitcases, shoes and clothing. While we were there a group of Israeli secondary students placed candles beside the 'death wall.' It is such a bleak, sobering place. One can only hope that as a species we never repeat what happened there...and yet!!

By the way we never saw the **World Cup Final**. I had 5 'friends' lined up to keep me up with the score as we were on a bus and we actually thought there was a cell-phone problem not realising that the game was so close no one could text as it was too tense. Thank goodness we won, especially against Australia in the semis as we had a group of about 20 Aussies on the bus. It was nice to rub it in and the AB's jersey got a solid work out.

In terms of property, the fence is now up around the courts which, weather permitting, will be recovered with artificial turf later this week. The tenders for the classrooms have been finalised and it is now up to the Board to choose a builder and building will begin in the near future.

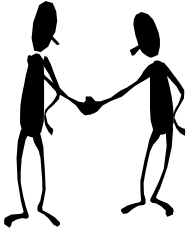
CAR PARK - When parents/caregivers are dropping off or collecting their children before and after school, we ask that you escort your children from the car to the gate and the other way round at the end of the day (this is for all children, no matter their age). The car park is very congested at these busy times and there have been some close calls. **Please do not allow your child/ren to run ahead of you**, keep them close to you until they are in the school grounds or are in the car.

HATS - must be worn from now on

Just a reminder that as it is daylight saving now, students are required to be **wearing hats** from morning interval (9:55am) onwards. These are either wide brimmed hats or legionnaires caps - **NO CAPS**. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Regards, David and The staff.

**KEEP UP THE
GOOD WORK**



FRIDAYS ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Room 1	Josefina Pehrson and Tanya Katipa
Room 2	Eden Woolley and Rick Harris
Room 3	Kade Forkert and Liam Taljaard
Room 4	Sami Savage and Will Child
Room 5	Caleb Gavin and Robbie Crawford
Room 6	Cohen O'Donoghue and Lilly Viitakangas
Room 7	Tristan Rangiawha and Jack Meredith
Room 8	Bree Brindle and Tyler Kemp
Room 9	Iesha Beaufoy and Michael Pene
Room 10	Sang In Hyun and Emily Pari

Congratulations to all these children and keep up the good work.

Every Friday we have a sharing assembly from 2.20pm, in the school hall. Classes alternate - odds and evens - each week to share with everyone the work they have been doing in class. We also sing a couple of songs. We invite you, your extended family and friends to join us for this assembly.

**WHAT'S
NEW!**

WHAT'S NEW IN THIS NEWSLETTER... (get your calendar and cell phone calendar out and make a note of what's happening in the school so that you don't forget)

- More Gala Day information, sponsors and help requests
- Oxford Pie fundraiser question
- Next PTA meeting
- Global Vets - How to dispose of needles / syringes from Calf Club vaccinations
- Chocolate money reminder
- PTA Calf Scheme
- Ag Day prizegiving assembly
- Swimming lessons - payment now due
- Touch Rugby information
- Fun Ball information
- Round the Bridges information
- Community Defibrillator demonstrations
- Soccer uniforms



**NEWS FROM
THE PTA...**



FROM THE PTA...

PTA MILK FOR SALE (CHANGES) - Unfortunately due to this being unprofitable, we will only continue to sell Milk until our stock is depleted. We now only have Banana left. Once all the milk has been sold off, we will no longer be offering this service. This will continue to be sold under the shade sail on the quad on Wednesday lunchtimes at \$1 each until all gone.

GALA DAY INFO - Gordonton School Gala date is this **Saturday 5th November, starting at 10am**. For any further Gala information please contact Carey Maclean cmmaclean@xtra.co.nz This fundraiser is to extend and develop the school hall.

There will be many activities, rides, stalls and raffles at the Gala for all ages. Great gifts to start the Christmas shopping too at the **Country Kitchen, The Gordonton Garden** and the **Hall Garage Sale** and other stalls.

The Gala is approaching fast and the excitement is building. There are a number of great quick fire raffles from 10.30am, including family passes to adventures in several cities, Play Station Sing Star microphone and packs, 10kg of Murphy's Fish Burley and Restaurant vouchers to name just a few. The ultimate farmers pack with Swazi gear, fence reel, insulators and extras and many more items to raffle.

BRING THE GALA FLYER WITH YOU - Remember to bring the Gala flyer with you that was attached to the newsletter a few weeks ago. Place your name on the back and be into the draw to win an iPod which will be drawn at 1pm. **You must be present to accept the iPod**. A huge thank you to Corey and Deanna Hinde from **FAST MONEY** in Frankton for the 8G iPod Nano.

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE HAPPENING ON THE DAY - Activities and rides range from \$1 through to \$5 for the tethered hot air balloon ride (weather permitting). Food and drinks range from \$1 upwards and of course a variety of prices will be covered throughout the Country Kitchen, Gordonton Garden, Hall Garage Sale and other stalls joining us. There will be Glow toys being sold at the Gordonton Garden stall, so get all your Guy Fawkes toys here. Please remember to bring cash with you, your camera, Christmas list, put your sunscreen on and come and enjoy a fun filled day. We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends there.

THANK YOU - A HUGE thank you to all who have donated goods for the Garage sale. We have had an overwhelming response and therefore there will be no more official drop off times.

HELP NEEDED TO SET UP - We need people to set up Marques and tables on Friday afternoon from 3pm onwards and also on Saturday morning from 7.30am. If you can help please fill in the slip provided.

THANK YOU



**PTA INFO
CONT...**



FROM THE PTA CONT...

HELP WANTED - Help is needed with the Wobbly Train and Palm Kernel trailer rides. Please phone Sally Stewart at 8242117 after hours. 1 hour of your time would be greatly appreciated.

OXFORD PIE FUNDRAISER - We would like to thank Rachele Gee for running this fundraiser in term 3. With everything happening this term we are wanting an indication from you as to whether to run this again this term. Please fill in the slip provided if you would like us to have a Pie run this term.

NEXT PTA MEETING - This is being held on Friday 18 November 6.30pm at The FirePot Café and will be followed by dinner. RSVP to Sally Stewart 8242117 after hours, by 14 November please.

**DO YOU WANT
THIS FOR NEXT
WINTER?**



FIREWOOD SILENT AUCTION

We have got a pile of firewood from trees that have been removed and we are going to be running a silent auction for this. It is quite a large pile which has some large rings ready for splitting and some smaller pieces that are ready for the fire. You can view the wood at school. If you are interested you can enter your bid either at the school office or at the Gala Day and place it in the envelope provided and we will contact you if you are the winner. The money raised from this Auction will be added to the Gala Day earnings.

**CAN YOU
HELP?**

SENIOR / MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS (ROOMS 1, 2, 3 & 4) - Wednesday 9 November (apologies for wrong day stated in last weeks newsletter)

We need helpers for the day to assist the teachers at the events and to help time the sprints. If you can help please fill in the form provided and return it to school as soon as possible.

**PLEASE SEND
THIS IN**



CHOCOLATE MONEY

There is still chocolate money owing from Rooms 3 and 4 camp fundraiser last term. Can this please be sent in as soon as possible. Last day for the return of money is 18 November. If you have any chocolates that you are having trouble selling can you please send back to school and we will pass them on to someone who may be able to sell them.

**CALF SCHEME
THANK YOU**



PTA CALF SCHEME 2011

Last week 12 calves went to the Frankton Sale yards and we averaged \$411.70! A fantastic result, many thanks to all those farmers who very generously donated a calf for the scheme this year. A BIG THANK YOU to **Carleys Transport** who generously transported the calves for us free of charge and also our calves were well looked after by **Brent Houghton from Allied Farmers**.

If you wish to make a monetary donation to the calf scheme (or match the average) please make your cheque out to: Gordonton School PTA and hand in to the school office in an envelope marked 'Calf Scheme'.

All farmers who reared a calf will get one entry per calf and those who match the average with a donation will get an entry into the prize draw which will be drawn once all calves are sold. Many thanks to our prize draw sponsors, **ECOLAB** and **NEW WORLD ROTOTUNA**.

As this will be Darren and my final year coordinating the calf scheme we would like to thank everyone who has assisted us with this task over the past five years, particularly the regular donators and those who were able to deliver their calves to our collection point. The Calf Scheme Coordinator position is up for grabs! If you are interested and want to know more please phone me - Jenny Smith 824 3672. It would be a real shame for this not to happen each year as it is a huge fundraiser for the school - without too much work!

**SELECT OUR
SCHOOL**



RD1 AND BALANCE - If you purchase your fertiliser through either of these companies, for every tonne purchase they will donate \$2 worth of sporting equipment to local schools. Log on to WWW.RD1.COM and navigate to WWW.RD1.COM/sport-your-school and click on the 'nominate a school' link. Selects which RD1 account to use for the nomination, select our school, hit submit. If you have ordered 40 tonnes of fertilizer the school will get \$80 worth of sporting equipment!

**WE CAN DO
THIS FOR YOU**

GLOBAL VETS CALF CLUB PROMOTION - How to dispose of needles / syringes

Global Vets will dispose of any needles / syringes that you used from the Calf Club vaccinations promotion they ran. Just drop them off at the Clinic.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME TO
COME ALONG**

AG DAY PRIZEGIVING ASSEMBLY - Friday 11th Nov at 1.30pm.

A separate prizegiving assembly for Ag Day contestants will be held next **Friday 11th Nov at 1.30pm**. All Ag day contestants will be receiving their certificates and the presentation of cups will be made to winners. Parents are very welcome. There are lots of sponsored prizes that will be given away at this assembly.

**PLEASE PAY
THIS**

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons with the Focus Swim school have been booked for 21-25 November. Thank you to those families who have paid their swimming fees already. If you have not paid for your child's lessons, please do so by **Friday 11 November** to secure your child's place.

**KEEPING YOU
UPDATED**

TOUCH RUGBY

Thank you to all the students who registered their interest in playing touch rugby. Ms Carter is waiting to hear back from the Waikato Touch Association to see if the competition at Eastern Suburbs is going ahead or whether we have been moved to the Tuesday or Thursday competitions. She is holding your subs until this information is confirmed. If you have any questions about the Touch Rugby competition please pop in and see her in Room 6.

**FUN BALL
GAME TIME**

FUN BALL

A great start by our Junior Fun Ball team last week winning their first game 7-1!! This week's game is at 4:15pm against SPC Allstars. Payment for this is now overdue, can it please be sent asap.

**ROUND THE
BRIDGES INFO**

ROUND THE BRIDGES

School entries for Round The Bridges close this Thursday 3 November. Students from Years 3-6 are able to participate in this 2km race held on Sunday 13 November. If you have misplaced your entry form or have any questions about this event, call into see Ms Carter in Room 6 this week.

**COME AND
SEE THE DEMO**

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR

There is now a defibrillator in the Gordonton community, which is based at Eastwest College. There are demonstrations being done by the Red Cross defibrillator demo person Donna Evans. She can come to Gordonton School Wednesday 9th November at 3.15pm. She'll bring a number of practice machines for anyone to have a go. If anyone misses out there's a second demonstration at Eastwest College Monday 14th Nov at 4pm. All are welcome to come along for either of these demonstrations.

**CAN YOU
HELP?**

DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE?

Rooms 2 and 4 are after empty (and clean) plastic peanut butter and marmite jars with lids for painting. If you have any could you please send them to school.

**PLEASE SEND
THEM BACK**

SOCCER UNIFORMS

Can all soccer uniforms please be returned to the school office by the end of this week.

**WHAT'S
HAPPENING**

COMING UP (get your calendar and cell phone calendar out and make a note of what's happening in the school so that you don't forget)

- November**
- 5** School Gala Day, starting at 10am
- 9** Middle / Senior (Rms 1, 2, 3 & 4) School Athletics day
- 10** Yr 3 & 4 Sports day
- 11** Ag Day prizegiving assembly 1.30pm
- Last day for swimming lessons payment
- 16** Junior (Rms 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10) School Athletics day
- 22** BOT meeting 7pm
- December**
- 1** Full Primary Athletics day
- 6** Rms 3 & 4 trip to Waterworld
- 8 & 9** Junior (Rms 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10) Overnight camp
- 13** End of year Prizegiving Assembly
- Last day for Junior school (Rms 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10) finishing at 2.50pm
- 14** Last day for Senior school (Rms 1, 2, 3 & 4) finishing at 12 noon



Regards,

David, Mary, Brian, Grant, Lisa, Jaimee, Sam, Diana, Marie, Nikki, Karen R, Brooke, Karen M, Julie, Michelle, Carol, Lynette, Alison, Fiona and Dennis.

**OUT AND
ABOUT**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GORDONTON PLAYGROUP - Do you have children under 5? Come and join us at Playgroup on a Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am - 12 noon. For more details call Laurence at 8243544 or text on 0277571977.

RELIEF MILKER WANTED - We have a small quiet herd and good shed. For more information contact Sally or Carl at 8242022.

CHOOKS FOR SALE - Ten mixed breed laying hens. \$10 each. We will sell separately. Call Debby for further information at 8243954.

EGGS FOR SALE - We have excess farm eggs for sale. \$4 per dozen and we will deliver orders to school each Friday. Phone Debby at 8243954.

GORDONTON TENNIS CLUB 2011 - Situated in Gordonton Village we are a friendly club that meets each week on Tuesday nights from 6.30pm until we run out of energy! New members are most welcome, come along and try it out, obligation free! Fees are only \$60.00/adult, \$35.00/student. Enquiries welcome - Jenny Smith 8243672 or 021 873 289. (Please refer to the Progressive Tennis advert for child/adult coaching).





MAKE TENNIS YOUR SPORT THIS SUMMER! - With the new school term starting up next week, we are just sending through another quick reminder about the new term of tennis coaching at Gordonton, for both junior and adult players! Vicky Toates again will be leading the sessions at the club and sign ups are now being taken. Registrations can be sent to admin@progressivetennis.co.nz. Please do spread the word as well because we were unable to get some of the latecomers details last season, and would hate for them to miss out!! **Details for Term 4 Programme - Fridays (starting from Friday 28th October for 8 weeks). 3.30 - 4.15pm** - Mini Tennis Tribe Red (5-7 yrs) - \$75. **4.15 - 5.15pm** - Mini Tennis Tribe Orange (8-10yrs) - \$90. **5.15 - 6.15pm** - Full Court Teens (10 yrs+) - \$90. **6.15 - 7.15pm** - Development Squad (interclub/tournament players/adult club players) - \$90. **7.15 - 8.15pm** - Adult Easi Tennis Course (beginner/returning to game adults) - \$90. *Please note that all prices will have an extra \$10 added on for the **first squad the player registers for of the season. This is a levy toward the upkeep of the club. e.g. if signing up for Mini Tennis Tribe Red, the cost in Term 4 will be \$75 + \$10 = \$85 inclusive of the levy. In Term 1 2012, if the same player registers again, the cost will only be \$75.*** For any further details please do not hesitate to contact me. **Payment Options:** Payment on or before the 1st session is appreciated This can be made by cheque to Progressive Tennis or via internet banking to 06 0301 0180252 00. *Please use your child's name as reference* Director of Coaching & Programme Development - Progressive Tennis T: 021 842 810E: ian@progressivetennis.co.nz <http://www.progressivetennis.co.nz> / <http://www.crc.org.nz>. We look forward to seeing you on court for another busy Friday term at Gordonton Tennis Club!



RELIEF MILKER AVAILABLE - Can work Monday to Friday and most weekends. I have 10 years experience. \$50 cash in hand per milking within a 20km radius of Gordonton. \$50 cash in hand plus \$1 per km outside 20 km radius of Gordonton. Please phone Marie 022 640 2627 or 8243263.

HUKANUI FAMILY FUN GALA - Come and join us on November 12th from 10am till 2.00pm for

lots of games, fun and entertainment. Free entry.

LAMB FOR SALE - Good sized lamb for sale - \$100. Phone Britney at 8243070.



OXFORD PIE RUN

Yes I would like a pie run this term.

Name..... Phone.....

GALA DAY SETTING UP

I can help set up on (please circle) Friday after school Saturday morning

Name..... Phone.....

ATHLETICS DAY PARENT HELPER - WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER

I can be a helper for the athletics day.

Name..... Phone.....