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Dear Parents/Caregivers and children,

Greetings to you all,

This afternoon the PTA have organised an **afternoon tea** for the new families who have recently joined our school. I do hope that the newbies were able to come and meet up with existing parents. Well done the PTA for organising this along with the many fundraisers and non-fundraising events that you organise. It is appreciated.

Tomorrow Wednesday the 22nd of June we will have our **annual mid winter swim**. This is open to all Year 7/8 children who have permission from their parents to take part. Generally the students leap in, swim a length, shiver a lot, get out and dressed, then warm up with a hot milo. 'Why, because that's just what we do around here.' Oh yes the principal is exempt from the event due to

Below is a photograph of a representative from a number of the classrooms with an example of the art produced in their class for Thursday's Art Auction. (Unfortunately Room 2's is off site getting the final touches) Fantastic isn't it?

On behalf of everyone associated with the school thank you for the many kind artistic donations that have flooded into the school ready for Thursday Night's Art Auction. I hope you can make it along to the school for this great event.

There is a separate sheet with information on it regarding this included with this newsletter. Your child has produced a piece of art which will be auctioned silently. If you can't make it on Thursday but would like your child's art please let their teacher know so we can put a reserve on it. Any unsold pieces from Thursday will be held onto for a week then we will give the work away. It doesn't go home with the child unless it has been purchased. The adult pieces of art are auctioned in the usual



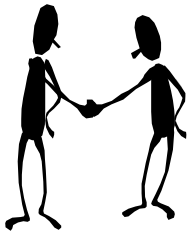
way and they usually go for a 'fair price' as they have all involved many hours of the artists time and expertise. There is something for most tastes so come along and have a great night.

It is fascinating when you are working with children on a particular area of their learning. You often assume that they should already know the particular thing and this assumption has arisen because you regard it basic and easy to learn and hey, because you know it. Take time for example. You'd think that by 12 all children could look at an analogue clock and tell the time, and if they couldn't how easy it would be to teach. WRONG! I am becoming more and more convinced that for many children, for whatever reason, they can miss or not understand a concept at a critical time in their learning and because of this they put up their own barrier - ***I don't understand, I can never do this, it doesn't make sense...*** you've heard them. Some how we have to convince them and show them that they can, probably by taking them right back to the type of examples and learning that they 'missed' five years previous.

The typical 'hard' areas of mathematics for many children are division, fractions and percentages. They need to be revisited regularly and where possible built on at home. Basic families of facts e.g. $2 + 3 = 5$, $3 + 2 = 5$, $5 - 3 = 2$, $5 - 2 = 3$ are taught from Year 1, basic tables from Year 3. Why don't you reinforce them at home, at the supermarket, shopping, driving. Get a chant going, use flash cards, anything that will help your child remember these learning crutches that most of our real life mathematics sits on. To 'really learn' something we must revisit it many times until it can be remembered almost instinctively. The family of facts, and tables **must be** instinctive so any extra learning/reinforcement/repetition is invaluable here.

Have a great week.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK



FRIDAYS ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

- Room 1** Codie White and Carla Alatorre Martinez de Alva
- Room 2** Warren Fairbrother and Bryn Hastie
- Room 3** Hunter Satherley and Nacho Martinez de Alva
- Room 4** Luka Rigter and Ella McConnell
- Room 5** Teagan Harris and Noah Satherley
- Room 6** Ryan McIntosh and Lilly Viitakangas
- Room 7** Lilli Suess and Olivia Poulin
- Room 8** Preity Kaur and Emily Mitchell
- Room 9** Hannah Gray and Anaru Dillon

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



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)

- Oxford Pie orders
- Flavoured milk for sale again

NEWS FROM THE PTA...



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PTA MILK FOR SALE - We have got some more of the flavoured milk and so it will be for sale again tomorrow and every Wednesday at lunchtime. These will be sold under the shade sail on the quad at lunchtime if the weather is good or they will be brought around to classrooms if it is raining. \$1 each. Just bring your money along at lunchtime, no slip required.

NEXT GALA DAY MEETING - The next Gala Meeting: Tuesday 21 June @ 7.30pm, 57 Piako Road, Rebecca Barlow's. All Welcome to attend.

GORDONTON SCHOOL PTA NEEDS YOU!!!

The PTA is looking to hold a Gala Day in November. To make this a successful event we would like to call upon the generosity of our school families and community for any goods/services/resources that may be able to be used for our Gala Day i.e. **Bouncy Castles, Advertising/Billboard signs, Ponies (for pony rides), Candyfloss machine / Mini Donut stand, Trestle Tables for stalls, Rides or Amusements, Raffle Prizes, Celebrity for signing purposes to attract crowds or any other Gala related item would be much appreciated, to keep costs down and enable us to reach our goal of a successful fundraising gala.** Please complete slip attached if you can offer any goods/services/resources for our Gala Day 2011.



OXFORD PIE ORDERS - Order forms are included with this newsletter. Please support this PTA fundraiser and stock your freezer with these delicious treats! There are also lunch size pies, sausage rolls and lamingtons available to order on the order forms. **Orders and money are to be returned by 9am Monday 4 July.** If you didn't receive one please come to the office. Delivery date is Thursday 7 July at 2.30pm.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE A CALF?



2011 CALF SCHEME - ATTENTION FARMERS!

The Gordonton School PTA has over the past few years run a calf scheme as a major fundraiser for our school. This involves rearing a bull calf to 100kgs then we either collect your calf or you may deliver it to a central collection point. The calves are then taken to the saleyards and all proceeds go directly to enhance our school and learning tools. This is a fantastic way to support our fundraising efforts especially if you are unable to help out at other events during the year. Please consider donating this year and complete the return slip and send it in to the school office. I'm happy to answer any queries, Jenny Smith 824 3672.

COME ALONG AND ENJOY



ART AUCTION - A GREAT NIGHT OUT!

Our biannual Art Auction is happening this Thursday night 23 June. It is a **GREAT NIGHT** and we already have some quality work, that has been donated, for you to bid on. These donated pieces are being auctioned in the conventional manner, orally and out loud. Some of the work donated is on display in the office foyer so come and have a look and see what you would like to purchase. **With regard to the donated pieces - we would like to formally thank all of the parents and friends of Gordonton School for your wonderful generosity.**

Drinks will be available and supper will be served later in the evening. The programme for the evening is:



- 6.30 - 7.15pm** - Silent Auction bidding done
- A chance to look at the quality art work donated for the main auction.
- 7.15pm** - Children will go to a classroom to watch a DVD under careful supervision. You may want to organise a babysitter to take your child/ren or a group of children home.
- Adults will stay in the hall for the main auction
- 7.30pm** - **Main Auction will start**

BISCUIT RAFFLE



FOOTBALL RAFFLE

The Gordonton Football (soccer) teams are having a raffle to raise money for some small goals. We have a 6.5kg (about \$80 worth of biscuity goodness) box filled with yummy Tim Tams, Crackers, Tiny Teddys and so much more! The tickets are \$2 each, so go and see Diana at the office and get your lucky number. Thanks on behalf of the Gordonton Rockets, Jets, Missiles and Torpedoes.

PLEASE PAY THIS



MONEY OUTSTANDING

Recently we have had the Kahurangi Dancers and an Art Workshop held at school. Each event cost \$2 per child and there are still some children who have not paid for either event or only one of them. Can you ensure that this is paid please, unless you have an activity fee and then it has been taken from that.

COME AND JOIN US



FRIDAYS SHARING ASSEMBLY

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.

PLEASE COLLECT THESE

YUMMY STICKERS

With all the fruit around with Yummy stickers on them, we would like to ask you to collect them for us so that we can redeem them later in the year for sports equipment. We have included a collection sheet with this newsletter for you to put on your fridge. Once the sheet is complete, please return to school and collect a new sheet from the school office. Thanks for your support!!

AND THESE TOO!



COLGATE CARTON RACE

We need your empty Colgate Toothpaste Cartons!!!! We are competing to win a share of \$60,000 worth of new sports gear so we are asking everyone we know to raid your bathrooms, check your recycling bins, ask your friends and family, even your neighbours because every carton counts!!! We have until **30 June** to collect as many as we can get our hands on, so please drop them in at our school office. Thanks for support!

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Netball fees are now outstanding. They are \$35 per player and need to be paid to the school now, as we have to pay the Netball Centre registration.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



INDOOR SOCCER

We have a keen child who would like to be part of an indoor soccer team. We are looking for 10-12 year olds to join the team. They will take part in 5 aside games at the Star Indoor Soccer centre on Tuesdays. The games will be either 4, 4.30 or 5pm. We need 6 players and games start next Tuesday 28th. Cost is \$5 per game and we will practice at school on Thursdays after school. If transport is an issue we can organise this. For more information or to join the team please contact Euan at 8242279.

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)

June	23	Art Auction
	29	Middle trip to Mystery Creek
	30	Junior trip to Mystery Creek
July	15	Last day of this term

Regards,

David, Mary, Brian, Grant, Lisa, Jaimee, Sam, Diana, Marie, Nikki, Karen, Genevieve, Julie W, Michelle, Julie F, Alison T, Carol, Fiona, Alison M and Dennis.

OUT AND ABOUT



COMMUNITY NOTICES

WOBBLE – essentials for little kids – everything for babies and toddlers. Located in the Rototuna Shopping Centre. Phone 8553630. Open 9am-5pm Monday – Friday, 10am-2pm Saturday. Email info@wobble.co.nz. Webstore www.wobble.co.nz.

DINNERS @ FIREPOT CAFÉ - Casual Dining | Beer | Wine | platters. **Every Friday Night. Bookings essential, phone 8242006.**

HOUSE AVAILABLE FOR RENT - 4 bedroom house overlooking a dairy farm. Double garage. For more information contact Kelly at 0272930540

SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SALE - Gordonton School polo shirt size 12 \$20. Black jazz dancing shoes size 4½ \$50. Both in very good condition. Phone Leanne 8242208.

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





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WINTER WARMERS

BOILED EGGS



Soft-boiled eggs served with toast soldiers are a favourite breakfast dish for many children and even some adults too.

Simmer an egg for approx 3-4 minutes depending on how you like the yolk. Cut wholegrain or wholemeal toast slices into 4 slices (soldiers) and dip into the egg to enjoy!



CALF REARING SCHEME

Please tick which of the following you are willing to donate:

We would like to raise a calf for the PTA

We would like to purchase a calf to be reared

We would like to rear an extra calf/calves.....(Please state number of calves)

We would like to donate \$..... towards purchasing a calf to be reared

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

GALA DAY HELP SLIP

Donation of goods/services/resources for Gala Day 2011

I can help you out and supply _____

Name.....

Phone.....