

11/36 22 November 2011 Dear Parents/Caregivers and children,

Greetings to you all,

I can't believe how far through, not only this term but this year we are. Having two terms slightly longer than usual meant that this term is shorter, we all knew this, but having met with a number of colleagues over the weekend, I don't think any of us realised how fast things were going to go. Oh yes, and it is only 33 days till Christmas!

Today some of our Middle and Senior athletes head off to Porritt Stadium to 'do their best' against the other rural schools in the North East of Waikato. We wish them every success. The photos to the right (incidentally taken by our senior students) are from the Junior Athletic Sports held last week, two great examples of many of our juniors really giving it their all.



This Friday we propose to have an 'official opening' of the new courts and the erecting of a mural in the pool. The opening will be the culmination of many years of planning and desire to improve the facilities for our students. The mural has been designed and created by the Year 6 students in Room 2 throughout the year, working with Rachel Gower. This will certainly lift the pool environment.

We will have the **opening at 2:30pm** on Friday afternoon instead of the usual assembly. It will be a chance for you to see the new facilities and also our students will be showing some of the usage that it will be put to with netball, hockey and touch demonstrations. Once we have fulfilled the formalities it will be a chance for you to have a walk over the courts then enjoy some refreshments in the hall.



On behalf of the students and staff we sincerely wish **Leon Geddes**, our bus driver, a speedy recovery. He is up in Waikato Hospital.

**Words trivia - that someone with way too much spare time on their hands has compiled:**

'**Stewardesses**' is the longest word typed with only the left hand

And 'lollipop' is the longest word typed with your right hand.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

'**Dreamt**' is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

The sentence: '**The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog**' uses every letter of the alphabet.

The words '**racecar**', '**kayak**', and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are only four words in the English language which end in 'dous': tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

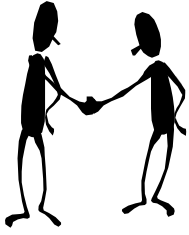
There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: 'abstemious' and '**facetious**'.

'**Typewriter**' is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

A '**jiffy**' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

**Regards, David and The staff.**

## KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK



## FRIDAYS ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Room 1	Joseph Perry and Zara Brown
Room 2	Petra Riddell and Year 6's
Room 3	Mikayla Howser and Sonny Te Maro
Room 4	Aatahliyah Tuwhangai and Christina Bateson
Room 5	Myles Landon and Tessa Conning
Room 6	Cohen O'Donoghue and Ellie Williams
Room 7	Paul Walton and Jack Meredith
Room 8	Angus Stewart and Emily Mitchell
Room 9	Zavier Ripley and Sophie Gavin
Room 10	Makayla Hook and Georgia Hook

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)

- Opening of courts and pool murals - 2.30pm
- Recipe books for sale
- Chocolate bars for sale
- Oxford Pie fundraiser
- Trade Me fundraiser

## NEWS FROM THE PTA...



## RECIPE BOOKS

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### WE HAVE SURPLUS STOCK FROM THE GALA DAY FOR SALE -

Wednesday lunchtime gala surplus stock for sale until all sold - **Flavoured milk** - \$1 each; **Sweet As Popcorn** - Small bag 60 gms \$2 and large bags 140 gms \$3; **Iceblocks** - \$1. All proceeds from the sales will go direct to the Gala total!!

**RECIPE BOOKS FOR SALE** - Recipe books are once again for sale, without 2010 on the cover. They cost \$15 each and make great Christmas presents. You can purchase them from the office.

## YUMMY RAFFLE



**CADBURY RAFFLE** - We have received a wonderful donation from Cadbury - a variety of chocolate bars, Favourites, Roses, Scorched Almonds, Lollies etc. These were for the Gala day but as they arrived after we had held our Gala we have made them up in a basket and decided to raffle them for Christmas. The basket is in the office for you to view and tickets are \$1 each. All proceeds will go towards the Gala total. The raffle will be drawn on the last Friday assembly - 9 December.

## PIE ORDERS



**OXFORD PIE ORDERS - IN BY MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER AT 9AM** - Please support this PTA fundraiser and stock your freezer with these delicious treats! Order forms were sent home recently and **orders and money are to be returned by 9am Monday 28 November**. Delivery will be Thursday 1 December from 2.30pm in the hall. If you didn't receive an order form and would like one please come to the office.

## DO YOUR CHILD/REN WANT TO TAKE PART?



## WEETBIX TRYATHLON

The Weet-Bix Tryathlon is coming and Gordonton School is signing up for kids aged 7-15 for this fun filled and exciting event! The Hamilton event will be held on February 12 2012 at the Waikato University. Children can enter as an individual or as part of a team and each child who enters receives a medal, an official Weet-Bix Tryathlon t-shirt, a certificate, a swim cap and the chance to win some awesome spot prizes. If we register 15 or more children for this event our school will receive free breakfast at the event, a complimentary group photo, race packs couriered free of charge and the chance to win \$500 worth of sports gear for our school! The entry fee is normally \$38 per competitor, however if your child enters through the school, entries are \$35 per child. Entry forms can be collect from Ms Carter in Room 6 or from the school office and must be returned to school by Friday 9 December.

## CHOCOLATE FOR SALE

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We are selling the last of the Dairy Milk fundraising chocolate bars this Friday at lunchtime outside Room 3. They are \$2.50 each.

## FUN BALL GAME TIME

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This week's game is against SPC at 4:15pm at Minogue Park.

## PLEASE SEND THEM BACK

## SOCCER UNIFORMS

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

## 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!

## A FUNDRAISER THROUGH TRADE ME



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Trade Me will donate \$5 to nominated schools every time someone lists their service in the Services category on [Trade Me](http://Trade.Me) (for the first time) before 31 December 2011, then emails [5bucks@trademe.co.nz](mailto:5bucks@trademe.co.nz) with the following information:

- the email address they use on Trade Me;
- the name of the school they wish to support; and
- the school's location.

We'll email nominated schools a list of service providers who've supported their school so they can be acknowledged in newsletters etc. All sorts of people advertise their services on Trade Me's Services section, including tutors, babysitters, builders, gardeners, lawyers, hairdressers and others. It's a great place for people to let 2.8 million Trade Me members know what they can do and it only costs \$19 for a 90 day listing.

## 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)

<b>November</b>	<b>22</b>	BOT meeting 7pm
	<b>25</b>	Opening of courts and pool murals - 2.30pm
	<b>28</b>	Oxford Pie orders must be in by 9am
<b>December</b>	<b>1</b>	Full Primary Athletics day Delivery day for Oxford Pie orders - 2.30pm in the hall
	<b>6</b>	Rms 3 & 4 trip to Waterworld
	<b>8 &amp; 9</b>	Junior (Rms 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10) Overnight camp
	<b>13</b>	End of year Prizegiving Assembly - 11am Last day for Junior school (Rms 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10) finishing at 2.50pm
	<b>14</b>	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

**KITTENS** - We have 6 gorgeous kittens to give away. See Michelle Pene at school (Rm 8) or phone 8242112.

**CAN YOU HELP US?** - We are looking for a 50/50 sharemilking position and would love to stay around Gordonton as we have a child attending the school. If you know of any please contact Richard on 027 291 0746.

**GROOM WANTED** - If you are an experienced rider who is interested in working 3-4 polo ponies one day a week please call Leo on 0275 445 657.

**HOCKEY** - A hockey upskilling opportunity like no other | 3 days of hockey fun | new coaching techniques from Australia | guest coaches including current NZ players | speed and agility sessions | meet new people | competitions and challenges and much much more. Start 2012 in awesome hockey form. For more details – visit [www.midlandshockey.co.nz](http://www.midlandshockey.co.nz), and register online today!!

**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.

**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).

**TWILIGHT GALA** - This is being held at St Paul's Catholic School on 25 November 3-7pm. Make some money for Christmas by having a stall/car boot - \$10. Contact Viv 8247802. Fun for all with a variety of stalls, food, games and lots of entertainment. See you there!

**BRAIN INJURY STUDY** - To find out more about the effects of brain injury on child development, researchers from the University of Waikato are looking for children and adolescents (6-16 years) who have not had a head injury to take part in their research study. Your child will be offered a \$20 voucher for taking part, and you will receive some general feedback about your child's cognitive functioning and academic achievement. To find out more, email [COBIC@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:COBIC@waikato.ac.nz) or ring 07 8384466 ext 8082.





**VSA BRACELETS** - VSA (Volunteer Services Abroad) is now selling Project Friendship bracelets through its online shop, [www.vsashop.org.nz](http://www.vsashop.org.nz) You can buy a pack of four bracelets at a special Christmas price of just \$10. These are the same bracelets sold at your school during VSA Project Friendship week in August. They make great stocking fillers, and are available at this special price until Christmas!!! VSA bracelets are produced under fair trade conditions at the Nga Centre, an organisation that supports young people with disabilities in Vietnam. The money raised will go towards supporting the work of VSA volunteers in developing countries.



**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.

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

**POTTERY FOR SALE** - McLeod pottery is once again on sale for Christmas at 1116 Gordonton Rd. Please phone first - Fiona at 8242170.



**ORINI RESERVE XMAS PARTY** - This is being held on Friday 2 December starting at 6pm. Entry by donation. Picnic dinner or support the food stalls. There will be live entertainment, Christmas carols and fireworks. Everyone welcome to come along.

**FIREPOT CAFÉ** - We have **3 course Buffet Dinner's @ FirePot Café**. \$36.50 per person December 3rd, 9th & 14th. Grab some friends and book today. No minimum numbers. **Bookings only! Phone 8242006**. Now fully licensed for beer, wine & R.T.D's from 10 am.

**MAGICAL GARDEN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME** - OSCAR/Winz funding available. Full time / part time / casual bookings available. Visit our website [www.magicalgarden.co.nz](http://www.magicalgarden.co.nz) or ph 8566146. Due to demand and so many enquires we now have two Xmas shows available to the public these are on the 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10.00am -12.00pm and 2.00pm-4.00pm tickets are \$10.00 each.

**WAIKATO ROVER CREW** - Presents Scouts Adventure Challenge Day. This is being held at Hamilton Gardens on 10 December, 9am - 4pm. This is a free public event. For more information go to [www.waikato.rovers@scouting.org.nz](mailto:www.waikato.rovers@scouting.org.nz)

**FOR DAIRY FARMING WOMEN** - Dairy Women's Network invites dairy farming women in the area to a meeting to learn about Dairy Women's Network and what it can offer you. We will discuss - 'What is Dairy Women's Network?', 'How will I and my farming business benefit from being involved with Dairy Women's Network?' and 'Setting the foundations for a successful group'. This is being held on Tuesday 29 November 10.30am - 12.30pm at 127 Procter Rd, Orini. Contact Alison Gibb at 8244425 or [arrk@farmside.co.nz](mailto:arrk@farmside.co.nz). RSVP to Alison by Monday 28 November.

We've got a category on Trade Me called [Services](#) which, just like your school community, is made up of people who have a vast array of skills that they can use to help others.



# DIY TAKEAWAYS

The end of year is a busy time, but don't give in to a dinner of high fat and expensive takeaways. Choose a healthy choice or make your own quick and easy homemade takeaways.



## SAVE TIP #3

Homemade pita pizzas make a healthy and quick dinner. Add toppings of your choice (remember your 5+ a day!) onto a wholemeal pita bread, sprinkle with edam cheese and bake in the oven for 10-15mins.