

11/19 28 June 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers and children,

Greetings to you all,

What a fantastic art auction we had last Thursday evening. The hall was buzzing and wasn't the standard of art amazing - both our students and the adult pieces. Thank you to all who came along and supported this wonderful event. Thank you to the children for their art, to the many family members, friends and acquaintances who donated pieces to be auctioned, thanks also to Karen Rei, her committee, and the PTA for their organisation. The children's art combined with the donated art raised around \$6000. A fantastic achievement - especially in today's economic climate. We still have a number of pieces that were sold on the night that haven't been picked up yet. These are available from the office. Also if you would still like to purchase your child's fabulous art piece, and it hasn't already been sold, these are available until this Friday.

I'm sorry that I'm not going to be the bearer of good news with the next piece. Our effort to retain the free bus for those of you who live on Middle Road, Woodlands Road, Bankier Road, Dawson Road and Lake Road have fallen on deaf ears. The Minister Ann Tolley has point blankly refused to take history, economics, environmental, and safety issues into consideration and has also refused to meet with the Board so that we can explain our point of view.



Therefore the existing bus route will finish at the end of this term on the 15th July.

The Board is working along side Greenline Bus Company to investigate the feasibility of continuing the bus. Naturally if the Ministry is not providing a free service then there will unfortunately be a cost attached to it. We will keep you informed later in the week.

On a much brighter note the two photos opposite are of the intrepid group students and teacher who braved the 12 degrees of our swimming pool last Wednesday the shortest day of the year. The expression on Josefina's face as she slips into the water just about sums it all up really.

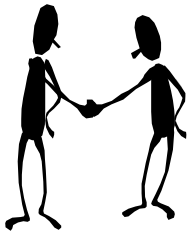
There is a nasty cold with throat infection, sneezing and coughs, as symptoms of it, going around the school. It does not present with flu like symptoms, just a cold. Yesterday we had around 20 students away. My advice is that if your child is showing any of the symptoms give them a couple of days tucked up in bed / inside and let their body's deal with it, rather than infecting more of us.

Have a great week.

**Regards, David and the staff.**



**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK**



**WHAT'S NEW!**

**FRIDAYS ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES**

- Room 1** Charlie Nelley and Zachary Clark
  - Room 2** Zade Adams and Sabina East
  - Room 3** Katie-Rose Henry and Olivia Sherborne
  - Room 4** Dylan Geange and Blake Worthington
  - Room 6** Quin Adams and Harrison McLeod
  - Room 8** Emily Mitchell and Kavi Piyadigamage
  - Room 9** Peyton Woolerton and Sophie Davies
- 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)

- Next PTA meeting time
- AFFCO bobby calf programme
- More Gala Day requests
- Soccer and Netball subs overdue
- Request from a parent
- House coloured t-shirts

**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 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 PTA MEETING** - 12 July 7.30pm in the staffroom. 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.

**WE WANT YOUR GOODS** - Start collecting your good re-sellable goods for donation for our Garage / White Elephant Stall. Please box them up, keep them safe and we will ask you for them closer to our Gala on 12 November. Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Leticia on 021 411 827.

**OXFORD PIE ORDERS** - Order forms are included with last weeks 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.

**WOULD YOU CONSIDER THIS?**

**PARENT REQUEST**

Would the person who bought Ryan Waters cushion (pictured) at the Art Auction be prepared to sell it back to his parents as they were unable to be at the auction and were hoping to buy it on Friday. Could you please contact Natasha at 8242235 if you are willing to part with it.

**HOUSE COLOURED T-SHIRTS**

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Order forms were sent home for these last week. If you would like to order one please see Diana at the office. We have extended the closing date - orders will now close this Friday 1 July.



## 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!

## PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL



## STILL TIME TO RAISE FUNDS THROUGH AFFCO'S BOBBY CALF PROGRAMME

If you haven't yet registered for AFFCO's Cash for Schools bobby calf fund raising programme, or if you've lost your registration form, don't worry – there is still time to get in behind this great programme and raise funds for the school. Last year AFFCO donated more than \$80,000 through Cash for Schools. This year it's putting on extra calf collections to make things easier for farmers during the busy spring period. To find out how you can get involved, phone 0800 722 422 today. Remember the donations are made over and above what AFFCO pays you for your bobby calves but you need to register before the school can benefit. Last year through your generous support **we as a school received \$1240.80, which was the highest amount donated to any school!!!**

## NETBALL SUBS OVERDUE



## NETBALL AND SOCCER SUBS OVERDUE

Netball fees are now outstanding. They are \$35 per player. Soccer subs are also outstanding and they are \$30 per player. Both lots of subs need to be paid to the school now, as we have to pay the registration fees to both centres.

## 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)

### June

**29** Middle School trip to Mystery Creek

**30** Junior School trip to Mystery Creek

### July

**4** Pie orders close at 9am

**7** Pie orders delivered and ready for collection from 2.30pm

**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, Justine 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](mailto:info@wobble.co.nz). Webstore [www.wobble.co.nz](http://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



**ALLSMILEZ ART CLASSES** - I am running some afterschool and holiday classes, and spaces are limited... Holiday classes are for a full day. Afterschool classes are on my website for Term 3 start. [www.allsmilez.com](http://www.allsmilez.com) at TeTotara School 3:15 – 4:15 or 4:30-5:30.

**WAIKATO BOP FOOTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME** - When: 18th, 19th, 20th July 2011 at Rototuna Primary School from 9am - 3pm. Players of all abilities aged 7-11 years old. Cost is \$30 per day. For further information contact Zoe Toombs, KiwiSport Football Development Officer. email - [football@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz](mailto:football@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz) or Ph - 021 80 76 34.



**EDUCATION REWARDS PROGRAMME WITH TELSTRACLEAR** - TelstraClear can offer you a simple solution for your home phone, broadband and mobile needs. And, if you sign up today you can also help the school of your choice earn Intelligent Rewards™ points! For every \$1 you spend with TelstraClear, your nominated school will receive 1.5 reward points which they can redeem on some fantastic rewards, such as computers, sports gear, musical instruments and more! All completed forms received before the 12th of July will help your school win up to 100,000 rewards points! **For more information on this education rewards programme call 0800 997 6278 or visit [intelligentrewards.co.nz](http://intelligentrewards.co.nz)** You can get forms from the school office if you would like to sign up for this programme.



**ST PAUL'S SWIMMING CLUB** - We have exceptional facilities, competitive prices, a high standard of coaching. Learn to Swim - six years and over. Junior squads through to Seniors at a National and International level. Swim fit and multi sport classes. FREE block course, five consecutive days of swimming lessons. Start date 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July. To promote the importance of learning to swim. Please book before 10<sup>th</sup> July. Spaces are limited. We wish to promote the importance of learning to swim. St Paul's Swimming Club is now taking bookings for Term 3;



lessons will start on 1<sup>st</sup> August. St Paul's Swimming Club is situated at St Paul's Collegiate School, 77 Hukanui Road. Head Coach: Graham Smith. To book please contact Vicki Taylor Phone 9578864 or [v.taylor@stpauls.school.nz](mailto:v.taylor@stpauls.school.nz)

**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.

WINTER WARMERS

## GET ACTIVE!

On a cold winters day we still need to get active. Try some of these activities to get keep you warm but also huffing and puffing.

- Make up a dance or aerobic routine to your fav tunes
- Create an obstacle course and challenge your mates
- Play seated volleyball in your lounge or garage.





### 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.....