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Dear Parents/Caregivers and children,

Greetings to you all,

I have only heard really good things regarding the visits by the Junior and Middle School last week to Mystery Creek. It sounds like the Dairy Museum was a big hit especially with the adults who were able to answer some of the questions around the 'walk through' cow sheds. Thanks to the organisers for a fabulous day and especially all the parents who accompanied the students ensuring that the visit was possible.



We are holding a **meeting** here at school on **Thursday 7th July at 2:00pm** for parents of our students who currently **catch the bus** on the following places

- Piako Road above Shewan Road or you live on Shewan Road
- Middle Road
- Woodlands Road
- Bankier Road
- Dawson Road
- Lake Road
- Peach Road
- Ballard Road

A letter went home yesterday inviting you to the meeting. It is essential that you attend the meeting if you wish your child to be picked up by a bus, especially during the very busy time that many of the farming families are moving into. We will have information for you all to consider.



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. Last Friday we had 11 away from one classroom. 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.

I've been doing some reading lately regarding the relationship between stress and learning.

"Stressed people don't do math very well. They don't process language very efficiently. They have poorer memories both short and long forms. Stressed individuals do not generalise or adapt old pieces of information to new scenarios as well as non-stressed individuals. They can't concentrate. In almost every way stress hurts our ability to learn. Specifically stress hurts declarative memory (things you can declare) and executive function (the type of thinking that involves problem-solving). These of course are the skills needed to excel in school and business."

John Medina

No wonder both students and teachers who are stressed don't function too well in schools. They can't!

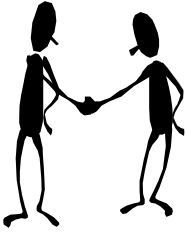
Next term we will be opening another classroom as our numbers in the junior school are at a level that necessitates this. Unfortunately we will have to use the library until the new classroom is built. However on Saturday members of the Board met with prospective applicants for the teaching position we had advertised and we have appointed Brooke Addison who will be joining us from Marian School. Not only does Brooke bring sound teaching and learning knowledge but she is keen to once again develop hockey at our school as she had done at Marian.

We are also sad to learn that Julie Forrest will be leaving us at the end of this term and then at the end of next term will be heading across to Australia where her husband Jason is working. Not only has Julie been a treasured teacher aide but a wonderful member of our PTA, and part of a supportive Gordonton family. We wish you all the best Julie, hoping it all goes well for your family...you will be missed.

Have a great week,

Regards, David and the staff.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK



FRIDAYS ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Room 1	Nathan Woolley and Ruth Bateson
Room 2	Jack Illing and Caleb Owsley
Room 3	Cullum Salmons and Janayah Read
Room 4	Grady Woolerton and Olivia Wallbank
Room 5	Olivia Matthews and Sang Geon Hyun
Room 6	Harrison McLeod and Miya Commerer
Room 7	Holly Landon and Kane Litt
Room 8	Angus Stewart and Nauvoo Dixon
Room 9	Theodore van Vugt and Sophie Davies

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

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)

- Next PTA meeting
- Gala Day change of date and next meeting
- Pie delivery date and time
- Junior Readers stocktake
- Colgate carton race
- Head lice (nits)

NEWS FROM THE PTA...



FROM THE PTA...

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.

GALA DAY INFO - Gordonton School Gala Date Change **NOW Saturday 5th November**. For any further Gala information please contact Carey Maclean cmmaclean@xtra.co.nz Next Gala meeting, ALL WELCOME: Tuesday August 9th 7.30pm @ 885 Piako Road. Alison Matthews Ph 8243220.

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 5 November. Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Leticia on 021 411 827.

OXFORD PIE ORDERS - . Delivery date is **this Thursday 7 July from 2.30pm**. Please make sure you come to collect your orders as we do not have room to store them.

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.

PLEASE LOOK



JUNIOR READERS STOCKTAKE

During the last week of term, 11-15 July, some parents have offered to undertake a major stocktake of the Junior Readers. To ensure that this is effective and worthwhile we need ALL junior readers at school by the end of this week. Please search everywhere at home, under beds, book shelves, behind the couch, under cushions, in the car.... Thanks for your support.

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.

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 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.

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!!

THIS HAS FINISHED NOW

COLGATE CARTON RACE

This finished on Thursday last week and we would like to thank you for your support. We will let you know how we did once we find out.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL



STILL TIME TO RAISE FUNDS THROUGH AFFCOS 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!!!**

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)

July 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. 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 over looking a dairy farm. Double garage. For more information contact Kelly at 0272930540



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** You can get forms from the school office if you would like to sign up for this programme.



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 at TeTotara School 3:15 – 4:15 or 4:30-5:30.



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 PLAYGROU - 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.



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 or Ph - 021 80 76 34.





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 25th - 29th July. To promote the importance of learning to swim. Please book before 10th 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 1st 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

ProJoe's Myth Busters!

"Fresh fruit and vegetables are best"

False!

If you like eating raw fruit and veg than go for it - it's a much better snack than chips or muesli bars. But remember that eating frozen and canned are great options too. Just watch the syrup in the canned fruit (it's mainly sugar), but otherwise go nuts!



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.....