

Greetings to you all,

**WHAT A FANTASTICALLY SUCCESSFUL GALA ON SATURDAY**

We had such a wonderfully successful day, with so many smiles, laughs and of course, fun! Leon Geddes, who has lived in the Gordonton area for many years, commented that he can't remember a bigger crowd at a Gordonton function.



**Shona and Shelly ready to sell their wares**

Congratulations to the organising **Gala Girls** and their understanding partners who allowed them the time to organise and run the day. It would be unfair to single any one of them out, as it was definitely a full team effort. At times a PTA member worked with another group of supportive non PTA parents to ensure the ultimate success of the event. If you played any part in the organising, setting up, running, helping out or cleaning up for the GALA, our sincere and heart felt thanks.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came and supported the Gala... at this stage it looks like the PTA's target for the day will be achieved, which is a superb effort!! Considering that the Board set a goal of \$20,000 for the PTA to raise for this year they will exceed this as they have already raised money from the Calf Scheme, Lunches, Mathathon, Pumpkin Night and the Art Auction.



**Richard having the most fun on the Palm Kernel Ride**

Over the year staff, with the assistance of Support Services from the University of Waikato, have been focussing on raising the achievement levels and learning in numeracy school wide. Today Brian and I met with the facilitators to discuss the results for the year. We have seen some great improvements throughout the year and the challenge, rather than sitting on our laurels, will be to maintain the improvements as well as lift those who are still 'at risk.'

For example in Addition/Subtraction and Multiplication/Division we have achieved the following:

	<b>Addition/Subtraction</b>	<b>Multiplication/Division</b>
<b>At or Above</b>	83%	61%
<b>Cause for Concern</b>	13%	23%
<b>At Risk</b>	4%	16%

While the Multiplication isn't as high as we'd like, what it doesn't show is the improvement that has occurred over the year with a 40% increase in those at or above from our March data! What it also provides is areas to focus on for 2012. Be aware that the data doesn't recognise the 43 students (roughly 1/5 of the School, many of them new entrants) who have enrolled since the March data was collated and will have an impacted on the chart above.

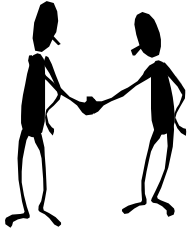
**CAR PARK** - When parents/caregivers are dropping off or collecting their children before and after school, we ask that you escort your children from the car to the gate and the other way round at the end of the day (this is for all children, no matter their age). The car park is very congested at 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	Zachary Clark and Abbe-Mae Henry
Room 2	Sabina East and Connar Brightwell
Room 3	Sanraj Dhaliwal and Pasindu Danawala Gamage
Room 4	Jessica Stewart and Jordan Crosby
Room 5	Robbie Crawford and Kyle Geange
Room 6	Ellie Williams and Sean Maclean
Room 7	Nathan Bateson and Ryan Salmons
Room 8	Luke Forkert
Room 9	Peyton Woolerton and Hannah Gray
Room 10	Riley Stuart and Caitlyn Day

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)

- Gala Day thanks
- Selling off surplus stock from Gala Day
- Keys and watch handed in
- Middle / Senior (Rms 1, 2, 3 & 4 only) athletics day information for tomorrow
- Funball draw

## NEWS FROM THE PTA...



### FROM THE PTA...

An outstanding Gala Day was had by all on Saturday. Thank you to all who came on the day and we trust you had fun. Of course a lot of thanks also goes out to those that were not on the gala committee but helped in each and every way they could on the day and leading up to the day to make this event the huge success it has been. **A huge thank you** to our many sponsors for their donations and also to the Gala Committee for the energy, ideas and results that came together for this event. Well done!

We would also like to thank the following:

**Jai Jalarem Gordonton Superette** (ex Country Link) for giving us all their spare change on Saturday; **Waikato District Council** for supplying the safety cones and of course **Carey Maclean** for having a vision and leading the gala committee.

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

**Trays of Canned Drinks** for sale (left over from Gala) - Mixed trays of 24 cans Lemonade, Coke, Fanta and L&P, each tray is **\$25**. **Great for Christmas or to take to the beach!** There are 4 Trays of mixed and 2 trays of just Coke. First in first served, please see Alison Matthews at school with your money Mon-Thur mornings only. **Flavoured milk** - \$1 each; **Sweet As Popcorn** - Small bag 60 gms \$2 and large bags 140 gms \$3. **Playdough** - \$1 a bag. All proceeds from the sales will go direct to the Gala total!!



## CALF SCHEME THANK YOU



### PTA CALF SCHEME 2011

Two weeks ago 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!

**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.



**PTA INFO  
CONT...**



**FROM THE PTA CONT...**

**LOST PROPERTY - KEYS AND A WATCH**

Recently we had a set of keys found near Room 9's cloak bay. There are 3 small keys, a car key and a United Video Hillcrest card on them. They also have a blue clip attached to them.

Found at the Gala Day was a silver mens Timex watch. Both these items are at the school office.

**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.

**COME ALONG**



**SENIOR / MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS (ROOMS 1, 2, 3 & 4) - Wednesday 9 November**

We look forward to seeing you come along tomorrow to support your children - you can wear house colours too if you want to really get into the feel of things! The day will begin with assembling at 9.10am and then events beginning at 9.15am and will end with relays at approximately 2.10pm. We suggest the children bring a drink bottle for water, their hat and wear t-shirt and shorts, that are suitable for athletics, but have a sweatshirt to put on if it's cold and if they have t-shirts in the appropriate colours wear their house colours. This is not compulsory and we do not expect you to especially go and buy something.

**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.

**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.

**FUN BALL  
GAME TIME**

**FUN BALL**

Congratulations on your win last week. This week the draw is: Gordonton Rockets vs Glenview Yellow at 4.15pm. Payment for this is now overdue, can it please be sent in asap.

**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.

*Regards,*

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

## 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>9</b>	Middle / Senior (Rms 1, 2, 3 & 4) School Athletics day - 9.10 am
	<b>10</b>	Yr 3 & 4 Sports day
	<b>11</b>	Ag Day prizegiving assembly 1.30pm Last day for swimming lessons payment
<b>December</b>	<b>16</b>	Junior (Rms 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10) School Athletics day
	<b>22</b>	BOT meeting 7pm
	<b>1</b>	Full Primary Athletics day
	<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 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

## 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.

### CANS FILM FESTIVAL

This is being held on Wednesday 9 November. This is being held at Event Cinemas theatres at the Base, Centre Place and Westfield Chartwell. Visit cinemas from 1 November to exchange your cans for the specific session times and to exchange your cans for tickets. All cans of food need to have labels and they are at least 410 grams, and then will be given to The Salvation Army Nest Food Bank, so even if you cannot attend your donation will be greatly appreciated. This would be an opportunity for families to assist those less fortunate in our city, while enjoying a family evening of entertainment.



**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!

**SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS** - Do you want to develop your child's communication skills? **Private Speech and Drama Lessons available.** Fun, interactive groups. Competition and Exam work covered. A range of skills including impromptu work, drama, talks, reading and poetry are taught. Spaces available for students 8-14 years. Contact Laura Watson A.S.B.

[lauraw09@gmail.com](mailto:lauraw09@gmail.com) or 0220896158



**HAMILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE OF MUSIC** - We offer affordable group tuition in a wide range of instruments from pre-schoolers to adults. Come and visit us at our **OPEN DAY** on **SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2012**, 9 am – 12 noon, University of Waikato, Faculty of Education, TT Block, Gate 4, Hillcrest Road. Enquiries : [www.hccm.org.nz](http://www.hccm.org.nz) or phone 838 4611.

**HINEMOA ATHLETICS CLUB** - Keep fit, run fast, jump high and have fun! Great summer training for your winter sport. Club Night is every Thursday at Innes Common – start time is 5.30pm for children aged 6 and under, and 6.00pm for 7 and over. Register online or come to Innes Common this week to check it out. Visit [www.sportsground.co.nz/hinemoaathletics](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/hinemoaathletics)

**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.



**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.

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

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET** - This is being held on Saturday 12 November 10am - 2pm. For more information phone 8242044.

**ROLLER SKATING - The Hamilton Roller Skating Club are running the following sessions this term in their newly enclosed Facility on Meilville Park:** The following are all the Public Sessions we are running this term starting with the Sunday Morning Session.

Sunday Morning 10 a.m. to Noon Mums and Dads skate free kids \$2.00 each \$2.00 Hire Skates  
Monday 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Learn to Skate Class including skate hire \$25.00 per term, or \$3.00 per night starting 7.2.11.

Tuesday 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Speed skating \$2.00 each

Thursday 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Speeds skating \$2.00 each

Thursday Night Twilight Skate 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. \$3.00 each \$1.00 skate hire.

Saturday Morning 11.00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mums & Dads skate free kids \$2.00 each \$2.00 Hire Skates  
 A great way to get out there and get active with your kids we are a lot cheaper than the Ice Rink that was operating in Garden place!!!!!!

If you would like any further information please ring Kathy Moody on 8552523 or Pearl Best on 8474527.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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!



**GET GARDENING!**

Now is the time to plant your own veges, which saves on money and gives the kids something to look after and nurture.

**SAVER TIP #2**

Buy a packet of seeds (beans, peas, carrots) or seedlings (tomatoes, or strawberries) and get growing.

Remember to water plants each day, after the temperature has cooled.

*Team Energize*

**OXFORD PIE RUN**

Yes I would like a pie run this term.

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