

**To ensure our students are able to take their place in the world, they will be Resilient, Resourceful, Respectful and Responsible**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024: Term 4 Week 9**

Well everyone, that's 2024 coming to a close. Thank you all for contributing your time and efforts for not only your child, but for everyone's children. That is part of being in a school community such as ours. We all need to support each other and the school in order for everything to be the best it possibly can be for your children.

Best wishes to the children who are leaving us for other schools in Invercargill and Wyndham. We will miss your cherry faces at Gorge Road School.



Thank you to those children who remembered to bring back their trophies, and have their photos taken. We have decided to have a WALL of FAME, and award winners will be on that wall for all to see for the upcoming year, and subsequently kept in an archive for perpetuity.

We would like to kick this initiative off this year, so please if your child is attending Friday and they could bring their trophy for the picture that would be fantastic.

Just a bit of advance notice- Friday 7th February 2025, the day after Waitangi Day, is a teacher only day when there will be no school. This will effectively be a four-day weekend for you.

Also please consider whether you could stand for the Board in the up-coming elections in March, or whether the PTA is more your style. (See Kimberley Egbers or Sally Black.)

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday break, and I look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday January 29th, 2025.

**BiG  
Day In**

Was a blast, the team from Invercargill Libraries came out and brought robots and magnets to stimulate imagination and learn some coding skills.





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Then after fun and learning it was time to do some creative decorating and beadz and loom band making





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How good was this year's production of Charlie and the chocolate factory?! SO many stars, and it was great to see the next layer of talent coming through.



<b>Upcoming Events</b> Dates subject to change	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of School HALF DAY – finish at 12pm Buses will operate to and from school. Departing school at 12pm.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	TOD – <b>NO School – No Buses</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	First day of term
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Waitangi Day <b>NO School – No Buses</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	TOD-On site reorganising the resource (purple) Rm <b>NO School-No Buses</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	SB meeting 7pm Staffroom (BoT)
Tues 25 – Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Camp 2025
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	SZ Triathlon
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	SZ Athletics
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	COL TOD <b>NO School – No Buses</b>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2025	Southland Athletics
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	GRS Swimming
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Last day of term 1
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> of April 2025	First day of term 2.

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