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Friday 17th November 2023: Term 4 Week 6

Kia ora e te whānau, Hello parents and caregivers,

A short week means as always, a lot gets packed into it. The high schools have their “discovery day” today. So all of our 7/8’s and a couple 6’s are away looking at their soon to be places of learning.

As the end of the year looms ahead of us could all borrowed books and any other school property be returned? This would be the last call for trophies to be returned also.

Ki o rahi and Tapu wae have been the focus for a good portion of this term already, and the tournament in Tokanui is just 1 week away.

If any parents would like to come and help supervise and watch on the day, we will have seats spare on the bus. Of course you may travel there at your leisure as well to support the tamariki. If for any reason your child/ren won’t be attending, please let the office know ASAP. The draw will be sent through skool loop at the start of next week.

From Monday, production practises will start ramping up. All children with spoken lines and solos are asked to rehearse them over the weekend as ideally, scripts should not be used from this point on.

Important dates

- 20-22 Nov **Swimming**
- 24 Nov Ki o Rahi Tournament- Tokanui- **Come to school as usual.**
- 27-29 Nov **Swimming**
- 5 December Prize Giving. End of Year Production.



As part of the NZ curriculum **swimming** is taught to our tamariki. Please make sure they come to school Monday with their togs, a named towel and goggles (if required) in their swimming bag.



Wednesday, the senior classes went and entertained at Walmsley house, Peacehaven & Vickery Court. The joy in the faces of residents and children alike were wonderful to see. The aged care facilities had connections to various children from school. It would be fantastic to know if anyone has family in other residences for next year, we would love to do it again and connect to our extended whanau. A big thank you to Terry the bus driver and our staff for

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taking time to make everything happen. And an even bigger thank you to Mrs Craig for the treat of hot chips at lunchtime!



Last chance for community survey:

Community Consultation: Thank you for the responses that are trickling in...It is your thoughts that drive the planning for the next two years. If you have an opinion, then send it to your answers help to principal@gorgeroad.school.nz and be heard.

Question 1- "What things does Gorge Road School do well?"

Question2- "What things would you like to see less of, or done better..."

Please make these thoughts constructive and helpful.

Question 3:"Our community has changed over the years, and what we've always done is not necessarily what we should continue doing. I wonder about Pet Day, and the quantity of inter school sports competitions. What are your thoughts?"

Question 4: Please tell me what you'd like your child to have when they leave us for secondary school. What is important to you... What do we need to teach, nurture, encourage, discourage... Be as brief, or as wordy as you choose. PLEASE!

Science Roadshow, Last Friday the senior classes were away into town to take in the wonderful science roadshow at Waihopai school. It was very interesting to hear what some of our tamariki learnt and took away from the experience.



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FAR LEFT: Yana got to demonstrate sound vibration on a drum.
Fire as always, grabs everyone's attention....
The different activities kept us all busy during the break.



The Football Tournament went really well for all our teams! Unfortunately our age group teams narrowly missed out on playing in the semis, except for the Gorge Road / Woodlands combined yr 7&8 team. With some help from a couple of our super year 6 pupils (you know who you are & thank you very much), the team came 3rd and it was great to see everyone getting into it!
The weather was fantastic and once again smiling faces everywhere. Thank you to all the parents who came along to supervise, help manage a team and support our tamariki. It is a group effort and great to see everyone muck in.



Pet Day Cake Auction please don't forget to get your payment through to the school. Get in touch with the school office via email if you need to confirm your purchase price.



Upcoming Events

Mon 20 th –Wed 22 nd November	Swimming
Friday 24 th November	Ki o Rahi Tournament at Tok
Monday 27 th November	BOT meeting Staffroom
Mon 27 th –Wed 29 th November	Swimming
Tuesday 5 th December	Production / End of year celebration
Thursday 7 th December	Years 7/8 Surfing trip
Thursday 14 th December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Tuesday 30 th January 2024	First day of term 1 2024
Thursday 15 th February 2024	Book Bus

ABSENTEES: To report an absence please phone the land line 032395763 opt 1 or 3 before 9.30am, text 0274674373, email office@gorgeroad.school.nz or use **Skool Loop** (preferred option)

Lunch Food List NEW PRICING: please check below.

- Pie (mince & cheese or mince) \$1.50
- Pizza (Ham/Cheese, **Hawaiian**) \$2.50
- Moosies (Blue Lagoon, Straw or Chocolate) \$1.00
- Juicies (wildberry, lemonade or tropical) \$1.00
- Popcorn lightly salted 12g \$1.00
- Choc chip Cookie \$2.00
- NEW PRICING:** Sausage rolls (2 pack) \$3.00

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