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Thursday 2nd November 2023: Term 4 Week 4

Kia ora e te whānau, Hello parents and caregivers,

Week 4 already and I trust you have all recovered after the terrible weather on Friday. Unfortunately it was a difficult decision to make. Indoor entries would have gone ahead regardless. But because we had a quantity of external judges and sponsors coming especially for the day the decision was made to go ahead.

All in all though, children were able to share their knowledge about their pets and their expertise in handling them, as well as showcasing the things that they made both at home and at school. Thank you to everyone who helped and to our sponsors without whom these events would not be possible. – Photos and results in the next NL- B.

The BOOK FAIR continues this week and next- being packed up on the 17th Nov. These amazing books are supplied by Scholastics, and the school receives a bonus for things sold. If you'd like to arrange to have a look please contact Jenny or Brendan so the Community Centre can be unlocked for you. There's some terrific bargains to be had!



Due to the overwhelming quantity of events in term 4, we have decided to postpone 'Ladies Day' until next year. It would have been on Melbourne Cup Day... You can get your thinking caps on.. as when it does happen it's likely to include a fancy hat competition- you have plenty of time to think about it !

Important dates

- 3 Nov Football Tournament- Turnbull Thompson Park. Parents to take children and stay with them during the day.
- 3 Nov Halloween Disco GRS 6:30 – 8 pm Treats on sale, FREE entry.
- 10 Nov Science Roadshow, Senior room. Come to school as usual.
- 13/14 Nov Teacher Only Days- NO SCHOOL
- 24 Nov Ki o Rahi Tournament- Tokanui- Come to school on the bus as usual.

John Parsons Workshop is next week, John is a Cyber Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant

John works with education, health and private sectors, providing specialist advice and direction on the safe and ethical use of Digital Communication Technology. John is a fantastic speaker and I (Brendan) have personally seen him 6 times. He doesn't beat the same tune he adapts with new scenarios and as a parent his knowledge has been invaluable.

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John is a published author of “Keeping Your Children Safe Online” and a social commentator who works throughout New Zealand and Internationally.

We have **two sessions** running in the school: **9:00 - 9:45am juniors then 9:50-10:50am seniors.**

Parents are invited to come to the corresponding session or both and ask questions after the session has completed. Feel free to look John up online, he has been on Breakfast and other programmes frequently.

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?”

Question 2- “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?”

3 November

Halloween Disco 6:30pm – 8pm

Gorge Road School.

Glow Things, Treats and drinks for sale.

Free entry,

13-14 November Teacher Only Days- There will be two Teacher Only Days. These are planning days in readiness for 2024 and the refreshed curriculum.

There is no school.



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Last week the team from Fern popped out with a surprise for our school. A brand new Ki o rahi set and some new tennis balls!

Ki o rahi is a sport getting traction not just over the

Matariki period, but now has its own school module competition like touch, cricket and miniball do. We had been making do with standards and cut up drums. The tamariki were absolutely over the moon and with the tournament coming up in Tokanui next moth the timing couldn't be any better. A massive thank you to all our local contributors that take part in the “Fuel for Schools” scheme!

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Southern School Touch group had a great practise at lunch before the tour came through. Fingers crossed the weather holds out so we can play today!!



Join the PTA!



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Please join us for the

PTA AGM

On: Monday 6th November @ 17.30 pm

At: Gorge Road Country Club

All welcome!



Good chance for new families to get involved or just meet other parents.

Nibbles provided.

Upcoming Events	
Friday 3 rd November	Southern Zone Football tournament No Buses
Tuesday 7 th November	Ladies Day
Wednesday 8 th November	John Parsons Workshop
Friday 10 th November	Science Roadshow
Monday 13 th November	Teachers only day – No school, No Buses
Tuesday 14 th November	Teachers only day – No school, No Buses
ALSO Tuesday 14 th November	Book Bus at Gorge Rd. 10:50am – 12:30ish check timetable.
Wednesday 16 th November	Waituna Ambassadors Clean up TBC
Mon 20 th – Wed 22 nd November	Swimming
Friday 24 th November	Ki o Rahi Tournament at Tok
Mon 27 th – Wed 29 th November	Swimming
Tuesday 5 th December	Production / End of year celebration

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	Popcorn lightly salted 12g	\$1.00
Pizza (Ham/Cheese, Hawaiian)	\$2.50	Choc chip Cookie	\$2.00
Moosies (Blue Lagoon, Straw or Chocolate)	\$1.00		
Juicies (wildberry, lemonade or tropical)	\$1.00		
IF in Stock: <u>NEW PRICING:</u> Sausage rolls (2 pack)	\$3.00		

Lignite Pitt is back open for Sunday Lunches and a coffee.

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