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Kia-ora whanau/ hello everyone!

We are halfway through this term and speeding towards the December finish! A busy wee place of activity next week here at Gorge Road with something on every day (check events). Might pay to stick it up on the calendar or fridge to keep track. 😊
The production practices will ramp up as we get closer to performance. Please help our students practise the songs for the upcoming production at home, here is the link. Some are videos and won't open in a music player.
Thank you to the Allens, Emersons Mr Black and all helpers that assembled the stage ready for production.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Community survey** to help us with our school's strategic plan for 2027-2028. It really does help to give us an idea about what you as our school community thinks is important.



Well done to all our fantastic students this week! Keep up the good mahi/work!

Ki O Rahi Tournament
Selected senior children will be competing in a Ki O Rahi Tournament held at Tokanui School on Friday 20th November. To help with transport we are looking for a parent who can take some children to and from the event. If you can help, can you please let Brendan know. **If we are unable to get additional transport, we will only be able to take a small number of students.**

COOKIETIME PTA fundraiser – Apologies I have put the **wrong date for money** to be paid into the PTA account on the form. Feel free to update your form. Please have all orders paid into the account by the **20th of November**. We will advise of the date for you to come collect your order from school.



Gorge Road & Districts Swimming Pool Complex Membership Form 2026/2027

For anyone wishing to have access to the pool please use the form above. Keep an eye on the following FB page for updates: Gorge Road Community Swimming Pool | Gorge Road | Facebook

The pool looks amazing this year after its off season spruce up!!

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We have had to adjust our **swimming** session schedule and are looking for a parent to help on the following Friday afternoons (in the pool) 27th November & 4th December. Around 1:15/30 – 2:30 both times. If you can come assist even to be on the poolside please email Mrs Knapp: belinda@gorgeroad.school.nz

Book Bus Timetable



Dec 7th

Waikawa Reserve 10-10.45am

Fortrose Picnic Area 1.15-2pm

Gorge Road School 2.30-3.30pm

Welcome

last 3 weeks we have had Miss Van Der Straaten (Miss V). Miss V is a student teacher and will be with Kakariki for 4 weeks as she completes her posting. (Likes to hide from cameras)

A wee reminder to all parents to use **Skool Loop for absences**. It goes to the class teacher, the office and principal so it generally can't be missed. ☺

Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Nov & Dec Swim Dates.	School swimming **Nov: 17th, 19th, 23rd, 26th, 27th, Dec: 1st, 3rd & 4th**.
Monday 16th November	St John's student first aid sessions
Tuesday 17th November	GRS Swimming – Our first swimming Day
Wednesday 18th November	Mitre 10 Tough Kids
Thursday 19th November	GRS Swimming
Friday 20th November	SZ Ki-O-Rahi Tournament in Tok
Monday 23rd November	GRS Swimming
Thurs 26th & Fri 27th November	GRS Swimming
Monday 30th November	*Practice Dress rehearsal with Mics
Tuesday 1st December	10:30am – 11:10am Dress rehearsal Pirates and Mermaids
Tuesday 1st December	PM School production/Concert and presentations *** UPDATED ***
Wednesday 2nd December	Last day of Tech
Thursday 3rd December	GRS Swimming
Friday 4th December	GRS Swimming
Monday 7th December	School Board meeting 7pm staffroom BOT XMAS
Wed 9th – Thur 10th December	Camp Columba
Thursday 10th December	Big Day In
Thursday 10th December	Last Day of School for 2026
Thursday 28th January 2027	First day of Term 1 - 2027

LUNCH FOOD LIST

(**NEW PRICES** FROM WEEK 6 TERM 1)

Pies (Mince & Cheese) or Mince	**$2.00**	Popcorn lightly salted 12g	$1.00
Pizza (Ham/Cheese) or Hawaiian	$2.50	Choc Chip Cookie	**$2.50**
Juicies (wildberry or tropical)	$1.50	Small Sausage rolls not always in stock	$3.00
Moosies (Blue Lagoon or Chocolate)	$1.50	Toppas not always in stock	$3.00

All lunch orders must come from home via a note/envelope (written by an adult) PLEASE include the date on order. Money can be paid in cash or via a bank deposit to 03 1745 0027472 00 with Name and lunch as reference. We will no longer use credits as money will be sorted on the day and sent home within the week. Mr Mason will take charge of doing the ordered lunches. Please if ordering Juicies/Moosies note down the flavour on order

ABSENTEES: To report an absence please use the Skool Loop (preferred option) or Ministry requirement to have a reason recorded for the absence; e.g. appointment, sick, dentist… phone the land line 032395763 opt 1 or 3 before 9.30am, or email office@gorgeroad.school.nz It is a

SCHOOL UNIFORM TOPS: We no longer carry these in stock, they can be purchased from the UniformNZ website then collected at their shop which is now at 142 Otepuni Avenue.
wish. Note the sizing is on the small side. We also have the option of a grey/red hoodie with logo on front. These hoodies are warm and the perfect garment for these cooler days.
http://gorgeroad.uniformnz.com this is the polo top we wear to sports day but can be worn every day as a uniform.

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Something super exciting happened!!! After borrowing Tokanui's Ukeleles for the 2nd term, our Tamariki wished for our school to have their own. Thanks to the **Fern - Fuel for schools** initiative we were able to order 25 Ukeleles to have and use for the end of year production.

GO GRS!



Thank you to the fantastic humans below who have supported us!
We currently have over $2000 to spend on resources and sports equipment.



Leslie Clifford Frisby
O'Connor Agri Services Limited
Brok Dairies Ltd
Thwaites Contracting Limited
Thwaites Contracting Ltd
Maken Milk Limited
Brownie Dairies
Gorge Road School
South Coast Bulls Limited
Alan Wells and Janine Wells
Maken Milk Limited - 111 Moffat Road
Botting Landers Partnership
H & E Grotemarsink
Waimahaka Farms
MNM Farming Ltd - Waituna Rd
Waituna Investments Ltd - Lawson
THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!

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Gorge Road School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the Gorge Road School Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com

To download our app: In Google Play & App Store Search '**Skool Loop**' & choose your school once installed.

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LAND SEARCH & RESCUE
NEW ZEALAND
Rapu Whenua Aotearoa

People Helping People Home

TOKANUI LAND SEARCH AND RESCUE SHED OPENING

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 29TH
11AM – 2PM

Come and check out our facilities which the community helped build!

- MEET THE TEAM
- SEE OUR EQUIPMENT
- LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT WE DO
- BE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Stronger Safer Communities

landsar.org.nz

HOMEGROWN KIDS



Shayla

Home-Based Educator

SPACES AVAILABLE!

My home is nestled on a peaceful hillside just outside of Tokanui, Fortrose area, surrounded by beautiful rural views and neighbouring farms with a large fully fenced section - perfect for safe and endless play. We also share our space with a small selection of friendly farm animals, offering children the chance to connect with and care for living animals of all sizes as part of their daily routine.

Inside, the play space is a warm, cosy, light-filled and a calming space- set up to invite play, creativity, and learning as well as care routines. I offer a wide range of resources to suit different ages and interests, and plenty of room for children to explore freely. I look forward to welcoming your child and getting to know them.

WINZ Subsidies and 20 hours free ECE available.

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Parents, help your child read and write with confidence

Word Whizz makes it easy for Kiwi parents to boost their child's early literacy skills, helping them catch up or excel in reading and spelling.

Free Workshop - wordwhizz.co.nz

⭐ Structured Literacy Approach ⭐ Unlimited Sessions

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Learn to be a Sugar Sleuth!







Did you know sugar comes in many forms with different names? Be a sugar sleuth and see how many of these you can find on food and drink packets

Often having food or drinks with added sugar can weaken our tooth enamel overtime, leading to holes in our teeth

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral Health Service

Talkteeth Southern

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Simple free download

Scan the QR code or In Google play & App Store search **'Skool Loop'** & choose our school once installed.

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