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Friday 8th December 2023: Term 4 Week 9

Kia ora e te whānau, Hello parents and caregivers,

It never fails to amaze me how your wonderful children can deliver an outstanding production year after year. This year's performance took some pressure-cooker practices but the children certainly provided another good night's entertainment.

Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate or trophy on Tuesday, and to everyone else who worked throughout the year to make Gorge Road School a successful place of learning.



Mrs McFaul talked about 2023 being a year of farewells and welcomes.

Sue Beck left the office at the beginning of the year and her position was taken up by Brendan Mason. Sharon Evans' teaching position was shared by Saskia Van den Beld, and Ashley Shirley. Ashley's last day with us is 13th December and Saskia will continue in Kakariki.

Jane Muir is leaving us this year, and her last day is Monday 11th December. A huge thank you to Shakira Morton for her work again in the school this year. We wish her well in her journey next year.

Confirmed staffing for 2024- Administration
Brendan Mason, Teacher Aide Lachie Morton,
Kakariki: Saskia, Karaka: Sheree Keenan, Whero:
Mrs Craig. Mrs Moira Short will teach Wednesday in
the junior room, and Friday in the senior room.

Gorge Road touch team - So very proud of these tamariki! A little bit of a new experience for most of them. The majority play rugby for woodlands so it wasn't too hard to adapt. The difference from that first practice 8 weeks ago, to the final game last night was phenomenal!

Considering 90% of the teams we played have had 2 years' experience together, we went well. 2 Wins 1 draw (might have been 2 I forgot my touch folder) 2 losses
Big thank you to the parents and Supporters who came along (and got the kids there) each week. And especially Ruth for coaching our group of stars! **KA RAWE!!!!** (awesome)



**John, Riley, Amelia, Georgia
Briana, Noah, Dave, Nicole *Talha & Liam Missing**

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Important dates

14 December - last day of school. School finishing at 1:00pm. Only need to bring own morning tea.

Buses leave 1pm, so **children home two hours early.**

30 January - First day of Term 1

Pictures – Moana pictures will go up on the School Facebook page over the weekend. Feel free to copy them into your drive or family pictures folder.

Kia-ora all!

Just a message to let you know that Cookie Time Xmas Cookies arrived today.

If you didn't make it today for pick up, they will be locked in the classroom over the weekend and can be picked up early next week. (See Brendan in the office)

The PTA has raised just over \$750 from this fundraiser which is a fantastic amount for a small group of people! This money will go towards the children's events and equipment.

A massive thanks to everyone for your efforts in selling cookies, and the community for getting in behind it. Enjoy the Christmas break!!!

GRS PTA



Big thumbs up from the tamariki!!

A colorful flyer for swimming lessons. The background is blue and yellow with green circles. It features a circular photo of a child swimming underwater. The text on the flyer includes:

5 day Block Swimming lessons
Gorge road pool
15-19 January

Fast track learning
for Summer with a
5 day block of individual
lessons

REGISTER NOW

0272066899
jcswimmers21@gmail.com

Limited Spaces



Georgia's MiniBall Team yr 3&4 came 1st in their after school competition! It was a tense game going into overtime (as they were tied at full time). 1st goal scored in overtime won the game!! And the girls got it done!

CONGRATULATIONS GEORGIA & your amazing team...

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Thank you Mrs Muir for everything you will be missed! To celebrate Mrs Muir's time with us we are having a shared lunch on Monday.

LUNCH FOOD - Check with the office about food items as we are running out stock for the end of the year. We may not have your first request available. Pizzas should be back in stock for Tuesday.

Upcoming Events	
Thursday 14 th December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Tuesday 30 th January 2024	First day of term 1 2024
Thursday 15th 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	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	NEW PRICING: Sausage rolls (2 pack)	\$3.00

SDC SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Get #ActiveAS with our #FunAS Holiday Programme

\$6 PER CHILD

5-12 YEARS

10AM - 3PM

LOCATIONS

- Te Anau - Wednesday 17th January
- Mossburn - Friday 19th January
- Wyndham - Tuesday 23rd January
- Tuatapere - Thursday 25th January
- Riverton - Friday 26th January
- Winton - Monday 29th January
- Riversdale - Tuesday 30th January
- Rakiura - Friday 2nd February

2024 PLAY ACTIVATION

HULA HOOPS

BALL SPORTS

GIANT GAMES

STILTS

AND SO MUCH MORE

LOCATIONS

Athol - Thursday 18th January
Sports shed

Tokenui - Monday 22nd January
Tokenui Primary School (bring your wheels and togs)

Waikaka - Wednesday 31st January
Pump track (bring your wheels to the pump track)

Ohai - Monday 5th February
Ohai Marae (bring your togs)

11am-2pm
Free play and kai
No registration required

Bring the whānau & come along to our **FREE Play Activation** with Active Southland.

Enjoy games, fun, laughs & kai. Tell us how you have been active over the summer and go in the draw to win some cool prizes!

Any questions, please contact jenna@activesouthland.co.nz

To register, visit our event page on our website:
www.activesouthland.co.nz



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