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Friday 28th February 2025: Term 1 Week 5

Kia ora, what a week of excitement for our tamariki!

Students year 4 -6 have just returned from camp, and it sounds like sleeping in the *Tūhura Otago* Museum was an absolute highlight! The albatross colony and all the fun in between really has given them some stories to tell. Photos will be in next week's newsletter. Big thank you to the **Gorge Road Country club** for donating the use of the van!

Thank you to the parents who have touched base around in class appointment times/absences and issues arising from last weeks' notice. If you missed it please go back and have a read.

The Zone Triathlon is going to be moved to a date in the 4th term. Our own School triathlon will consequently be held in the 4th term. Dates to be confirmed. Any triathlon trophies that may be at home please return them to school.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

COL Teachers only day 21st Mar – No School no buses as the teaching staff will be at a course.

Big Congratulations to Althea who has her 3rd xtramath certificate this year!!



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What a great day we had for our **Big Day In**. We began the day with Katie from the Invercargill Library. She started by reading us a story and then we all let our imaginations go wild creating amazing things with the lego and magnetix that she brought out with her. We then had a fun swim, showing off all our amazing swimming skills that we had learnt during our swimming sessions earlier in the term.

Lunch was a delicious hot dog and chips from the Mokotua On the Spot. In the afternoon we tie dyed our pillow cases. This involved choosing the type of pattern we wanted on our pillowcase and tying rubber bands to help hold it together and show us where to put each of the colours. We then put the dye onto our pillowcase. The pillowcases will be ready to be revealed on Friday and we are looking forward to sharing these with everyone at Assembly on Monday. We finished our Big Day In with some outdoor games – cornhole, noughts and crosses, and a giant Jenga. We all really enjoyed our day.

Thank you so much to Katie from the Invercargill Library, the wonderful team at the Mokotua On the Spot and Active Southland for helping make our day so fun!

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Give Your Teeth A Rest

Snack All Day, Get Tooth Decay!



3 x 
as 1 snack
= 30 minutes of possible tooth decay





1 x 
as 3 separate snacks
= 90 minutes of possible tooth decay



HOW OFTEN we eat is as important as **WHAT** we eat to keep our teeth healthy

The more times we eat each day = more chance for holes in our teeth

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora **Community Oral Health Service**

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LUNCH FOOD LIST

Pies (Mince & Cheese) or Mince	\$1.50	Popcorn lightly salted 12g	\$1.00
Pizza (Ham/Cheese) or Hawaiian	\$2.50	Choc Chip Cookie	\$2.00
Juicies (wildberry, lemonade or tropical)	\$1.50	Small Sausage rolls not always in stock	\$3.00
Moosies (Strawberry 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). 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 note down the flavour on order

Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Friday 14 th March	SZ Athletics
Friday 21 st March	COL TOD NO School – No Buses
Saturday 22 nd March	Southland Athletics
Monday 24 th March	GRS Swimming
Tuesday 25 th March	School Photos
Friday 11 th April	Last day of term 1
Friday 25 th April	ANZAC Day
Monday 28 th of April	First day of term 2
Friday 23 rd May	SZ Cross Country
Friday 13 th June	Southland Cross Country
Friday 20 th June	Matariki NO School – No Buses
Friday 27 th June	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 14 th July	First day of term 3
Friday 25 th July	SZ Moffet Cup
Friday 29 th August	COL TOD NO School – No Buses

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Friday 19 th September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 6 th October	First day of term 4

ABSENTEES: To report an absence please use the **Skool Loop** (preferred option) or phone the land line 032395763 opt 1 or 3 before 9.30am, text 0274674373 or email office@gorgeroad.school.nz It is a Ministry requirement to have a reason recorded for the absence; e.g. appointment, sick, dentist...


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 Otepunu Avenue.

<http://gorgeroad.uniformnz.com> this is the polo top we wear to sports day but can be worn every day as a uniform if you 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.



2025 School Update Invercargill Area

Kia ora koutou! Wishing everyone a smooth start to Term One and the school year!
The Community Oral Health Service provides free dental care until age 18 and our team is here to support your school community - below are some key updates for the year ahead.




Local Community Clinics:

- Waihopai - Alice Street; Ph: 218 7744
- Fernworth - 288 Pomona Street; Ph: 216 9706



Mobile Dental Units:

- Newfield - 82 Wilfrid Street; Ph: 027 555 7062
*From 23 April - 29 May
- Bluff - Bradshaw Street; Ph: 027 555 7062
*From 16 June - 7 August
- Ascot - 580 Tay Street; Ph: 027 555 7063
*From 23 June - 11 September
- Donovan - 200 Drury Lane; Ph: 027 284 9937
*From 23 June - 18 December
- Te Wharekura - 734 Tweed Street; Ph: 027 294 7545
*From 11 August - 18 September
- Kew (Southland Hospital) - Kew Road; Ph: 027 294 7545
*From 22 September - 18 December



Keep an eye out for the two handy oral health tips we'll send out each term, for your school to share via newsletters or social media



*Dates subject to change
For appointments outside these dates please call
0800 570 300

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Y5-Y13 - full details: <https://www.southlandorienteeringclub.co.nz/events>

Don't forget to register: <https://www.southlandorienteeringclub.co.nz/events/pre-registration>

Questions: southlandorienteeringclub@gmail.com - We're looking forward to seeing you!

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Building Resilience


Presented by Jake Bailey - an internationally acclaimed educator on resilience and the youngest #1 bestselling author in New Zealand history.


*Jake's presentations are positively uplifting & inspiring.
Suitable for the whole community, adults, parents and adolescents.*

WINTON:


-  Wednesday
5 MARCH
-  Southern REAP
224 Great North Road,
WINTON
-  7.30pm - 8.30pm
-  \$5 per person

**To book a seat contact Southern REAP on
0800 111 117 or email info@reap.co.nz**

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Book Bus Timetable 

24 Feb; 19 May; 11 Aug; 3 Nov; 1 Dec
Waikawa Reserve 10am-10.45am;
Tokanui School 11.15am-12.30pm;
Fortrose Picnic Area 1.15pm-
2.00pm; Gorge Road School
2.30pm-3.30pm

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