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Friday 9th February 2024: Term 1 Week 2

Don't you just love Southland weather! Four seasons in one day, everything short of snow this week! Welcome to two new families: Brianna is a new entrant in Kakariki, and Adrian is in Year 6.

SWIMMING STARTS ON MONDAY

We will be starting swimming next week, so please make sure your children bring all their swimming gear with them every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

FUN LUNCH- POSTPONED

We were planning to hold a fun lunch on Monday, however due to unforeseen complications we are now postponing this until a later date. Keep your eyes on the newsletter and Skool Loop for future updates.



STAYING IN TOUCH

The school primarily uses **SKOOL LOOP** to send messages to parents. This is an app that can be downloaded onto your phone, or accessed through your laptop.



ClassDojo

Classroom teachers will be using **CLASS DOJO** to send class messages and notices. If you haven't already please accept the invitation to join up. I have resent any unaccepted invitations, and included our new families. We have 16 out of 21 families connected already. This is also an app and works very well on your phones (Turn ON notifications, but turn OFF sounds if it bothers you. Teachers may send messages at any time.) You can also use Class Dojo to message teachers directly.

Well done to the children whose efforts were recognised in Assembly this week.

FOOD

SNACKS & BRAIN BREAK

Sweets and chewing gum are not to be at school. Classes stop briefly around 10 o'clock for a 'brain break'. Children are encouraged to have such things as fruit, vegetables, cheese, or fruit yoghurt at this time because the next set opportunity to eat is not until after morning play at about 11:20.

TOUCH

So far we have a mixed group of 4 students for touch. Not enough for a team so as mentioned Tokanui will be approached. To see if they have any team spots available, or would like to amalgamate students for a team. If this isn't agreeable let Brendan know by Tuesday. The only other sport we have been invited to participate in is Summer soccer on Mondays @ \$250 for the team for 8 weeks. Any thoughts see Brendan in the office.



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Rowing For Life

LIONS CLUBS IN OUR AREA ARE COMBINING TO SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER.



Aotearoa NZ
2023 - 2024

Raising funds for



ON **SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2024, 11.30AM** COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THE 'ROWING FOR LIFE' FUNDRAISER.

WATCH THE ROWERS COME INTO **CURIO BAY**. (APPROXIMATELY 12PM/1PM)

THERE WILL BE HOT DOGS AND CHIPS, SAUSAGES IN BREAD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE. EFTPOS AVAILABLE FOR FOOD PURCHASES ONLY (NO CASH OUT)

ALONG WITH SOME BEACH ACTIVITIES (byo bucket and spades) TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THESE WORTHWHILE ORGANISATIONS.

REMEMBER TO BRING CASH FOR THE CHOCOLATE WHEEL

DOGS NOT PERMITTED

Follow the rowing :-www.rowingforlife.nz

Heading to the river or beach this summer with your tamariki? Look out for Health Warnings!

Before heading out for any fun summer activities that involve swimming or contact with water, we encourage families to check out the LAWA website (Land, Air and Water Aotearoa).

The LAWA website has an interactive map that shows you what the water quality is like at the place where you are going and lets you know the results of a most recent water sample. You can find the interactive map here:

<https://www.lawa.org.nz/explore-data/swimming/>

These sites are monitored by Environment Southland throughout summer. The results are provided at each site in a traffic light system, with red suggesting it's unsuitable for swimming and green indicating it's suitable for swimming.

Environment Southland also monitors for toxic algae that could make people and pets sick. You can find out more here:

<https://www.lawa.org.nz/learn/factsheets/what-do-the-swim-icons-mean/>

When checking the LAWA website look out for health warnings. If the place where you are going has a health warning, find a safer location. Exposure to contaminated water can lead to symptoms such as diarrhoea and/or vomiting, skin inflammation and respiratory illnesses.

Alongside checking the water quality information, we recommend you:

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- Avoid swimming for 2 - 3 days after heavy or prolonged rainfall, even at sites that usually have good water quality. Check that the water looks clean and clear.
- Know what toxic algae (cyanobacteria) looks like in rivers and lakes and do not swim where it is present. <https://www.lawa.org.nz/learn/factsheets/toxic-algae/>
- Follow the advice of any warning signs in place.
- Avoid swimming near potential sources of contamination such as large groups of animals, stormwater or wastewater outlets and drains.
- See your GP or Vet if you think you or your pet are sick.

Wilson Contracting will be completing pavement rehabilitation on a section of Gorge Road-Invercargill Highway between Ashers Road and Faulkner Road.

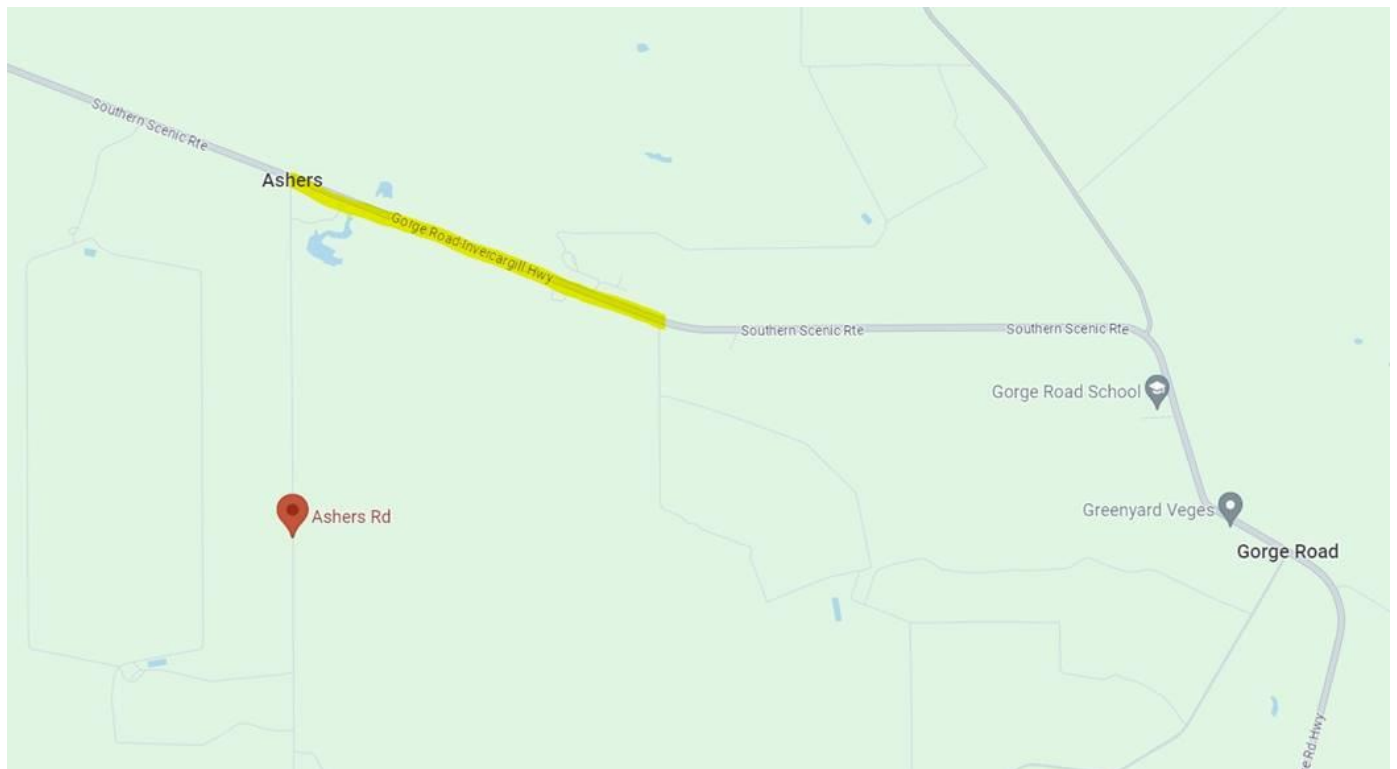
Initial drainage work will begin the week of 12 February, followed by pavement reconstruction of the road and sealing in March/April. Road users should expect delays to their journeys while this work is under way.

There will be temporary speed limits and traffic signals in place, reducing Gorge Road-Invercargill Highway to one lane in this area while this drainage work is under way (between 6.30am and 7pm weekdays).

Access to residences will remain, though there may be occasional delays if crews are working in the immediate area at the time.

During the construction and sealing phase there will also be temporary speed limits and traffic signals in place.

Site establishment is happening this week.



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GORGE ROAD & DISTRICTS SWIMMING POOL – Is OPEN!

Please check out their Facebook page Gorge Road Community Pool for more information regarding key FOB purchases. There is a link for the rules and membership details that new and existing key holders are required to fill out.



Upcoming Events	
Monday 12 th February	Fun Lunch POSTPONED
Monday 12 th February	BOT Meeting 7pm
Monday 12 th February	Gorge Road School swimming - 1:15pm – 2:30pm
Wednesday 14 th – Thursday 15 th Feb	Gorge Road School swimming - 1:15pm – 2:30pm
Monday 19 th February	Gorge Road School swimming - 1:15pm – 2:30pm
Wednesday 21 st – Thursday 22 nd Feb	Gorge Road School swimming - 1:15pm – 2:30pm
Tuesday 27 th February	GORGE ROAD SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS
Wednesday 6 th March	Science @ Tok
Thursday 7 th March	Southern Zone Athletics @ Surrey Park (Tisbury Hosting) Canc date 14 th
Friday 15 th March	Southern Zone Swimming
Tuesday 19 th March	Structured Literacy
Thursday 21 st March	Gorge Road School Triathlon (PTA BBQ TBC)
Sunday 24 th March	Southland Athletics @ Surrey Park
Thursday 28 th March	Southern Zone Triathlon
Friday 29 th March	Easter – Good Friday – NO SCHOOL NO BUSES
Monday 10 th April	Easter Monday & Tuesday – NO SCHOOL NO BUSES

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 the **Skool Loop** (preferred option)

Lunch Food List

Pies (Mince & Cheese)	\$1.50	Popcorn lightly salted 12g	\$1.00
Pizza (Ham/Cheese or Hawaiian,)	\$2.50	Choc chip Cookie	\$2.00
Moosies (Blue Lagoon, Strawberry or Chocolate)		\$1.00	
Juicies (wildberry, lemonade or tropical)	\$1.00	IF in stock: Sausage Rolls (2 Pack)	\$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**

BUS CHANGE or picking up your child/ren. Please phone 2395763 opt 3 before 2.45pm.

GORGE ROAD SCHOOL UNIFORMS 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. **Also now loaded is the option to purchase a grey/red hoodie with logo on front. Price has increased since quote but should be around \$45 each.**

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MOONSHINE TRAIL 2024
SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY
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PRESENTED BY Active Southland

FREE

NRG HEALTH & FITNESS
2KM FAMILY WALK
BEAUTIFUL 2KM WALK THROUGH DOLAMORE PARK. COME DOWN ON THE DAY TO GIVE THIS GREAT EVENT A GO

REGISTER AT THE START LINE BEFORE 11AM!

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Number One Shoes + Hannahs

Design Gumboot Friday's next limited edition gumboot

www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootdesigncomp

Name: _____

Contact No: _____

Age: _____

Email: _____



Post entries to - I Am Hope, 135 Dominion Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland 1024 or scan and email to michaiah@iamhope.org.nz.
All entries must be received no later than 9pm on 28th February 2024.

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