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Friday 27th June 2025: Term 2 Week 9

Kia ora, whanau/ hello everyone!

Hopefully everyone is nice and refreshed after the school holidays, especially those that had a trip away before calving commences.



With the change in weather, a fair amount of our students are coming to school with **very light clothing**. Many seem to be only wearing 2 layers (Tshirt & jacket). Jackets in class are bulky and can cause distractions due to the rustling noise they make. Please check your children before they leave home, ensure that they are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. Having layers for warmth will avoid jackets and some disruptions in the classroom. Some are getting their socks wet and removing them until they dry on a heater. Feel free to chuck an extra pair in their bag to keep them warm.



Moffett Cup

Our two netball teams are busy practicing getting ready for next Friday. The tournament is being held at Stadium Southland in Invercargill. School sports tops will be handed out to students competing next week and more information will be shared with parents once we receive the draw. Thanks to Irene for taking the time to come coach our superstars!



A reminder to all parents to ensure your tamariki / children have something for **fruit/brain break and lunches are healthy**. We know it is tough to make the contents of a lunchbox exciting during winter. The cost of fruit, nuts and veges are well up which adds to the difficulty. Our tamariki are also lured to packaged snack foods and other exciting things. Apples, oranges, carrots and mandarins are in season at not a bad price.

School lunch boxes are a hot topic at the moment in many schools and teachers hate being the lunchbox police. Many groups have healthy lunch idea pages to look at online. The supermarket chains have a section dedicated to it. The

heart foundation has ideas also. The main issue being they clearly did all of these in summer. In winter no one is paying \$15-\$18/kg for grapes and \$5 for a tiny cucumber. We have a pie warmer operating at school. It is great for leftover meals, toasties/wraps and things from home. Please make sure there is no glad wrap/cling film on the items to be heated and they are named clearly.



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Hopefully you will have received an email this week telling you about the Gorge Road School, School Board elections. We have a member stepping down this year and looking for at least one new motivated member for the board. This person will work alongside the other members, presiding member & principal to ensure the governance of the school is optimum. If you would like to find out more about board governance and what is required you can have a look online. However, if hearing about it in person and asking

some questions is more you. Woodlands school has organised John Goulstone from NZBA to come and do an open session for interested potential board members in the area. It will be held at Woodlands school on Wednesday the 30th of July at 7pm. If you are going to attend please RSVP to Brendan in the office by 12pm Thursday the 24th of July. Sue Rogers the principal is going to put on some light refreshments and sort seating hence the RSVP. If you have any questions or would like School Board information sent to you, please contact Brendan in the office.



Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Monday 21 st July	School Board meeting (BoT)
Friday 25 th July	SZ Moffet Cup
Monday 4 th August	School Board meeting (BoT)
Wednesday 6 th August	School Board Nominations Close (12pm)
Wednesday 13 th August	School Board Voting papers issued (If required)
Tuesday 19 th August	Polyfest @ ILT Stadium Southland Booked in for 12:10pm – 12:30pm
Friday 29 th August	COL TOD NO School – No Buses
Wednesday 10 th September	School Board Elections day
Monday 15 th September	School Board meeting (BoT)
Friday 19 th September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 6 th October	First day of term 4
Friday 17 th October	Life Education
Monday 20 th October	School Board meeting (BoT)
Monday 27 th October	Labour Day NO School – No Buses
Friday 31 st October	Southern Zone Football tournament

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 or tropical)	\$1.50	Small Sausage rolls <small>not always in stock</small>	\$3.00
Moosies (Strawberry or Chocolate)	\$1.50	Toppas <small>not always in stock</small>	\$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**

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...

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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.

WAIMAHAKA PUBLIC HALL A.G.M
Monday 21st July 2025 7pm
Waimahaka Hall, Waimahaka
We will present the new constitution to the community,
We welcome all input from the district and hope you can come.
If you want a copy of the proposed constitution contact
Jane Craske, secretary
021 2389 243
maccraske@farmside.co.nz
All welcome

Book Bus Timetable
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

*We're Back for
Term 3*

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Lesson**

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Gorge Road Country Club

HAY AND BALEAGE COMPETITION 2025

SATURDAY 19TH JULY

Club opens at 2pm

Judging 3pm
Bistro Open 5.30pm
Auctions 7pm

Kids!
Lets see your ...
Heaviest Beet
Heaviest Swede
Longest Kale
1st 2nd 3rd Prizes

**Hay and Baleage Donations can
be dropped off at the Club from
Thursday 17th - Saturday 19th
before 3pm**

**Don't forget to number
your bales on delivery, so we
know which bales belong to who!**

AMAZING ITEMS UP FOR AUCTION!

Enquiries and/or to organize pick up
Roger - 0276444330
Foxy - 0274499877



2025
Hay and Baleage
Auction List

1. Day Trip Cod Fishing - Roger Olsen
2. 14T 40mm Gravel - Delivered - Healy Trucking
3. 4m Firewood - Pine - Greg and Katrina Daly
4. \$250 Voucher - Progressive
5. Accommodation - Curio Bay - 4 People
6. Ring Feeder - O'Connor Contracting
7. Scenic Flight - Southland or Central - Allan Brocket
8. 2 hours Fencing - Blacks Fencing
9. \$400 Voucher - Arbor South
10. Day Trip Cod Fishing - Foveaux Charters
11. WOMENS MYSTERY!
12. 5ha Spraying - No Chemical - South Spray
13. Fox Hut - Breakfast Included - Mr Fox
14. 2x 2 hour House Cleans - Sadie the Cleaning Lady
15. 2x Adults on the Shotover Jet
16. 900 Pine Tree Seedlings - Leithfield Nursery
17. Plasback Holder - Pirie Engineering
18. 6x bags Humate & 10x DBC Calf Meal
19. 4x Chickens & 2x Udy Vouchers
20. \$500 Voucher - Cameron Contracting
21. 4ha Strip Tillage - Optium Ag
22. Accommodation - Stewart Island - 5 people
23. \$200 Voucher - Crossroads Engineering
24. Ring Feeder - Dougs Engineering
25. MENS MYSTERY!
26. \$300 Voucher - Rogers Motorcycles
27. 15 cube Bark Chip - Delivered - Callahan Transport
28. \$500 Voucher - Bioactive Soils
29. Conventional Bale Feeder - D N Brown Engineering
30. Wairaurahiri Boat Trip - 4 people - Craig Frisby

JINGO Night

MUSICAL BINGO

Join us for an exciting evening with great prizes, food
and drinks, raffles and auctions galore

Download and use Shazam on the night

4TH AUGUST
STARTS 7PM

Pioneer Tavern
Edendale

\$20 FOR 4 ROUNDS

FUNDRAISING FOR MENZIES BASKETBALL 1ST V
To attend tournaments in Invercargill & Palmerston North

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IN-CONFIDENCE

Become an Oranga Tamariki Foster Caregiver in Southland

Help make a Difference in a Child's Life!

Are you ready to provide a safe, loving, and supportive home for a child in need? Oranga Tamariki is looking for caring individuals and families who can help children in care to grow, heal, and thrive.

We are currently seeking caregivers who can offer:

- A safe and nurturing environment
- Emotional and physical support to children in need
- A commitment to helping a child reach their full potential

As an Oranga Tamariki caregiver, you'll receive training, 24/7 support, and a financial allowance to assist with the care of the child. You'll also join a network of compassionate individuals dedicated to making a lasting, positive impact in the lives of children.

Who can become a caregiver?

- People with a genuine desire to care for children
- Families, singles, and couples
- People with different life experiences, backgrounds, and cultural connections

Every child deserves the chance to grow up in a loving, stable home. Could that home be with you?



Contact us today to learn more about joining the Southland caregiving whānau.

Call: **Isla Hardy**

Email: Isla.hardy@ot.govt.nz

Website: orangatamariki.govt.nz

Together, we can make a brighter future for children in Southland!



Ngā kai hauora o te wā tina ki te kura

Involve your child in choosing and making lunches. This will make them more likely to eat and enjoy their lunch.

Include items from the following food groups.

Something filling – Go foods (carbohydrates)

- Grain foods – they give children energy and brain power. Choose high-fibre and wholegrain bread. Try mixing it up by using wraps, flatbread, pita bread, grainy rolls and crackers.

Something lasting – Grow foods (protein)

- Milk and milk products – they provide calcium, which helps to build strong bones and teeth. Cheese slices and yoghurt are great snacks in lunch boxes. Include a small ice brick or a frozen water bottle to keep them cool and at a safe temperature.
- Lean meat, chicken, fish, eggs, nuts and beans – they provide protein to help build strong muscles and key nutrients such as iron and magnesium for growth. Peanut butter, chicken, tuna, eggs or hummus make great high-protein sandwich fillings.

Some colour – Glow foods (vegetables and fruit)

- Vegetables and fruit – they provide fibre and important minerals and vitamins. Cut vegetables into manageable pieces such as carrot, cucumber or celery sticks. You can also add vegetables to sandwich fillings. Use fruit that fits easily in a lunch box such as mandarins, small apples, grapes or a pottle of diced fruit. To keep the cost down, buy vegetables and fruit that are in season. Eat fruit instead of drinking fruit juice.
- Bottle of water – try adding fruit or vegetables like lemon, cucumber, oranges or berries to make flavoured water. See *Make your own flavoured water* from *Healthy Kids* (www.healthykids.org.nz).



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RAISE A CALF FOR HOSPICE

Supporting our family & whānau, one calf at a time.

Dear ,

I wanted to follow up on Hospice Southland's *Raise a Calf for Hospice* campaign — a heartfelt initiative that helps us support our community, one calf at a time.

We're thrilled to share that 18 live and 5 virtual calves have already been **donated** — an incredible show of support from our community. Every single calf makes a meaningful difference.

All proceeds raised through the campaign stay right here in the Southland and Wakatipu region, enabling Hospice Southland to continue providing care at no cost to those who need it most.

You can get involved in two ways:

- **Pledge a calf** – Raise a calf until weaning and donate the sale proceeds to Hospice.
- **Donate a virtual calf** – Make a one-off donation of \$350 and we'll do the rest.

You will find a links to the registration forms below.

If you'd like to join the campaign or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Every registration goes in the draw to win 1 of 2 \$500 worth of calf meal

The heaviest calf will win
\$1,000 travel voucher



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Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



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'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.

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**MENZIES
COLLEGE**

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 6th August — 3.30 - 7pm

Principal's address 3.40pm

All families are asked to be present no later than 6pm



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SOUTHLAND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
2025 OPEN DAY
THURSDAY 24 JULY 3PM-6PM
TOUR THE SCHOOL
MEET THE STAFF AND CURRENT STUDENT INTERACTIVE
EXPERIENCES
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO WWW.SOUTHLANDGIRLS.SCHOOL.NZ

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