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**Friday 26th July 2024: Term 3 Week 1**

Good afternoon and welcome back to term three!

What a fantastic break from the cold, although I fear, it has confused the bulbs and fruit trees. Even lambs are appearing, someone has a crystal ball on that farm.

This term doesn't have a lot of extra commitments, make the most of it. The forth term will no doubt become it's usual whirlwind.

We have four new children who joined our school in the past week: **Tyah, Aria, Jam and Zander**. Welcome to these three new families.

**POLYFEST** Please note the date and timing for polyfest is **completely different** from last term's notices. Due to a computer glitch double booking some schools our slot is now 2:45pm on Wednesday 28th August. Children would be available around 3:15pm for collection at the stadium. School and morning buses will be as usual, however the plan is to perform in two or three rest homes prior to performing at the ILT Stadium in Invercargill. Having lunch and a run around on the way. Ideally you are invited to watch the children's performance and then take them home with you. However those families (for whom this may not be possible), the school can potentially arrange transport home for them. We will be clearer about these details closer to performance day. To help us plan for this (as it is only a month away) could you please email Brendan: [office@gorgeroad.school.nz](mailto:office@gorgeroad.school.nz) indicate if you will be taking your child/ren home on the day ASAP.

### **Cookies and Pies**

Collection day for the Pies is today 26<sup>th</sup> of July. Anything not picked up will be frozen and can be picked up from school next week. Have a chat to Brendan in the office.



**Absences** must be reported daily with a reason, or the system defaults to truant and the Ministry becomes alerted - a thing to avoid. Skool Loop is asking for more detail, to help us keep all parties happy. Sick, appointment, holiday... Many thanks in advance.

### **Canteen items**

We have had a bit of an uptake in our lunch items recently. We will try to carry a bit more stock, but please bear with us if things are periodically unavailable.

## **Moffett Cup** 2nd August 2024

A big thank you to Kendal & Irene for offering their talents to coach the netball teams! Netball details and draw will come home on Monday or Tuesday. Rugby today or Monday.

**Any child who is not in a team is expected to be at school. Buses will be running.** Thanks Saskia [saskia@gorgeroad.school.nz](mailto:saskia@gorgeroad.school.nz)

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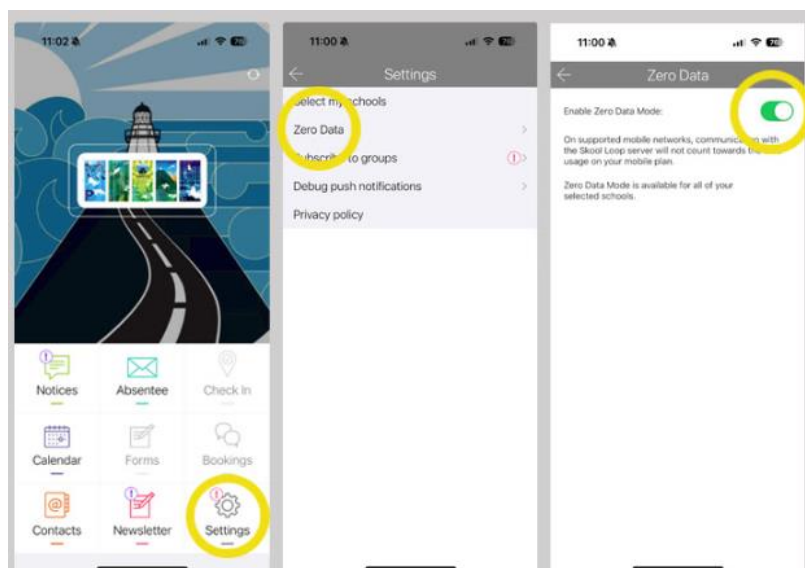
## Skool Loop + Zero Data

For some school parents and caregivers, the cost of mobile data can be a barrier to accessing school information and communications!

Not anymore!

We are excited to announce Skool Loop has aligned with Zero Data removing this barrier by providing free access to your school app.

Please feel free to use the following graphic in your school newsletters, FB page and website to help parents use this fantastic resource.



### **LUNCH FOOD LIST**

Pies (Mince & Cheese)	\$1.50	Popcorn lightly salted 12g	\$1.00
Pizza (Ham/Cheese) Hawaiian	\$2.50	Choc Chip Cookie	\$2.00
Juicies (wildberry, lemonade or tropical)	\$1.00		
Moosies (Blue Lagoon, Strawberry or Chocolate)	\$1.00		

<b>Upcoming Events</b> Dates subject to change	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Moffet Cup - BUSES AND SCHOOL AS USUAL
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	POLYFEST 2.45pm
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	BOT 7pm Staffroom
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	School Holidays – <b>NO SCHOOL NO BUSES</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	First Day of Term 4
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	BOT 7pm Staffroom
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	PET DAY
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Day – <b>NO SCHOOL NO BUSES</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> OCT	Life Education Bus
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Teacher Only Day – <b>NO SCHOOL NO BUSES</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	BOT 7pm Staffroom
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December	CAMP

**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](mailto:office@gorgeroad.school.nz) It is a Ministry requirement to have a reason recorded for the absence; e.g. appointment, sick, dentist...

**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**

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



TE PŪTAHITANGA O TE WAIPOUNAMU  
**COMMUNITY DAY**

Celebrate 10 years of Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu with us at

**MURIHIKU MARAE**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 27TH**  
10am-2pm

FREE HĀNGI AND BBQ.  
MUSIC PERFORMANCES. KAPA HAKA.  
SPOT PRIZES. BOUNCY CASTLES.  
POI. WEAVING. KIDS CORNER.

RSVP not necessary,  
Open to the public  
408 Tramway Road  
NAU MAI, HAERE MAI  
Parking available at Aurora College

Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu  
WAIHŌPAI HAPORI  
WAIHŌPAI RUNAKA

Nau mau, tauti mai!

This month, Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu will celebrate 10 years as the Whānau Ora commissioning agency for the South Island. To commemorate this milestone and acknowledge all the whānau, hapū, iwi, hapori Māori, partners and the wider community who lie at the heart of Whānau Ora here in the south, Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu is supporting a series of community-led Whānau Day celebrations across the motu.

Please join us and the whānau of Murihiku Marae on Saturday, July 27 for a fun day for the whole whānau - let's celebrate 10 years of groundbreaking kaupapa and whānau transformation together!

Registrations are not necessary.

Hei reira!

**Free hāngi and BBQ, surprise music performances, bouncy castles, spot prizes, poi making, weaving, kid's corner and more!**



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**MURIHIKU MARAE**  
408 TRAMWAY ROAD, INVERCARGILL  
SATURDAY 27TH JULY  
10AM-2PM



**OPEN NIGHT**  
Tuesday 13 August — 3.30 - 7pm  
Principal's address 3.40pm  
All families are asked to be present no later than 6pm

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