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Friday 7th March 2025: Term 1 Week 6

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

Welcome to Nyjah Balbin, and Thaniya Onceno. They are both in Mrs Knapp's class.

REMINDER: There's a **TEACHER ONLY DAY** on 21 March. This is a curriculum day for teachers, and teaching staff will not be on site. There is **NO SCHOOL** on that day.

Absences

Please, please, please.

We **NEED** all families connected to **SKOOL LOOP**. If Brendan or Jenny are away from the office any text and email messages can be missed by the remaining staff. Unreported or unseen absences are marked as unexplained, and will default to 'truant'. Using Skool Loop will ensure your message gets through.

PLEASE download Skool Loop and use it to report absences. It is a free download, and its use is data free also. Through it you can book teacher interview times, receive newsletters, and be alerted to important events.

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



**Well done to all our
fantastic students this
week! Keep up the
good mahi/work!**



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Fortnite (R13+), Squid Game (R16)

Please be aware. Staff suspect that some of your children appear to have, or have had, access to these programmes. They are completely inappropriate for our age children. These images affect your children's empathy and emotions towards others. Some children are traumatised, and can be frightened long-term by things they have seen and heard.



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

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



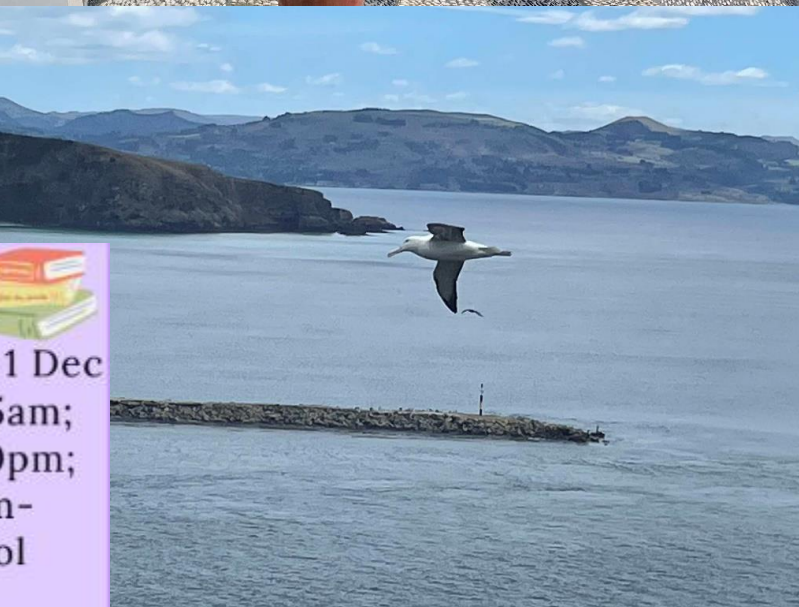
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Book Bus Timetable

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



Seaweed.

**CELEBRATE CONNECTING
WITH OUR SEAS**

TOI MOANA - TOI TANGATA

It is Sea Week 2025. A time when everyone is encouraged to reconnect with the ocean and do something to further your knowledge of the environment.

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Sat. 1 March - Sun. 9 March 2025



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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
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.

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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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



Check out some of our other events for Heritage Month

March 2025

HERITAGESOUTH Invercargill City Libraries & Archives



Heritage Month
with the
Invercargill Public Library

March 2025



Scan this code for more great events

Lunchtime Kōrero Series

Leaving a Legacy in Print
12pm, Tuesday 11 March

Graphic designer, author and family historian Elie van Empel has over 50 years of experience in documenting family history. She will share tips on how to bring the past to life on paper while collections staff discuss what they look for in donations from researchers. Family histories and archives from the Invercargill Library and Archives will be available to browse.

Creating Order from Clutter - Personal Archiving at Home & Beyond
12pm, Wednesday 26 March

Archivist Tom Riley, from Dunedin's Hocken Library, will discuss how an Archive decides what to collect, what it values most and what happens to donated material. With tips on how to organise your physical and digital family archives for future generations, Tom attempts to answer the age-old question - "who will want all this?" Family records from the Invercargill Archives will be available for viewing, with a free tour of the archive facilities afterwards for those who wish.

Stories of Southland Kōrero Series

Have You Got What It Takes to be a Pioneer?
1pm, Thursday 6 March

From the Highland Scots to the Orkney Weavers from Ayrshire, local historian Wendy McArthur weaves together the stories of our early Scottish pioneers, why they came and the hardships they and their families endured.

Whaling & Sealing in the South
12pm, Wednesday 12 March

Lloyd Esler shares his extensive findings into the important whaling and sealing industries in the far South, along with stories of shipwrecks, discovery castaways, kidnapping and hardship.

Hatching Plans - Legacy of Joseph Hatch
12pm, Thursday 13 March

Family genealogist Wendy Shaw shares her discoveries into the life of local politician and entrepreneur, Joseph Hatch, family man, idealist, businessman and employer. Find out about this remarkable man's life and career and the legacy he left.

Entry is free but koha appreciated.



Scott's Discovery Hut Virtual Reality Experience



When: 3-5 March
Where: Meeting Room, 1st Floor
Free, book online

Meet the Researchers



When: 11 March (12-2pm) & 25 March (4-6pm)
Where: 1st Floor Office
Free drop in session

Clan MacKenzie



When: All Heritage Month
Where: Car Park Display Window
Free

Southland's Scottish Roots



When: All Heritage Month
Where: Ground Floor Lounge
Free

All events held in the upstairs Meeting Room at the Invercargill Public Library

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