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**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025: Term 2 Week 3**

Kia ora, whanau/everyone!

Unfortunately we welcome the 2025 cold and flu session back into our kura/school. It seems to start off with booger rockets (love that term) then turns into a barking chesty sounding cough. The cough then lingers for a solid week. If you have this going through your house don't panic, do check with Brendan in the office if you are unsure about sending your child to school with a cough. Fingers crossed that's the end for this round of illnesses.



Well done to all our students who have been working hard this week! 😊

Southern Snaps **School photo** order forms are due back on **Monday**. If for any reason you miss that deadline please make direct contact with the company.



**Southern Zone Cross Country** is being held on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. Like last year, school will be operating as usual. Those that are interested in the zone cross country will be invited to head along to Woodlands with a parent for the event. Permission slips were due back today. Email the office or Mrs Knapp with a picture of the slip if you have forgotten. For those that are attending the zone cross country please train at home when possible between now and then. Might pay to bring a change of clothes & shoes to school next week as we will send you out around the domain and pet day field to keep you in top condition for Friday.

**Structured Literacy Open Morning**

Last Thursday was a busy day. We enjoyed opening up our classrooms for whanau to come in and see a Structured Literacy Spelling lesson in action. It was great to be able to share this with our families and also answer any questions that you had. If you were unable to attend but would like to see a lesson being taken or have questions please reach out to your child's classroom teacher. We are more than happy to share more with you about Structured Literacy. Thank you to all those that attended.

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A huge thank you to our school PTA who provided a BBQ lunch for everyone prior to the cross country.

Our school **cross country** was held last Thursday in magnificent conditions which resembled a hot summers day. We were so proud of all tamariki who competed the course, showing off all their hard work and practice in the weeks leading up to it. Thank you to all the parents and whanau and school friends that came to support our children and helped out on the day.

The South Zone Cross Country is being held next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May for any students who would like to compete. Notices went home this week and were due back today. If your child wishes to attend but the notice hasn't quite made it back to school yet, please return these on Monday.

**Change over days** are coming soon across the motu for a lot of farming families. Moving from one district to another can be a tough time for some children. We like to acknowledge children when they are leaving, so please let us know if and when your last day is with us. If you don't want too much of a fuss made let us know also.

<b>Upcoming Events</b> Dates subject to change	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Photo orders back at school prior to 11am
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	SZ Cross Country
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Kings Birthday <b>NO School – No Buses</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Southland Cross Country
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Matariki <b>NO School – No Buses</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	SB meeting (BOT)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	First day of term 3
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	SZ Moffet Cup
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	COL TOD <b>NO School – No Buses</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of term 4



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LUNCH FOOD LIST

Pies (Mince & Cheese) or Mince	\$1.50	Popcorn lightly salted 12g	<del>\$1.00</del>
Pizza (Ham/Cheese) or Hawaiian	\$2.50	Choc Chip Cookie	\$2.00
Juicies (wildberry or tropical)	<b>\$1.50</b>	Small Sausage rolls not always in stock	<b>\$3.00</b>
Moosies (Strawberry or Chocolate)	<b>\$1.50</b>	Toppas not always in stock	<b>\$3.00</b>

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](mailto: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.

**Book Bus Timetable**  
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




We're excited to share our **FREE** online **SAFETY** magazine with you. We want to get to as many parents, whanau and caregivers as possible to keep reinforcing messages to the tamariki.

The publication is aimed at primary aged Tamariki and we thank Safekids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for editorial.



## Travelling overseas soon?

You must do a **New Zealand Traveller Declaration** when you come back

**TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz**

**Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa**  
New Zealand Government

**New Zealand Traveller Declaration**

Whakapuakanga  
Tangata Haere ki  
Aotearoa

SDAT are proud to bring you in conjunction with Arts on Tour NZ - well renowned NZ artist Jackie Clarke ((When the Cat's Been Spayed and The Lady Killers))



Jackie goes Prima Diva

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

Tokanui Hall

Doors and Bar open 7.30pm

Tickets \$20.00

Tickets available from Ticket - <http://www.ticket.com.au/events/2025/may/jackie-clarke-goes-prima-diva>

Don't miss this rioting show of bravura song styling, dazzling frockage, pin-drop moments and plenty of laughs from a NZ, diary-fed diva with her feet on the ground and her head in the stars.

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