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**Wednesday 7th May 2024: Term 1 Week 3**

Happy Hump day folks!

Isn't it fantastic to have some sunny days even if it's slightly brisk in the morning. Sun certainly makes the children smile, being able to be outside in fresh air makes a difference. With the brisk weather comes the colds (of course) and it's only May.

The site prep began on the pool roof Friday, unfortunately the wind started picking up, so the team weren't onsite for too long.

New lighting in the classrooms, acoustic panel installs, and socket updates are complete. Gremlins kept switching power off in the office so the NL had to wait.

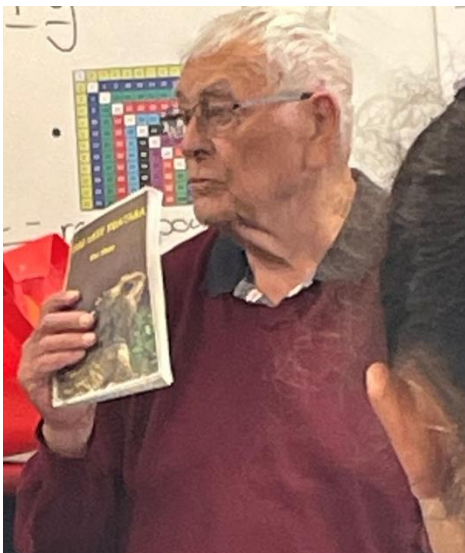
This Friday is Zone cross country, due to our small school staffing we can't staff 2 places at once. This means buses won't be running, students and families will need to make their own way over to the cross-country event. More info later in the newsletter.



***Invercargill and Southland Story Tour 15 May 2024***

Last week Storylines National Story Tours sent [Katie Furze](#), [Des Hunt](#), [Kieran Rynhart](#) and Te Awhi Rito NZ Reading Ambassador, [Alan Dingley](#) to our corner of the world.

The brought their wealth of knowledge (and a few props) and engaged with our Tamariki. Showing them the various process required to write and illustrate a storybook.



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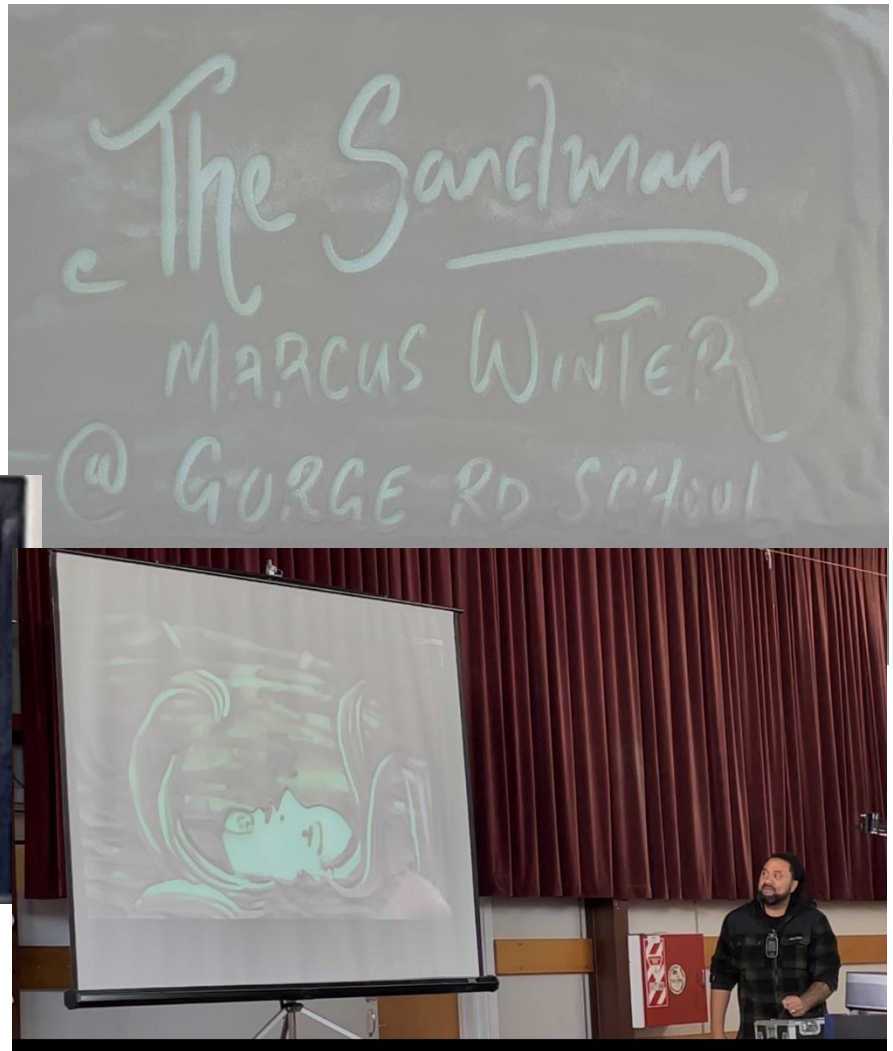
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*Marcus Winter The Sandman Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

We were also very lucky to have a presentation from Marcus Winter (The Sandman) Thursday afternoon. Playing host to Woodlands and Tokanui schools in the community centre. Lachie showed his spiderman capabilities and helped with the lighting which was much appreciated. Thank you Mr McFaul for sorting the heating for everyone!



Marcus gave a wonderful presentation showing us all the amazing, creative skills he has. His unique ability to tell stories and produce art in the same instance is something very special. From the first moment he played and talked he had everyone hooked. A special afternoon indeed!



**ZONE CROSS COUNTRY** is on Friday, anyone not attending through illness is expected to complete an absence notice through Skool loop and the usual channels please.

Venue: Woodlands Research Centre, 204 Woodlands-Morton Mains Road. Date: Friday 24 May 2024 Rimu home and school will be offering: Sausages \$2, Meat Patties \$4, Water \$2. Confectionary items will also be available.

Cancellation:

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31 December 2024.

Race Order (Commencing 11:00am)  
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12/13 year old girls and boys 3000m  
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Trophy presentations for 7 & 8 year olds  
10 year old girls – 10 year old boys 2000m  
11 year old girls – 11 year old boys 2000m  
Trophy presentations for 10/11 year olds

Meeting Area

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their designated school area.

**CONDITION:**

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It is also essential for all students to have **WARM CLOTHES** to wear before and after they have run. This includes fresh socks, shoes, a woollen hat and a jacket.

**CAR PARKING:**

There will be a speed of 5km/hr once they reach the admin building at the top of the driveway. Marshals will assist with parking. Cars should drive all the way up the driveway and look for the parking wardens to help them park. See email handout for full details.

**TOILETS:**

There will be portable toilets located in the paddock with the dogs.

**No Dogs**

No dogs to be attending the event please

Contact the office if you have any questions

**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...



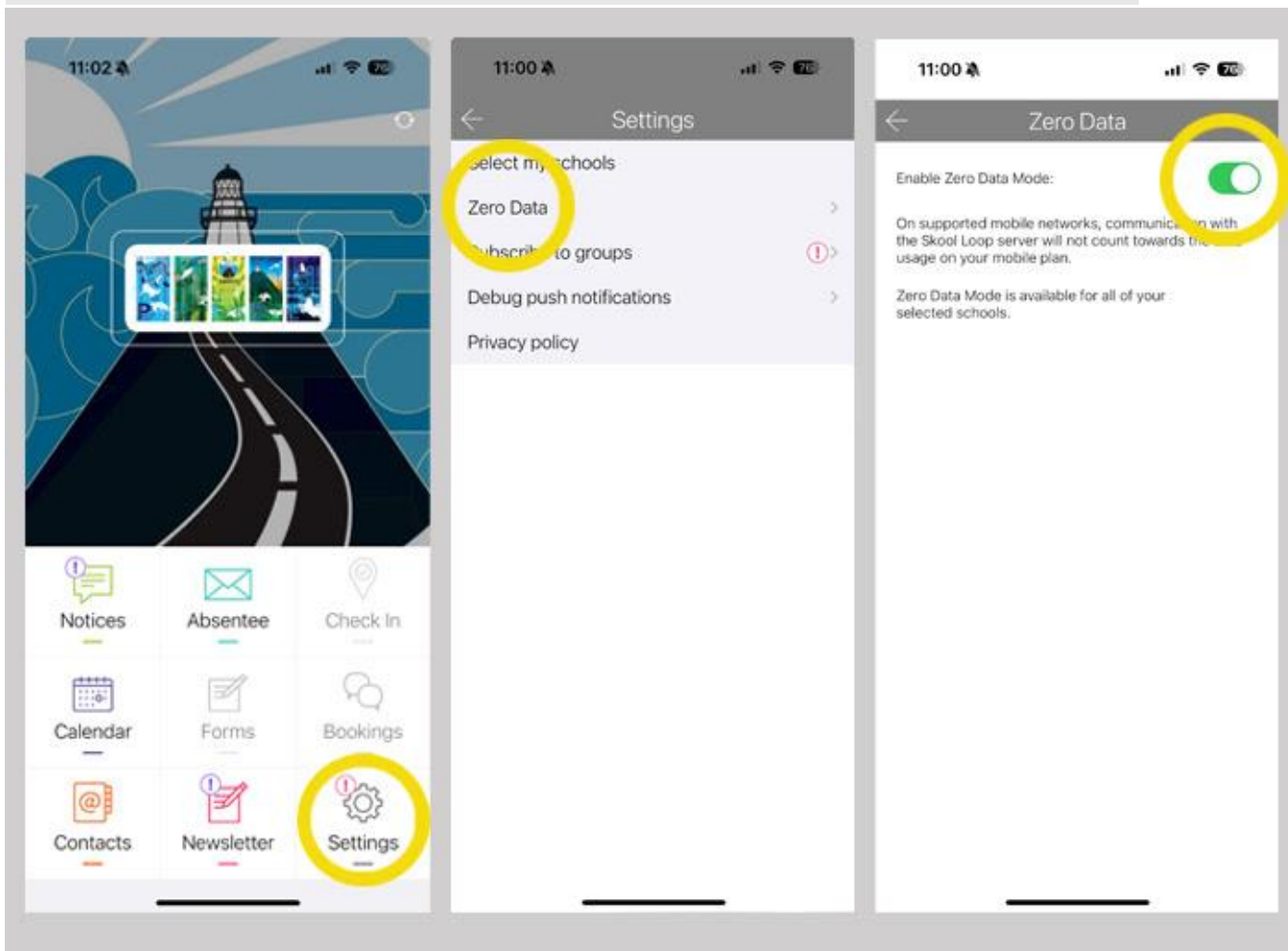
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For some school parents and caregivers, the cost of mobile data can be a barrier to accessing school information and communications!

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.



**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.

**LUNCH FOOD LIST**

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

**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**

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

## **T.O.W Rural Women South Coast Catchment Group**

# **Reminder**

## **We want your drums and Fert Bags!**

- **ALL clean agricultural drums 1-200lt**
- Drench, ag chemical, Teat spray, foliar feed, molasses, even your half drums!
- As long as its clean and has no screws or nails... we want it!
- Triple rinse please
- Amnesty on drums that have no recycle sticker.
- 200 - 1000 lt drums, feed and seed bags LDPE bags, picked up on farm, book them in here.
- Shake Fert bags out and stuff into each other, tie the tops

## **Lions Members**

All members on the the town side of the Mataura River  
welcome to join the drive as well and neighbours too.

Drop off at O'Connors Contracting Yard.

Many thanks for your drums AND your help.

## **Drop Off Tuesday 21 May 1-5 pm**

**Titiroa base, Titiroa Tokanui and O'Connors yard.**

Register by 19th May

Dot:0274977962

Alison:032468749

Nic:0274065204

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<b>Upcoming Events</b> Dates subject to change	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Pool roof replacement will begin.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Southern Zone Cross-Country – <b>NO SCHOOL NO BUSES</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Waituna Ambassadors
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	BOT 7pm Staffroom
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	King's Birthday – <b>NO SCHOOL NO BUSES</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Only Day - Structured Literacy – <b>NO SCHOOL NO BUSES</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	NZSO(New Zealand Symphony Orchestra)Concert Civic Theatre @ 11am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Southland Cross-Country
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Matariki – <b>NO SCHOOL NO BUSES</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	BOT 7pm Staffroom
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21st July	School Holidays – <b>NO SCHOOL NO BUSES</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	First day of Term 3
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Moffet Cup
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



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Gorge Road Community  
Swimming Pool presents . . .



**CASINO**

*Night* **FUNDRAISER  
& AUCTIONS**

**SATURDAY 22nd JUNE 2024**

**Gorge Road Community Centre  
7.30pm till late**

**\* 18+ \* TICKETS \$30 incl funny money \*  
EFTPOS & CASH BAR \* SUPPER \* COURTESY  
COACH \* 'CASINO' DRESS CODE \***

For more information & to purchase tickets,  
please scan the QR Code or visit  
[www.trybooking.com/nz/SEL](http://www.trybooking.com/nz/SEL)



# **SOUTHERN ZONE CROSS COUNTRY 2024**

## **INFORMATION SHEET**

**Venue:** Woodlands Research Centre, 204 Woodlands-Morton Mains Road.



**Date:** Friday 24 May 2024

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### **Start Time:**

All schools are to be at the venue by 10:30am. The first races will be held at 11:00am.

### **Ages:**

*Student to compete according to the age they will be as at 31 December 2024.*



**Distances:** - refer to map for track details.

**Entries for Southland Primary School's Cross Country:**

The first six boys and first six girls in year ages of 10,11,12,13, will qualify

**Race Order (Commencing 11:00am)**  
**Motorbikes will lead and follow each race.**

12/13 year old girls and boys 3000m  
**Trophy presentations for 12/13 year olds**

5 year old girls - 5 year old boys 500m  
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**Trophy presentations for 10/11 year olds**

**Please bring trophies to the Zone Meeting at Rimu School on 15th May if you are coming.**

**COURSE INFORMATION / SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS:**

**Meeting Area**

On arrival at the venue, children should walk around to the paddocks which are located on the southside of the woolshed/covered yards. Each school should have their school signs/gazebo available for the children to locate. Schools are responsible for their children's behaviour and belongings at all times.

**If a child is not running they are to stay in their designated school area.**

**CONDITION:**

The course is as much a cross country course as any. It may have some ruts, holes and some ditches that children may have to run through. They will be running through paddocks and races.

**SHOES MUST BE WORN! NO SHOES- NO RACE!**

**START/FINISH (REFER MAP ATTACHED):**

All age groups will be called to the start muster area 10 minutes before going to the start line.

Finish Line - will be marked by FINISH chute.

As the finishers cross the line:

- **The first 10 students** will be given a card with their place written on as they come through the finish.
- The first ten runners, in order, will be sent to the recorders table - manned by Rimu School. ***Schools can record their own places if they wish.***

***Only the first 6 boys and 6 girls in the 10/11/12/13 age groups qualify for Southland Primary School Cross Country to be held on Friday 16th June.***

#### **CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR:**

The students need to wear their school sports uniform. The most important thing is to ensure they are wearing appropriate shoes for running in wet/muddy conditions. **(Runners will not be allowed to start if they are wearing: spikes, bare feet, gumboots).** This is a Southland Cross Country Rule.

It is also essential for all students to have WARM CLOTHES to wear before and after they have run. This includes fresh socks, shoes, a woollen hat and a jacket.

#### **COMPETITORS CARD:**

All students competing are to wear the appropriate age ID Card for their race. **It must have their full name (first and last names) and school on it.** [The template](#) can be found in the Southern Zone Folder - Organisation - Cross Country -

**It would be great if these cards could be in the following colours please:**

<b>Ages</b>	<b>Boys and Girls</b>
5 years	Red
6 years	Yellow
7 years	Green
8 years	Orange
9 years	Blue
10 years	Red
11 years	Yellow
12 years	Green
13 years	Orange

### **CAR PARKING:**

There will be a speed of 5km/hr once they reach the admin building at the top of the driveway. Marshals will assist with parking. Cars should drive all the way up the driveway and look for the parking wardens to help them park.

**Option A** - If paddocks are in a good condition and we can use them for parking. We will be parking in Paddock 73 this year.

**Option B** - Paddocks are too wet and not able to be used for parking (as in 2021) However there will be space available up the lanes and right around the lanes in an anticlockwise direction. Some people may need to walk a wee way to get to the race area depending on how far around the lane they are parked. To exit they will need to continue in an anticlockwise direction to leave. Lanes will be one way. No turning is allowed in the lanes.

If it is option B, parking will be at a premium so we recommend that schools notify their communities to consider carpooling or to encourage families to limit the number of spectators that come out.

There will be parks reserved for mobility impaired and elderly beside the woolshed.

**Buses are to park on the gravel area next to the woolshed/covered yards.**

### **TOILETS:**

There will be portable toilets located in the paddock with the dogs.

### **RAM FORMS and FIRST AID:**

Schools are to write their own RAM and bring their own first aid kits - the organising school is not responsible for this. In the event of an emergency schools must take a role and gather their students to then follow safety instructions.

**IMPORTANT: There is a beehive on the 12/13 year old course. They will run past this.**

### **No children are to be near the workshop area AT ALL.**

Students need to stay in the designated areas and are not to go near the dog kennels please.

### **No Dogs**

No dogs to be attending the event please

### **FOOD:**

Rimu Home & School will be supplying food on the day. This will be confirmed closer to the time.

There will be a coffee cart available on the day also.

### **SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE STAFF:**

- **Two marshals** - for around the course. Refer to the map for positions
- which will be assigned on the day. You will walk or be driven around the course to get to your position at 10.40am. Marshals will be called



over the loudspeaker at 10.30am. Please meet at the recording tent. Morning tea/light lunch will be supplied to all marshals.

- **To supervise their own children.** All children must be supervised at all times.

### **Southland Primary Schools Cross Country**

**When:** Friday 14th June 2024

**Where:** Southern Field Days Site, 575 Waimumu Road, Waimumu

The top 6 from 10 years, 11 years, 12 years, 13 years will be eligible to attend. It was discussed at the last Zone meeting that for the age groups with smaller numbers (12, 13 year olds) that the runners needed to finish in the top 6 and to have run under the 15 minute time to be eligible to attend.

Esther will send out the list of the qualifiers after the event along with a letter to send home to families. These places will need to be confirmed as soon as possible to confirm their place for Southland.

## **Maps**

### **Car Parking and Assembly Areas (NB: Parking may change)**

Please note - different parking paddock than previous years.



## Maps (Tracks)

