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Friday 23rd May 2025: Term 2 Week 4

Kia ora, whanau/ hello everyone!

We will have a slightly disrupted school environment this week. Our 3 teaching classrooms are having their carpet replaced. This starts with removal, encapsulation then re-carpet.

We will use Kikorangi/Blue room for the displaced classes, as the work takes place.

Monday – Wednesday Whero & Karaka will be in the Blue room. Thursday & Friday Kakariki will be in the Blue room. This is as long as everything goes to plan so who knows really.



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

Southern Zone Cross Country is being held TODAY (Friday the 23rd of May). Like last year, school is operating as usual. We have 10 keen students taking part in the run today in fairly good conditions. Wishing them all the best and can't wait to hear the tales on Monday!



Bus drivers have had to warn children to sit correctly on the buses. We have then remind children on the Kapuka route (big bus) the importance of sitting down on seats. Hoping to avoid injuries that can occur on a bouncy bus, also so they don't distract the driver. Please help us by reinforcing this with your tamariki. If anyone needs a copy of the code of conduct for the bus, get in touch with Brendan in the office.

One of the junior students have lost their glasses. They were last seen around the dress up box, therefore may have been thought of as a dress up prop, due to the size and weight of them. In fact they are worth hundreds of dollars, so if by any chance a pair has accidentally ended up at home please, send back to Mrs Knappe.

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. We have had **Ojishma, Oshika, Lachlan & Octavia** move on this week. For Ojishma & Oshika, Gorge Road was the first introduction to Aotearoa, the culture, schooling and people. We have watched these Wahine/woman grow,

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the leaps they have taken and changes they have embraced are truly astounding. Supporting each other through the transition into a different culture, language and our attempts at humour. When one remembers how reserved they were when they first arrived. . It is truly heart-warming

Lachlan came to us from Salford and has always been a confident storyteller with a curious mind. He would tell us of his little sister who would soon be coming to school, he was a very proud big brother. Octavia first school was Gorge Road and from the moment she was in the grounds it was high fives all round and a cheeky grin. A caring member of her class and a bright button who will keep her big brother on his toes for many years!

Well done Gorge Road, the children, staff and wider school community/ **tānga whenua**.

These are tamariki / children that go on their journey taking our teachings and the experience with them.

Leaf Man

I'm Leaf man and I live in a tree. I'm a young leaf who is living with my family.

It is always breezy up here. Below me are some animals roaming around the grasslands. My neighbours are Mr and Mrs Stick and on the other side is my best friend Robert.

One day, strong winds began and I could feel my stalk detaching from the branch. Then my stalk finally detached and I flew away from the tree. After the strong winds stopped, I found myself in a garden full of vegetables.

"Oh great now I'm stuck in this garden with nobody in sight." I murmured.

Then I saw two antennas waving around behind the cabbage. A long neck and a round shell followed the antennas. It was a snail!

"Quickly Wind, carry me to another place!" I said.

I could detect that the snail was hungry because of the antennas waving around. Then the wind started to blow and picked me up and blew me to another place. When the wind dropped, I fell into a river and I started to drift along with the current. After a while something stuck to me and started to drag me to shore. Behind me was a frog with his tongue stuck to me. I unstuck myself from the tongue behind me and asked the frog what his name was. He said "I'm Radar but the animals here call me Rade."

"Okay Rade, my name is Leaf man, nice to meet you." I said. Then a giant shadow blocked the sunlight and when I turned around, it was a girl!

"Leaf man get out of there," said Rade.

But it was too late, I had been picked up by the girl already. I was brought to the girl's house and put on a table. After a while the girl came back with some materials with her. She started to do some crafting and turned me into a boat. She brought me outside and to the river and let me go. I started to float far away from the house and out to the wilderness.



By Aria Rejas

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TOI TOIS TOKANUI LIONS

LIONS HAY & BALEAGE AUCTION

Contact your friendly neighbourhood lion with any donation (small & large)

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Friday 4th July

Heaviest SWEDE competition for the up to 16yo.

SUPPORTING STHLD / OTAGO RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE



TOI TOIS TOKANUI LIONS HAY & BALEAGE AUCTION ET AL.

To be held on Friday 4th July at 4pm in the warm confines of the Tokanui Tavern and we thank them for that.

Currently soliciting donations of **BALEAGE & HAY** [small & LARGE].

This's one of our major fundraisers for your community and ours.

Recipients this year----

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TOI TOIS TOKANUI LIONS 'COMMUNITY

BANK'. [concentrating on youth et al].

Plus for **junior**--- Heaviest swede competition for up to 16yo.

We thank all our sponsors for their continuing support and you for your generous donations.

Feel free to contact that neighbourly friendly Lion with all offers. See ya'll there.

STOP PRESS

Toi Tois Tokanui Lions are establishing a CLUB database [cellphone # or & landline phone # but that's not all + VHF / CB #] for members.

Interested contact **ANNE JOHNSTONE @ 0276881338**. Fortuitously it's also recruitment 'month' and if you want your # therein *contact that neighbourly friendly LION* as a 'PROSPECT' and you're potentially logged.....

Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Friday 23 rd May	SZ Cross Country
Monday 2 nd June	Kings Birthday NO School – No Buses
Friday 13 th June	Southland Cross Country
Friday 20 th June	Matariki NO School – No Buses
Monday 23 rd June	SB meeting (BOT)
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

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 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

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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.

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



New Zealand – dairy, eggs, and honey

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New Zealand is highly reliant on its agricultural sector, which accounts for almost all of its 10 most lucrative exports. At the top of the list are dairy, eggs, and honey, which collectively represented \$12.2 billion (£9.7bn), or 30.7%, of its total trade last year.

The world's biggest exporter of dairy products is the New Zealand-based firm Fonterra.



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.

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