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**Friday 12th April 2024: Term 1 Week 11**

Well folks, hope everyone enjoyed the wee break from school structure! Was great to see the ANZAC services were well attended this year... The start of this term has a bit of variation, we have Mrs Marshall and Mrs Stirling teaching on Fridays for the next 3 weeks. Mrs Short is away having an amazing holiday and Ms V is teaching on Wednesdays. Our classrooms are getting an acoustic ceiling panel and lighting upgrade, starting the week of the 13<sup>th</sup>. As the work progresses through our classes, we will get temporarily shuffled round, so everyone gets a change of scenery...



With the change in weather, a fair amount of our students are coming to school with **very light clothing**. Many seem to be only wearing 2 layers (Tshirt & jacket). Jackets in class are bulky and can cause distractions due to the rustling noise they make. Please check your children before they leave home, ensure that they are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. Having layers for warmth will avoid jackets and some disruptions in the classroom.

**CROSS COUNTRY** Training has started, please make sure there are spare socks and pants in your child's bag, it is shaping up to be a particularly wet season. Children can wear gumboots to school (remember to clean them somewhat) but, cannot run in them for obvious reasons.

This is a last term with us for some of our Tamariki and their Whanau, moving on to **new places** and communities. Please Let us know if you are moving on, it's nice to acknowledge those Tamariki and their contribution to our "wee" Kura/School.

Installation will commence soon for the new **variable speed zone** situated on the main road. Expecting it to be the entire Gorge road 60 zone but may only be the stretch from factory road to the Country club turn off.



**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** The order period has closed, if you had forgotten to place an order get hold of them ASAP.

**Ki-o-rahi field:** The uptake in this game has been huge, receiving a lot of funding and support from all the right places! We have been chosen to have permanent concrete fixtures installed into the school field. Ensuring the posts can be inserted and removed at will, a cover put back over top so the area can be used safely for other sports.

That all being said, **we need help** to prep the field for the work that will be undertaken. Post holes need to be marked out and dug. Brendan is happy to mark and spray the grass but, if anyone knows of a local auger/post hold digger we could borrow to dig the holes required that would be fantastic! Please contact the school office if you have any ideas, need more info or to offer help.

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Here is some fantastic work from just a few of our amazing Students!

Alexander Kerr

WW1

Alex's service number was 313027.

He fought in World War One, which was from 1914-1918. He left New Zealand on the 5th of April 1917 and he arrived in June 1917.

Alex was killed in action on the 12th of October 1917 in Ypres, Belgium. He was buried in Tyne Cot cemetery, Belgium. |

Before he went to war he was a farm hand around Oteramika. His parents were Mr and Mrs William Laing Kerr. Alex was born in Invercargill. Alexander Kerr's name is on the Oteramika War Memorial because he worked in this area. In the army he was in the NZ medical corps, 4 field ambulance.

By Isla Black



## Colour Run

On Thursday we had a colour run.

Our parents had powder paint. When we ran past them we were wet and we got coloured by the paint because the parents threw the powder at us.

The powder paint got in my mouth. It was gritty. We looked like rainbows.

We wore white t-shirts or old t-shirts. Grass was sticking to our T-shirt. The grass had colours. When the water part came it felt cold.

My best part on the colour run was the water slide. The slide was soapy.

Our parents screamed and laughed. It was so much fun.

By Ojishma

## Fruit Sundae

Gather: Fruit, 1 plate, a bowl, 1 chocolate bar, a sharp knife, some boiled water, a pot and 1 kettle and ice cream.

1st step: Fill your kettle and turn it on.

2nd step: Get your plate and place your fruit on the plate.

3rd step: Grab your knife and chop your fruit into some pieces.

4th step: While you're still waiting for the kettle to boil, grab your bowl and chocolate bar.

5th step: Unwrap your chocolate and put it in your bowl.

6th step: When the kettle is boiled, pour some water into a small pot about half way.

7th step: Grab your bowl with the chocolate and place it on your pot.

8th step: When your chocolate is melted pour some on the plate on top of the fruit.

9th step: Get your ice cream and scoop some on your plate.

10th step: After that pour more chocolate on then you eat.

By Nadine

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<b>Upcoming Events</b> Dates subject to change	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Ceiling upgrade begins
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Marcus Winter (The Sandman from TV and various other things)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Southern Zone Cross-Country
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 – NO SCHOOL NO BUSES
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Only Day - Structured Literacy – NO SCHOOL NO BUSES
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 – NO SCHOOL NO BUSES
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	BOT 7pm Staffroom
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21st July	School Holidays – NO SCHOOL NO BUSES
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 – NO SCHOOL NO BUSES
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 – NO SCHOOL NO BUSES
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> OCT	Life Education Bus
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Teacher Only Day – NO SCHOOL NO BUSES
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...

**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	Choc Chip Cookie	\$2.00
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**

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



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