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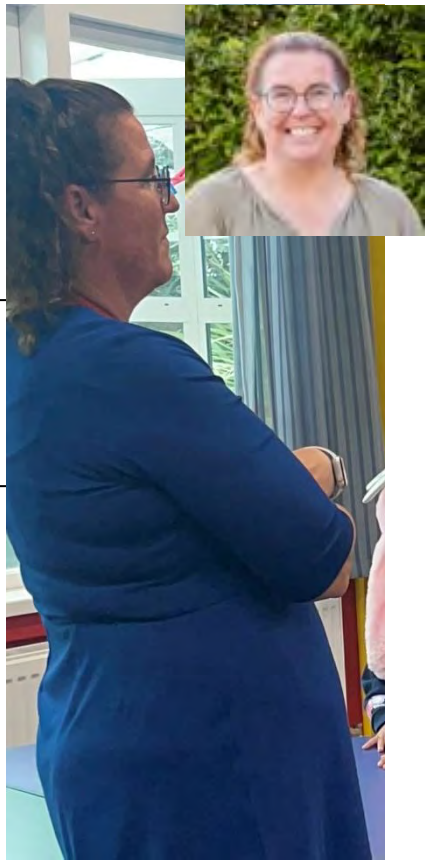
Kia-ora whanau/ hello everyone!

Sorry no one was in the office Friday due to illness, so a wee newsletter going out today for a wee catchup…
Sounds like if the weather is nice and time allows, we may sneak in a couple more swimming sessions. So please send swimming gear with your child every day.
We are going to do a farewell BBQ on the last day of term. Our camp children will be back in time and buses will be leaving school at 1pm for their drop offs, just earlier.
Come along and see our 2026 school production of Mermaids and Pirates!
If the night time performance of Mermaids and Pirates doesn't work in with your schedule (Tuesday the 1st of December).
We are doing a morning dress rehearsal at 10:30am for anyone who would like to come along. It will go for around half an hour, we will have the tea and coffee there for anyone who feels like a cuppa.



It is with much sadness that we will be farewelling Belinda from Gorge Road School. Mrs Knapp leaves us at the end of the year to take up a position at Menzies College. We have thoroughly enjoyed her positive input into our school and are going to really miss her bubbly personality..

Well done to Mrs Knapp, on your new role and managing to keep out of photos. But I found 1!!

Ki O Rahi Tournament
The wise decision was made by the organisers to cancel the Southern Zone Ki-o-rahi tournament. The weather was predicted to be terrible and was true to its word.

COOKIETIME PTA fundraiser – Thank you to everyone who has handed in their orders and the PTA for processing and getting things rolling!! The date for collection will at this stage be Tuesday the 1st of December, night of our production.

The pool looks amazing this year after its off season spruce up!!
We have had to adjust our **swimming** session schedule and are looking for a parent to help on the following Friday afternoons (in the pool) 27th November & 4th December. Around 1:15/30 – 2:30 both times. If you can come assist even to be on the poolside please email Mrs Knapp: belinda@gorgeroad.school.nz

Book Bus Timetable
Dec 7th
Waikawa Reserve 10-10.45am
Fortrose Picnic Area 1.15-2pm
Gorge Road School 2.30-3.30pm

The swimming pools emergency exit door/s (in the changing rooms) have been left open by someone on more than one occasion (outside of school time). This is dangerous! Not only can anyone then gain access to our pool but someone unsupervised could then enter the pool and potentially drown. Please make sure the doors are shut when you and your family leave the pool.

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Children at Gorge Road School are learning to be responsible with their shoes. Congratulations to the Kakariki girls! Stunning effort this morning.

A wee reminder to all parents to use **Skool Loop for absences**. It goes to the class teacher, the office and principal so it generally can't be missed. 😊

Upcoming Events **Dates subject to change**	
Nov & Dec Swim Dates.	School swimming **Nov: 17th, 19th, 23rd, 26th, 27th, Dec: 1st, 3rd & 4th**.
Monday 23rd November	GRS Swimming
Thurs 26th & Fri 27th November	GRS Swimming
Monday 30th November	*Practice Dress rehearsal with Mics
Tuesday 1st December	10:30am – 11:10am Dress rehearsal Pirates and Mermaids
Tuesday 1st December	PM School production/Concert and presentations *** UPDATED *** **Bring a plate (finger food).**
Wednesday 2nd December	Last day of Tech
Thursday 3rd December	GRS Swimming
Friday 4th December	GRS Swimming
Monday 7th December	School Board meeting 7pm staffroom BOT XMAS
Wed 9th – Friday 11th December	Camp Columba back before 12pm*** corrected ***
Thursday 10th December	Big Day In
Friday 11th December	Last Day of School for 2026*** corrected *** **Farewell BBQ**
Thursday 28th January 2027	First day of Term 1 - 2027

LUNCH FOOD LIST

(**NEW PRICES** FROM WEEK 6 TERM 1)

Pies (Mince & Cheese) or Mince	**$2.00**	Popcorn lightly salted 12g	$1.00
Pizza (Ham/Cheese) or Hawaiian	$2.50	Choc Chip Cookie	**$2.50**
Juicies (wildberry or tropical)	$1.50	Small Sausage rolls not always in stock	$3.00
Moosies (Blue Lagoon 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) PLEASE include the date on order. 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/Moosies note down the flavour on order

ABSENTEES: To report an absence please use the Skool Loop (preferred option) or Ministry requirement to have a reason recorded for the absence; e.g. appointment, sick, dentist… phone the land line 032395763 opt 1 or 3 before 9.30am, or email office@gorgeroad.school.nz It is a

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 Otepuni Avenue.
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.
http://gorgeroad.uniformnz.com this is the polo top we wear to sports day but can be worn every day as a uniform.

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Something super exciting happened!!! After borrowing Tokanui's Ukeleles for the 2nd term, our Tamariki wished for our school to have their own. Thanks to the **Fern - Fuel for schools** initiative we were able to order 25 Ukeleles to have and use for the end of year production.

GO GRS!



Thank you to the fantastic humans below who have supported us!
We currently have over $2000 to spend on resources and sports equipment.



Leslie Clifford Frisby
O'Connor Agri Services Limited
Brok Dairies Ltd
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Thwaites Contracting Ltd
Maken Milk Limited
Brownie Dairies
Gorge Road School
South Coast Bulls Limited
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Maken Milk Limited - 111 Moffat Road
Botting Landers Partnership
H & E Grotemarsink
Waimahaka Farms
MNM Farming Ltd - Waituna Rd
Waituna Investments Ltd - Lawson
THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!

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Home-Based Educator

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