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Kia-ora whanau/ hello everyone!

The year is rapidly drawing to a close. But there's still plenty happening to keep your eyes out for. The Wyndham market is this evening from 5pm – 8pm. Lots of food trucks/stalls. Crafts and gift stalls. Games, rides and music on the big truck. Vehicles and equipment on display. Last time it was big, it'll be even bigger this time. Weather is looking great for it too!

Come along and see our 2026 **school production** of Mermaids and Pirates next week! - Public Dress Rehearsal – 1st Dec 10:30am, we will have the tea and coffee there for anyone who feels like a cuppa. (for people who are unable to attend the evening session)
Tuesday night Concert and prize giving- children to be at Community Centre at 6:30pm, everything starts at 7:00pm. Please bring a plate of finger-food to share afterwards for supper.

Senior Camp (Y4-7) 9-11 December. All forms should be returned by now, and finer details will follow for those who are going. (including adults)
Junior (Y0-3) Big Day In is 10th December with Mrs Short, Lachie, Shakira and Sulani. Children will need to bring their swim suits, towel, goggles on the day.



We welcomed new student Elhydia Carmesis to our School.

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** at 12pm to acknowledge leaving children and staff on the last day of term. Our camp group will be back in time, and buses will be leaving school at 1pm so please expect your child/ren home earlier than normal.



Well done to all our fantastic students this week! Keep up the good mahi/work!



Next year- a heads up- There will be teacher only days attached to the term 2 break. This means the **holiday is from 3 July - 21 July**. If you're planning a holiday then that'd be a great time to make the most of your break time.

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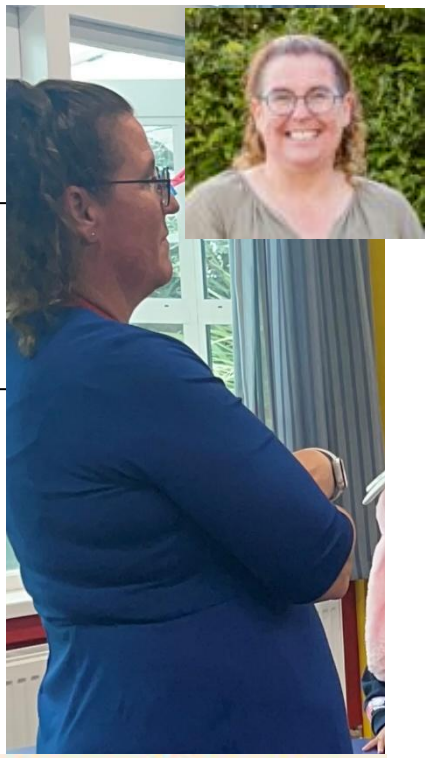
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The pool looks amazing this year after its off season spruce up!!

We have had to adjust our **swimming** session schedule and are looking for a parent to help on the following Friday afternoon (in the pool) 4th December. Around 1:15/30 – 2:30. If you can come assist even to be on the poolside please email Mrs Knapp:belinda@gorgeroad.school.nz

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.

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!!

COOKIETIME PTA fundraiser – Thank you to everyone the date for collection will at this stage be Tuesday the 1st of December, night of our production.

Book Bus Timetable

Dec 7th

Waikawa Reserve 10-10.45am

Fortrose Picnic Area 1.15-2pm

Gorge Road School 2.30-3.30pm

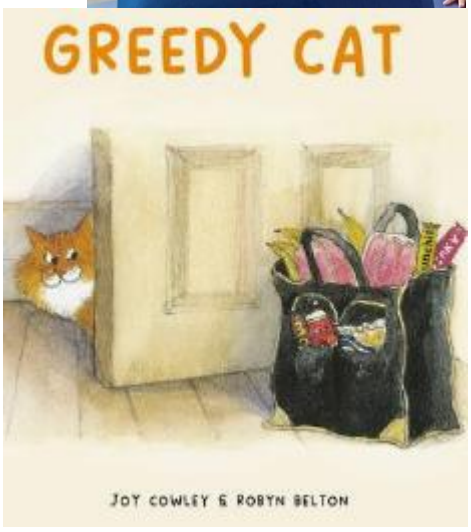
Kakariki Writers of the Week

Nat is tapping a mat. ***By Patrick***

Nat is tapping a pot and mat. ***By Selena***

A Greedy Cat

Katie and Greedy cat went to Aunty's house to visit. But Aunty said animals belong outside. But Katie said in my house Greedy Cat belongs inside my house. So Katie agreed now because she doesn't want to keep fighting. Great Aunty said he can stay but he has to stay with the chooks. When Katie went home with Greedy Cat, Aunty wanted Greedy Cat to leave. Good said Aunty, now I can have a good night sleep. ***By Jia***



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Some of our fantastic student gardeners out watering the tomatoes.

One of our school families details below, if you have some wooly mowers needing a tidy up soon! Give Ben a call and have a chat to him or Mere. Do introduce yourselves to them on production night!





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. 😊

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Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Nov & Dec Swim Dates.	School swimming **Nov: 26th, 27th, Dec: 1st, 3rd & 4th**.
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 (Swimming Togs, towel & goggles req).
Friday 11th December	Last Day of School for 2026*** corrected *** **Buses leave @1pm** **12pm Farewell BBQ**
Thursday 28th January 2027	First day of Term 1 - 2027

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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.



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.

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29TH
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Home-Based Educator

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Inside, the play space is a warm, cosy, light-filled and a calming space- set up to invite play, creativity, and learning as well as care routines. I offer a wide range of resources to suit different ages and interests, and plenty of room for children to explore freely. I look forward to welcoming your child and getting to know them.

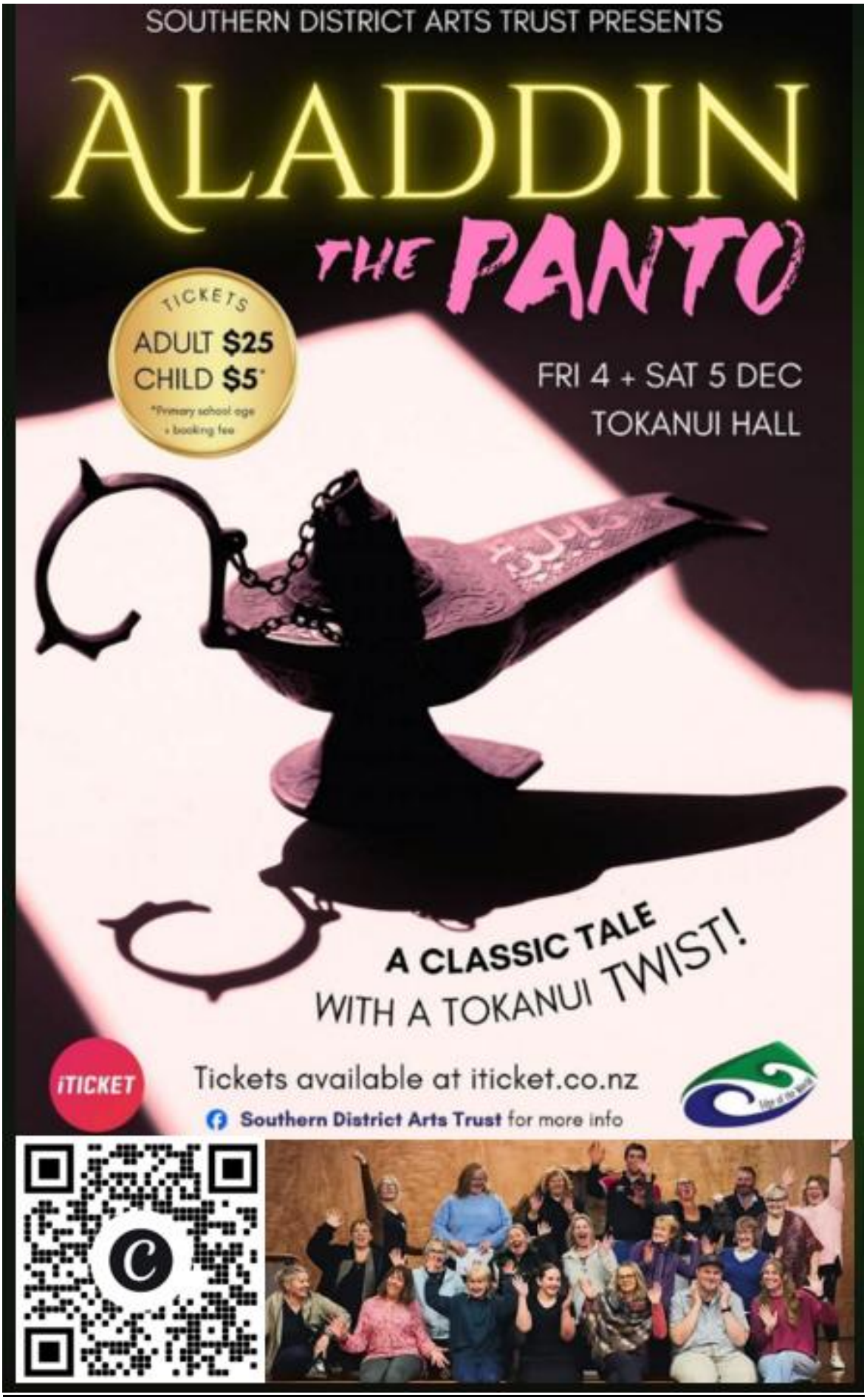
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