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Friday 7th November 2025: Term 4 Week 5

Kiaora, whanau/ hello everyone!

Just like that, half the term has flown by!

The attendance at pet day was even better than we expected, thank you all for making the time to come and take in the day that was. Our students put a lot of effort into their creations and those that had pets were very keen to introduce them to us. As always, we can't have pet day without parents so thank you all! That includes our small but mighty PTA for your support! If anyone would like to come to the PTA debrief it will be at the Country club on Monday 8th December. A reminder will go out before then so hope to see you there...

The **Gorge Road Community pool** has opened. If you are interested in purchasing a fob or helping the team out at all, head on to Facebook. Give the page a like and contact the committee to keep up with things.



Thank you all those that attended the Spooky **Disco** on Friday. It was by far the scariest place to be!!! A massive thank you to those parents who were able to drop off and pick up their children and hopefully have a quick catch up at the country club.



Pet Day – Thursday 6th November

We had a beautiful day for our Pet Day on Thursday. Thank you to all the parents and whānau who attended.

We would like to give a huge thank you to FMG and Farm Source for their support and the generous donation of the prize packs. Also, an extra special thank you to Anna from FMG who judged all our pet entries. We had a wonderful display of cats, lambs, calves, ponies and axolotls.

The Pet Trail was also a hit. Owners of pet lambs, calves and ponies were able to try their luck having to walk down a narrow trail, while trying not to knock over any blocks, weaving through standards and climbing through hoops. Everyone did very well with very few blocks knocked over. Perhaps we will need to make this more challenging next year! Congratulations to Isla and one of her ponies who managed to complete the course perfectly.

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All of the children did a wonderful job creating their crazy hats and well done to those that also entered their own constructions or baking.

Results:

Pets:

1st – Zoie South – Axolotl

2nd – Ben Black – Lamb

3rd – Isla Black – Pony

Crazy Hats

Yr 1-2

Highly Commended – Jhay Jhay Mabilanga

Commended – Nyjah Balbin

Zander Lagumbay

Jia De Los Santos

Yr 3-4

Highly Commended – Leeonn Dy

Ben Black

Yr 5-6

Highly Commended – Carter Price

Althea Carancio

Commended – Timothy Chiwaya

Construction

Yr 1-2 – Highly Commended – Phoenix Emerson

Yr 3-4 – Highly Commended – Zoie South

Baking

Yr 1-2 – Highly Commended – Felix Allan

Yr 3-4 – Highly Commended – Zoie South



Science Roadshow is back in Invercargill this week on Tuesday the 11th of November. Our senior class/Whero will be heading into town to experience the fantastic learning opportunity this provides with interactive displays and an informative demonstration. Making a day of being in town we will look at doing a short performance at one of the care facilities while we are there. Please make sure your child/ren have a **full packed lunch and drink bottle** on the day. No heated lunches or lunch orders.

Gorge Road School Triathlon – Save the Date

The Gorge Road School Triathlon will be held on Tuesday 18th November. This event involves teams or individuals swimming, biking and running. More information will come out soon.

With this in mind, please give bikes a once over making sure everything is in order.



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Fortnite (R13+), Squid Game (R16) Deathnote (M) 15+

Please be aware. Staff suspect that some of your children appear to have, or have had, access to these programmes. They are completely inappropriate for our age children. These images affect your children's empathy and emotions towards others. Some children are traumatised, and can be frightened long-term by things they have seen and heard.

DeathNote (Netflix & Crunchy roll) *This program contains*

material that most parents would find unsuitable for children under 14 years of age. it has some dark themes and moral complexities that may not be suitable for younger audiences. It revolves around a high school student who becomes a serial killer, profanity, sexual innuendo, blood & gore. Not all cartoons are for children, please review the things they may have on their watchlists.



Congratulations to everyone who took part in Pet day 2025. It was fantastic to see all our responsible pet owners in action!

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Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Tuesday 11 th November	Science roadshow
Wed 12 th & Thurs 13 th November	School swimming – Swim suit, towel and goggles
Tuesday 18 th November	Gorge rd School Triathlon
Wednesday 19 th November	Tuff kids
Mon 24 th , Tues 25 th & Wed 26 th Nov	Gorge Road School swimming
Thursday 27 th November	Southern Zone Triathlon
Monday 1 st December	School Board meeting (BoT)
Wednesday 3 rd December	School Production & prize giving
Friday 12 th December	Last day of school

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 (Chocolate & Blue Lagoon)	\$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

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 Otepunui 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.

A reminder to all parents to ensure your tamariki / children have something for **fruit/brain break and lunches are healthy**. We know it is tough to make the contents of a lunchbox exciting during winter.

Book Bus Timetable	
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



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Protect your tamariki against

Measles

Measles is a serious disease that can spread very quickly. Measles immunisations are FREE for all tamariki. Your child needs 2 doses of the vaccine to be fully protected.

For more information about getting your tamariki immunised against measles, talk to your doctor, nurse or healthcare provider, or call Healthline on 0800 611 116

Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
New Zealand Government

info.health.nz/measles

Health New Zealand
Te Whaitu Ora

No-sugar Fizzy Drinks

These diet drinks... may be SUGAR-FREE... but they're **NOT ACID-FREE!**



Phosphoric Acid
Citric Acid
Malic Acid
Carbonic Acid

Did you know?

Sugar-free fizzy drinks still have acids in them. These acids can wear away our tooth enamel. The more often we have acid on our teeth, the higher our risk is for tooth decay. Choose plain water or plain milk for your everyday drinks!

Health New Zealand
Te Whaitu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service



Talkteeth Southern

School lunches

Ngā kai hauora o te wā tina ki te kura

A healthy, balanced lunch gives children everything they need to play and learn well.

Involve your child in choosing and making lunches. This will make them more likely to eat and enjoy their lunch.

Lunch box checklist

Include items from the following food groups.

Something filling – Go foods (carbohydrates)

- Grain foods – they give children energy and brain power. Choose high-fibre and wholegrain bread. Try mixing it up by using wraps, flatbread, pita bread, grainy rolls and crackers.

Something lasting – Grow foods (protein)

- Milk and milk products – they provide calcium, which helps to build strong bones and teeth. Cheese slices and yoghurt are great snacks in lunch boxes. Include a small ice brick or a frozen water bottle to keep them cool and at a safe temperature.
- Lean meat, chicken, fish, eggs, nuts and beans – they provide protein to help build strong muscles and key nutrients such as iron and magnesium for growth. Peanut butter, chicken, tuna, eggs or hummus make great high-protein sandwich fillings.

Some colour – Glow foods (vegetables and fruit)

- Vegetables and fruit – they provide fibre and important minerals and vitamins. Cut vegetables into manageable pieces such as carrot, cucumber or celery sticks. You can also add vegetables to sandwich fillings. Use fruit that fits easily in a lunch box such as mandarins, small apples, grapes or a pottle of diced fruit. To keep the cost down, buy vegetables and fruit that are in season. Eat fruit instead of drinking fruit juice.
- Bottle of water – try adding fruit or vegetables like lemon, cucumber, oranges or berries to make flavoured water. See *Make your own flavoured water* from *Healthy Kids* (www.healthykids.org.nz).



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