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**Friday 13th October 2023: Term 4 Week 1**

Kia ora e te whānau, Hello parents and caregivers,

**Welcome back to term 4!** In only a very few weeks I'll be welcoming you to our **End of Year Production**! What a scary thought! If you have trophies at home, please return them to school as soon as possible. On Monday the main cast will have their scripts given to them, so they can begin memorising their parts. (Some of the whero class have theirs already.)

A big welcome to Miss Van den Beld and Mrs Shirley who are in Kakariki. We have seen some very excited faces this week, and not just on the children!



**Community Consultation:** Each week I will ask just one question, please hit my email address and quickly answer it. Your answers will help the Board to plan for the next two years. The more answers we get, the better our plan will reflect your thoughts and wishes.

Question 1 - "What things does Gorge Road School do well?" [principal@gorgeroad.school.nz](mailto:principal@gorgeroad.school.nz)



**20th October- 24th October** We are lucky to have the **Life Education Van** with us once again. **Please note:** Years 6-8 have a permission slip and letter accompanying today's newsletter. This needs to be returned by **18th October** (Wednesday).

Years 6-8 parents are welcome to attend the sessions with their children.

**27th October-** There will be a '**decorated wheels**' section in the **Pet Day** entries this year. This is to be completed at home, and brought to school finished on Thursday night, or early Friday morning, along with lego constructions, baking etc... It is to be treated as a display piece and not ridden, or removed from the Community Centre. **No buses on Pet Day.** Children and entries are to be at school by 10am on Friday morning.



We will have a **Scholastics Book Fair** during the days leading up to Pet Day, and the week following on from it. There's always a huge range of products that make excellent gifts. Scholastics take credit cards as payment.

**Adults...** Remember the **decorated cake** section. The competition is for the decorating, not the cake. You don't even have to have baked it yourself. Traditionally these cakes are donated to the school and auctioned. Get your name on the trophy apron! And remember about the **most beautiful bouquet** section, these entries are auctioned also.



Children may bring their '**wheels**' to school on a **Wednesday** from 18th October to 8th November, to ride on the tennis courts. Appropriate safety gear **MUST** be worn: eg shoes, helmets, knee pads... This is foot power only- no motors. Children must bring their own 'stuff' and **no sharing** will be permitted due to insurance reasons. **No safety gear, no riding.**

Wheels may be stored at school during this period, but will only be aired on a Wednesday. Storage venue to be confirmed.

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**Swimming** will begin in mid-November, this date is yet to be confirmed because there will be a **Teacher Only Day** or two around the same time. However, now is a good time to find and check that your children's swimming togs and goggles still fit. A lot of growth has happened in the past six months!



The pool is heated at Labour Weekend, and that's only a week away... you are able to purchase a pool key so you can take a swim at your leisure. The pool is open and heated until Easter so there will be lots of opportunities to take a dip over the summer.



**Southern Zone Football Tournament** is Friday the 3rd of November at Turnbull Thomson Park in Invercargill. Children will need to be transported to and from the ground by a parent or guardian, buses will not be operating. As the teams will be finished at various stages children can go home once their obligation is complete. We will have students involved in 4 teams, official start times haven't been released yet so further information to come.

Parent help is required to make sure the day goes well. If you are available to help (even for part of the day) please fill out the below form and return it to school. The ideal result is to give each team a manager (parent) & teacher/coach with an extra hand for the year 1&2s

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\_\_\_\_\_ can / cannot provide assistance.  
Team preference to help with (Circle 1): Yr 1&2 3&4 5&6 7&8

**Southern School Touch**

Games will be played between 4pm and 5pm **on THURSDAYS** \*\*Times may change subject to team entries\*\* Grades: Boys & Girls\*\* - Year 5/6 mixed Participants as follows:

Talha, Dave, John, Nicole, Noah, Briana, Georgia, Riley, Liam & Amelia

If anyone has been missed please let Brendan know in the office. If anyone requires transport to/from please inform Brendan as logistics will get worked out This week.

**Format: 6 weeks of competition**

**First Games: Thursday 26th October 2023 – Day before pet day!**

**Last Games: Thursday 30th November 2023**

**Entries Close: Friday 22nd September 2023**

**\*Catch up day if required Thursday 7th December 2023**

Upcoming Events	
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept - Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Holidays
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Book Bus</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Life Education
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Labour Day – No school, No Buses
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Life Education

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Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Set up Community centre.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Pet Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Southern Zone Football tournament <b>No Buses</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Ladies Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	John Parsons Workshop (Details TBC)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Science Roadshow
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Book Bus</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Ki o Rahi Tournament at Tok
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Production / End of year celebration

**ABSENTEES:** To report an absence please phone the land line 032395763 opt 1 or 3 before 9.30am, text 0274674373, email [office@gorgeroad.school.nz](mailto:office@gorgeroad.school.nz) or use **Skool Loop** (preferred option)

**Lunch Food List NEW PRICING: please check below.**

Pie (mince & cheese or mince) \$1.50 Popcorn lightly salted 12g \$1.00  
 Pizza (Ham/Cheese, **Hawaiian**) \$2.50 Choc chip Cookie \$2.00  
 Moosies (Blue Lagoon, Straw or Chocolate) \$1.00  
 Juicies (wildberry, lemonade or tropical) \$1.00  
**IF in Stock: NEW PRICING:** Sausage rolls (2 pack) \$3.00

**WYNDHAM ATHLETIC CLUB**

Is back for 2023-2024 Season  
 Tuesday 10 th October 2023  
 Menzies College Grounds  
 5.30-7.00 pm

**New Members Welcome**

**Come along on the First night and have a go.**

**No obligation to join**

**Find us on Facebook Wyndham Athletic Club**

**Free Club t-shirt For new members**

Lignite Pitt is back open for Sunday Lunches and a coffee.

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