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Friday 17th October 2025: Term 4 Week 2

Kia ora, whanau/ hello everyone!

Welcome back to “Bi-polar” weather in Southland! You would think we needed rain, hail, thunder, lightning, wind, and a couple sunny days with temperatures in the high teens. The thunder yesterday certainly made the windows shake and gave us all a reason to look outside at the sideways hail. Mrs Craig has slipped back into where in the mornings and production practices are in full swing. Please help your tamariki/children learn their lines at home. Repetition is key.

The teachers union will issue formal notice soon and the strike will move forward on **Thursday the 23rd of October**. Our school will close for the day as we wouldn't have staff to teach or supervise tamariki/children. Apology's for any inconvenience this may cause. Don't forget the Mondy after Pet day is labour day so there will be no school or buses operating on that day also.

Kapuka 1000 was held over the weekend and is a fantastic fundraiser for our wee school PTA. **A MASSIVE** thank you to all the school families and community members that helped the PTA man the hot food trailer. As always it takes a village to get things done. We appreciate the time Sally and all the PTA members put into organizing these things!



The **Gorge Road Community pool** opens (tentatively on the 25th of October (labour weekend).

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 to committee to keep up with things.

We will start **school swimming** on Wednesday the 29th. Please make sure your tamariki have a swim-suit that fits correctly,

goggles (if they require them) and a towel. Please take a moment to check the goggles work and fit at home. Name the towel if required and have them in a swimming bag ready to go. Please see dates in the upcoming events section.



Well done to all of our students that shared their amazing work last week, it is great to see the high standard being produced by all!

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Gorge road school triathlon is coming up as is the Zone triathlon event. With this in mind, please give bikes a once over making sure everything is in order. Training will commence when swimming begins later this term. Any questions feel free to reach out.

Pet Day – Friday 24th October

Pet Day is fast approaching. Thank you to everyone who has let us know they are bringing a pet. Pets must be entered by today or they will not be able to be judged.

We also have the following categories that children and adults can enter. You will find more details at the end of the newsletter.

Children

- The Big Grow – Lettuces
 - Plants and diaries to be returned from Monday 20th-Wednesday 22nd October
- Baking
 - 3x Decorated Muffins
 - Decorated Large Cake or Form
 - 3x Decorated sweets or biscuits
- Constructions
 - Lego or similar – No bigger than 0.5m²
 - Recycled – Materials to brought from home and construction completed at school

THEME – Crazy Hat

Adult Section – (Items to be auctioned off at Pet Day to fundraise for school activities)

- Most Beautiful Flower Bouquet
- Best Decorated Cake

South Zone Football Tournament – Friday 31st October

The annual football tournament is being held at Turnbull Thompson Park in Invercargill. The day runs from approximately 9.45am-2.15pm. We ask that parents transport their children to and from the event as NO transport is provided. Please do contact Brendan in the office if this will be a problem and you are unable to arrange this. A notice with more information will go out next week.

Science Roadshow once again comes back to Invercargill on Tuesday the 11th of November. Our senior class 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.



Hi all,

Can any T-Ball permission forms please be sent to me by the end of today please? Email: mcdonaldchasejohn@gmail.com

Then we can start forming teams and hopefully get the season started.

Again we are looking for coaches, currently short a couple and that makes it

difficult to run teams.

Ngā mihi, Chase McDonald

President – Wyndale T-Ball

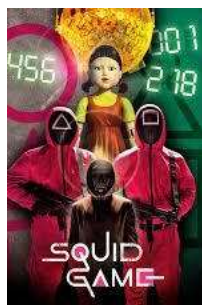
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If anyone is interested in T-ball please feel free to get in touch with Chase McDonald.

Phone: 0273948253

Email: mcdonaldchasejohn@gmail.com



Fortnite (R13+), Squid Game (R16)

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.



Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Monday 6 th October	First day of term 4
Friday 17 th October	Life Education
Thursday 23 rd October	Strike day NO School – No Buses
Friday 24 th October	Pet Day
Monday 27 th October	Labour Day NO School – No Buses
Wed 29 th Thurs 30 th October	School swimming – Swim suit, towel and goggles
Friday 31 st October	Southern Zone Football tournament
Friday 31 st October	Halloween disco in the Blue room
Wed 5 th & Thurs 6 th November	School swimming – Swim suit, towel and goggles
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 Otepunu Avenue.

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<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	



WYNDALE T-BALL

Welcome to the 2025 T-Ball season. If your child would like to play T- ball please fill in the form and return to the School office by

Friday 17th October

Or

Directly send a photo to 0273948253 or mcdonaldchasejohn@gmail.com

T-Ball will start on the **31st of October** (Week 4 term 4) and go till the **5th of December**. (6 games in total) Games are played on Friday's with **warm-up at 3:30pm** followed by a **game at 3:50pm**. Games are played at the Edendale Rugby Grounds due to the facilities. Fees this season will be \$10 for one child, \$5 for additional children per family, please pay before the season commences. Fees payable online, account no: **03-0962-0049323-00**. Please put family name, child/children's name, and school as references

- **CANCELLATIONS.** Will be made no later than 2.00pm on the day. Schools will be notified, it will also be posted on the Wyndale T-ball Facebook page.
- All the gear is supplied by Wyndale T-ball, this includes mitts, children can bring their own mitts if they like. Children must have comfortable clothes, a sunhat, and have a drink bottle.
- All Primary School Children (Years 1-6) are eligible to play.

Coaches are essential for our season to go ahead. The rules are basic and there are plenty of parents there to support you. If you cannot make it every week maybe share the roll with someone. (A minimum of 8 coaches are required.) If you can help out at all in any way with coaching/ managing a team that would be greatly appreciated.

Please note that if we do not have enough coaches the season will not go ahead.

Any question please don't hesitate to contact me on **0273948253**

Thanks,
Chase McDonald

Wyndale T-Ball President

PLEASE RETURN BELOW PORTION TO SCHOOL BY Friday 27th September

Children keen to play Tee ball:

Name Age

Name Age

Name Age

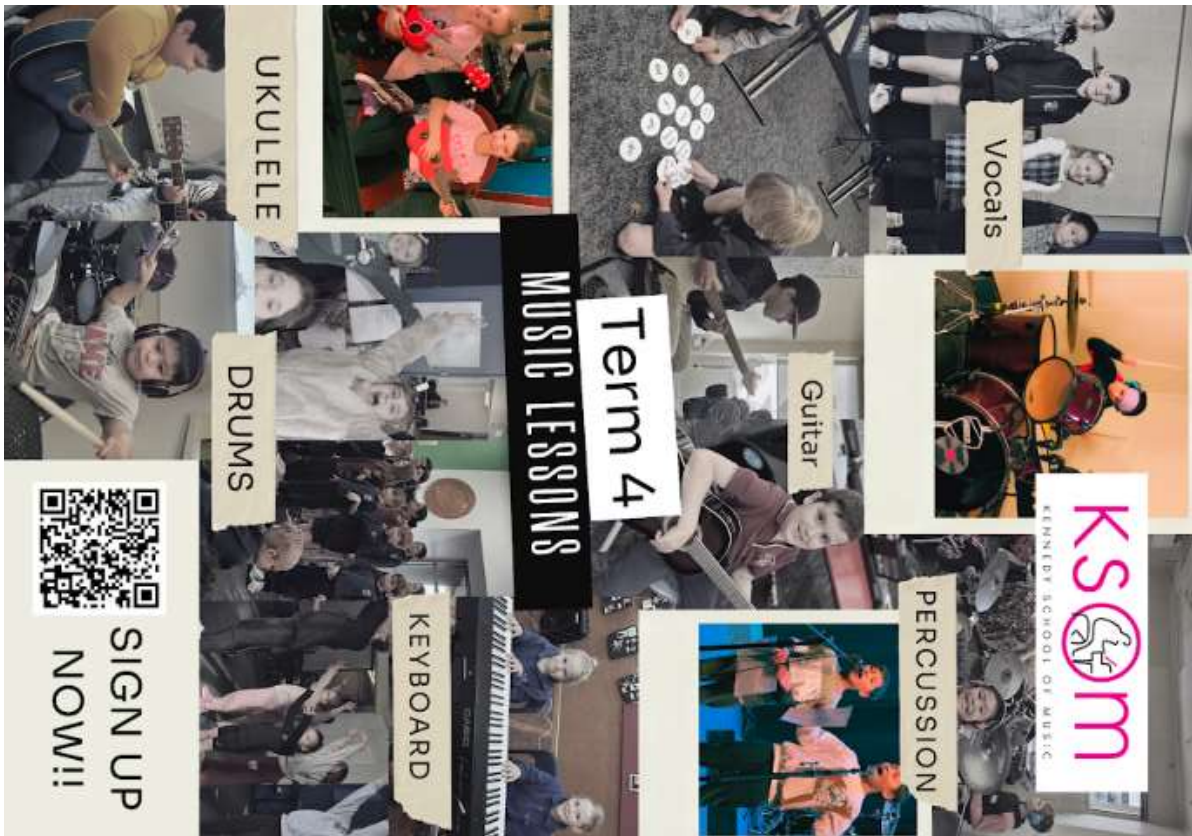
Name Age

Parent/Caregivers Name:..... Cellphone.....

School I would be happy to help Coach : Yes / No

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Term 4

MUSIC LESSONS

UKULELE

Vocals

Guitar

PERCUSSION

DRUMS

KEYBOARD

KSOM
KENNEDY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

SIGN UP NOW!!





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

info.health.nz/measles

Health New Zealand
Te Whaiti Ora

To Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

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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GORGE ROAD SCHOOL PET DAY TIMETABLE

Friday 24th of October 2025

Children with Pets

REMEMBER TO BRING WATER AND SHADE FOR YOUR PET.

- 09:30 Welcome, morning tea for judges in Community Centre
All pets and children to be in labelled, designated areas
- 10:00 Judging to commence. Children wait with their pet and their diary.
Parents to go to Community Centre.
Ideally parents should be able to leave children alone with their pets.
Once judged children will either remain with their pet,
or join their parents in the Community Centre.
- 11:00 Morning tea either in class or with parents (brought from home)
- 11:15 The Big Grow Judging
View indoor displays. Interact with pets
- 12:00 BBQ- PTA
Senior Room Activities - Gumboot Toss, Tug of War
- 12:45 Cake Auction
- 13:10 Grand Parade.
Certificate Presentation
Children with pets go home with their pets.

Children without Pets

COME TO SCHOOL ON THE BUS

- 09:00 Classes commence in Kakariki and Karaka
Be sure to put any indoor entries (baking or constructions) into the
Community Centre
- 11:00 Morning tea in classroom
- 11:15 The Big Grow Judging
View indoor displays. Interact with pets
- 12:00 BBQ - PTA
Senior Room Activities- Gumboot Toss, Tug of War
- 12:45 Cake Auction
- 13:10 Grand Parade.
Certificate Presentation
Children without pets go home on the bus unless by prior arrangement.

INDOOR ENTRIES

This year indoor entries will be divided into the following age groups:

Preschool entries	Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6
	Kakariki	Karaka	Whero

THE BIG GROW

LETTUCES

Plants and diaries must be at school by **Wednesday 22nd**

They can be brought to school the week of Pet Day – Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, or Wednesday 22nd.

These will be judged on the day

Children will be asked a couple of simple questions about growing their plant and given an opportunity to talk about their diary.

CREATED AT SCHOOL CONSTRUCTIONS

THEME – CRAZY HAT

Using recycled materials upcycle an old hat, create a hat, make a picture of a hat – the options are endless!

Recycled Constructions will be created at school in the week prior to Pet Day.

Children need to give thought as to what they are going to create.

Children should supply the materials they want to use.

School time will NOT be given to paint them.

CREATED AT HOME SECTIONS

BAKING

All baking needs to be in the Community Centre by 9.30am on **Friday**.

- a) 3x Decorated Muffins
- b) Decorated Large Cake or Form
- c) 3x Decorated sweets or biscuits.

CONSTRUCTIONS

These need to be in the Community Centre by 3:00pm on Wednesday. (Please note day due to possible strike action on Thursday.)

***Lego Constructions* should be on a board/base, no larger than 0.5m²**

ADULT SECTIONS

These are usually auctioned.

If you wish to keep yours please let Mrs Craig know in advance.

Most Beautiful Flower Bouquet
Best Decorated Large Cake

PLEASE NOTE; THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S FLORAL SECTION