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**Friday 31st<sup>th</sup> October 2025: Term 4 Week 4**

Kia ora, whanau/ hello everyone!

Well, the strike action last Thursday ended up being a blessing in disguise. The benefit of having our children at home at the time of the big blow certainly was lucky in one aspect. As school lost power at 11:55am we didn't quite know what was coming for us. Had our tamariki been at school it could've been a stressful time trying to contact everyone and get them home for sure!!

The ministry has notified us that we don't have to make up the half days we have lost due to the weather event. So the school year will not have to be extended.

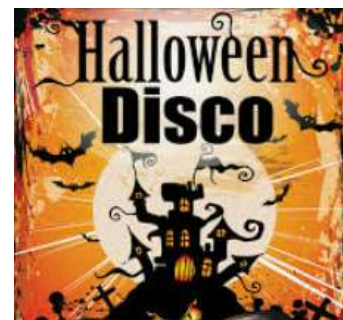
We hope all our school community have managed to come through this as well as can be expected. We know some are still without power and lots of work ahead... Remember Gorge Road School has shower facilities so if we can assist in any way please reach out to Mrs Craig or Brendan in the office.



The **Gorge Road Community pool** has opened, great job by the committee replacing the door panels after they were blown off. The temperature is still climbing (while the power remains uninterrupted), we remain positive this coming week swimming will go ahead.

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.

**Disco in the Blue room** at 7pm Friday 31 Oct, Halloween theme. mini chocolate bars, chips, fizz, water on sale.  
Parent pick up at 8:00pm



### **Pet Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

We apologise if this date doesn't suit everyone. We didn't want to cancel the event so trying to fit it in ASAP made sense. Children's baking, home constructions to be at school in the Red room by 3pm Wednesday afternoon. These will be judged on Wednesday night  
Pets and diaries on Thursday morning, 9:30am. We understand if pets are no longer able to be brought, it is a busy time with added stress. Please let Mrs Knapp or Brendan know if unable to bring pets. Early BBQ lunch will follow judging and presentations. We will still have swimming in the afternoon.

The Big Grow – Lettuces

- Please make sure any lettuces that go home are back at school by Wednesday.
- Baking
  - 3x Decorated Muffins
  - Decorated Large Cake or Form
  - 3x Decorated sweets or biscuits
- Constructions – Please bring to the Red room.
  - Lego or similar – No bigger than 0.5m<sup>2</sup>
  - Recycled – Materials to brought from home and construction completed at school

THEME – Crazy Hat

Adult Section –

- Most Beautiful Flower Bouquet

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### **Gorge Road School Triathlon – Save the Date**

The Gorge Road School Triathlon will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **South Zone Football Tournament – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

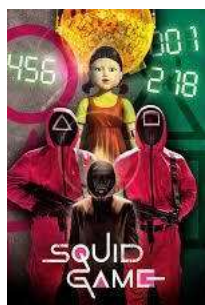
The annual football tournament has been cancelled due to the inclement weather. Parks remain closed and the grounds are sodden. A shame after the effort put in over the term thus far. It certainly isn't fun standing in the rain for anyone

**Science Roadshow** once again comes back to Invercargill on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> 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,

**Unfortunately due to the lack of available coaches and officials the T-ball season has been cancelled. Anyone interested in donating time or learning the skills required to take part or help looking towards the 2026 season please email: [mcdonaldchasejohn@gmail.com](mailto:mcdonaldchasejohn@gmail.com) Chase McDonald. Phone: 0273948253**



### **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.*





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A massive well done to Gay Munro for organising the opening of the “garden of memories” (located in the reserve). On a cold and windy afternoon, locals braved the weather. Between showers our senior students took part, reading out pieces you will find on the plaque in the garden. To all those involved a heartfelt thank you and well done, history is something to be preserved for those coming behind us. We are just here to care take this land, it will be here long after we’re gone....



Well done to all of our students

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<b>Upcoming Events</b> Dates subject to change	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween disco in the Blue room
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School swimming – Swim suit, towel and goggles
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Science roadshow
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> November	School swimming – Swim suit, towel and goggles
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Gorge rd School Triathlon
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuff kids
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> , Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Gorge Road School swimming
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Southern Zone Triathlon
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	School Board meeting (BoT)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	School Production & prize giving
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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)	<b>\$1.50</b>	Small Sausage rolls <small>not always in stock</small>	<b>\$3.00</b>
Moosies (Chocolate & Blue Lagoon)	<b>\$1.50</b>	Toppas <small>not always in stock</small>	<b>\$3.00</b>

**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](mailto: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.

<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.

<b>Book Bus Timetable</b>	
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







**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 Whānau Ora



www.healthinfo.org.nz

## 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](http://www.healthykids.org.nz)).



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VOCAL LESSONS

GUITAR LESSONS



MUSIC LESSONS

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