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Friday 6th September 2024: Term 3 Week 7

What a busy term we have had so far... Moffet Cup, Polyfest, gym... but we are not finished yet!

The term will end with the Elizabeth Miller Memorial Trophy Story Telling Competition. Some of you may better remember her as the Dream Weaver.

The Altrusa Club of Invercargill sponsors this competition. Miss Miller made a special effort to weave her stories for Gorge Road School children, and she was also a member of Altrusa.

<https://districtfifteen.altrusa.org/>

<https://districtfifteen.altrusa.org/invercargill/>

Your children should have been thinking about a story that they can retell for this competition. Semi-finals will be held in class, with the final competition on Wednesday 25th September, the last Wednesday of term.

Term four commences on the 14th October. We have the football (soccer) tournament on the 1st of November, and the Ki-o-rahi tournament later that month. Senior Camp is at Camp Columba 9-11 December, and Big Day Out will likely be 10th December, but this is yet to be confirmed.

Due to the timing of camp our concert and prize giving will be on December 4th. If you have trophies at home now would be a good time to think about cleaning them before you are asked to return them.

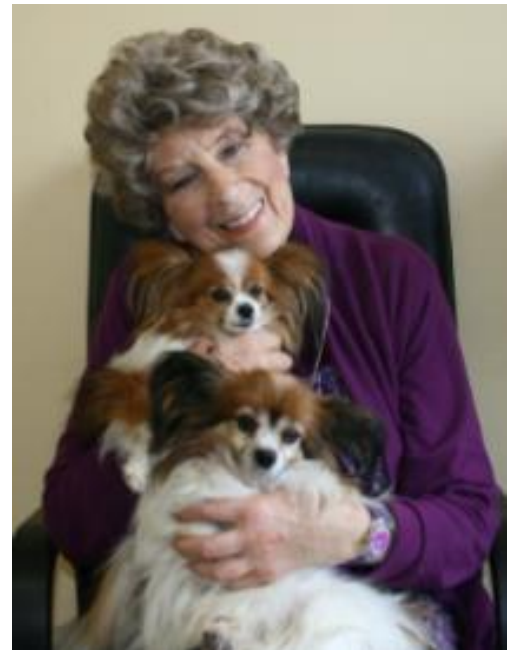
We have had very few responses to the survey regarding bringing an animal to Pet Day. Less than an eighth of families responded that they would be bringing any pets. So we will give it one another chance. The questionnaire will get emailed one more time to try and gather support for the event and see where we are next week.

The Gorge Road School community has changed over time and it appears that now there are very few children who actually have a pet, and even fewer who would bring them to Pet Day.

The construction sections have had a positive response, so potentially this year, they may be incorporated into the celebration that will encompass the opening of the Ki-o-rahi field.



Do we have anyone interested in taking up the mantle to coach any of our soccer/football tournament teams next term? Ruth Bruinsma has taken on the year 5/6. If you have some prior Soccer experience and keen to donate a helping hand let Ms V or Brendan know.



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

So far I have 1 person keen and another thinking about getting involved in **TOUCH RUGBY**. Is there anyone else out there by chance? See last week's newsletter with all the information.

If anyone would like the links to our POLYFEST performance or the photos email the office.

Newsletters will only be distributed electronically next term (Skool loop and email). We are finding them in the rubbish on a Monday morning when bags are getting cleaned out. **HOWEVER**, if you would still like to receive a physical copy (delivered by your own super delivery person), email the office and state you would like a hard copy.



Have a Go Ribbon Day

November 10th 2024, Splash Palace, Invercargill
Warm up at 10am, racing starts 10:45am

Events

1. Mixed 25m Freestyle

2. Mixed 50m Backstroke

3. Mixed 25m Fly Kickboard

4. Mixed 75m Individual Medley

5. Mixed 50m Breaststroke

6. Mixed 25m Back Kickboard

7. Mixed 100m Individual Medley
8. Mixed 25m Butterfly

9. Mixed 25m Breast Kickboard

10. Mixed 100m Freestyle

11. Mixed 25m Backstroke

12. Mixed 25m Free Kickboard

13. Mixed 50m Freestyle

14. Mixed 25m Breaststroke

The 25m Kickboard events are free fun events (all swimmers welcome to enter!)

If any of our **amazing swimmers** out there would like to get involved in a “have a go” event (see left). Get in touch with Brendan in the office and he’ll send out the full email for you to go over.

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...

Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Mon 23 rd September	BOT 7pm Staffroom
Wed 25 th September	Storytelling Competition
Saturday 28 th – Sunday 13 th October	School Holidays – NO SCHOOL NO BUSES
Monday 14 th October	First Day of Term 4
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Wednesday 23 rd October	Science Roadshow Senior classes

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Friday 25 th October	PET DAY
Monday 28 th October	Labour Day – NO SCHOOL NO BUSES
Tuesday 29 th October	Life Education Bus
Friday 1 st November	Southern Zone Football tournament
Friday 15 th November	Teacher Only Day – NO SCHOOL NO BUSES
Monday 25 th November	BOT 7pm Staffroom
Monday 9 th – Wed 11 th December	CAMP

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, lemonade or tropical)	\$1.00		
Moosies (Strawberry or Chocolate)	\$1.00		

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**



BRUNCH ON US
Come to a well deserved brunch near you!
10:00am - 12:00pm
Gorge Road
Gorge Road Country Club
1242 Seaward Downs-Gorge Road
Tuesday 10 September 2024
An all-sector get together!



SPRING FLING
The Seaward Downs Hall Committee invites the community to throw off the shackles of a busy Spring. A chance to welcome new neighbours and catch up with old ones.
Doors open 5.30pm. Pot luck tea (free). BYO Drinks
Band 8pm-11pm: South East Sounds \$20/adult
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for
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Growing Stars is a hands on craft-based workshop for children aged 6 - 12 years to help them understand and manage the emotional impact of living with a learning difference.

Growing Stars
by Learning Differences Aotearoa Trust

Register online now! www.dyslexiasupportsouth.org.nz/Growingstars

October 8th & 9th 2024
Parent Info Session 8th Oct
8.45am - 12.30pm
7.00pm - 8.30pm

Southland Loss and Grief Centre, Invercargill. \$50 per child.
Subsidised thanks to the generous support of the ILT Foundation.

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