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Thursday 4th April 2019: Term 1 Week 10

I wonder how many of your children came home on Monday (April 1st) full of how high they could jump because of the Earth Moon and sun being aligned and gravity reduced. It was a limited opportunity- it ran out at midday!



DAYLIGHT SAVING

This weekend daylight saving ends. On Saturday night you wind your clocks back one hour.

ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all those desiring children whose efforts were recognised this week.



We've been having an incentive for children to earn an ice-block by getting a green dot on xtra maths. This has proven very successful in encouraging higher achievement. From now on children have to show an increase in their overall score, as well as getting a green- and this is proving more challenging.

REMINDER- GRIP= Leadership for Year 6/7

On April 8th (MONDAY) Year6&7 children are going to a leadership conference in Gore. Children will need to be at school by 8.15 am in order to get to the conference before it starts. Children will need to bring own food and drink for the day.

WINTER CAMP

Parents who indicated they will come on camp need to have a current police vet. Many of you still have one from previous years, however if you don't then one will be accompanying this newsletter. Please look carefully at the required forms of identification before bringing the form back to the office.

GORGE ROAD SCHOOL SURVEY

1. PET DAY

What suggestions do you have to make it more interesting and fun for children and parents?
Keep to the timetable- grand parade? Less spread out in time and space =3
More games, like last year
Invite other schools from town
Races and obstacle courses with pets Face painting-
Best look alike competition
Paw print painting

No suggestions made/ fine for us= 6 (Last one was fun and went well)
Skipped the question=2

All responses were generally happy with what we do, the only suggestions on ways to change what we already do would be to tighten up on where things are happening, and have less time standing around waiting. The added activity suggestions will be looked into.

2. ZONE SPORTING EVENTS

As part of the Southern Zone we participate in Athletics, Cross Country, Moffett Cup (Year 3 upwards, rugby, netball), Soccer.

How do you feel about this participation? Comments please...

Great to participate with others= 11

Join in for fun =3

However need coaches and greater level of preparation

Builds team spirit, pride in the school...Athletics/cross country are fine but team sports are more difficult due to numbers and lack of coaches, perhaps join with other schools

Cross Country and Soccer should be voluntary= 2

Need a balance with music/speech/drama/ ballet

Need to have a GRS chant/ movements

These will be some of their greatest memories

Great to meet and mingle with others from the Southern Zone, to meet the again later

Families are definitely in favour of participating in team sports, especially with other schools. They have differing reasons as to why, many thinking 'fun', but equally many with a competitive edge. GRS numbers are small when it comes to making teams and the result is we have teams that tend to be younger than the others as we promote younger pupils to make up numbers. They are seldom successful in these competitions, due to their age and the lack of someone to practice against. The more cultural side of education is offered throughout the year, with dance routines forming part of the fitness, co-ordination and balance programmes. Opportunities for oral language and speech competitions are usually offered during the year. Play acting is part of the reading programme as well as the end of year production where children are given as many opportunities as practicable.

MOFFETT CUP

Participation in Moffett Cup was fairly evenly split. We will revisit participation next term.

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Pyjama Day – Thursday 11th April

Come to School in your pyjamas! Please also bring a gold coin donation for popcorn and a movie in the afternoon.

House Wanted To Rent In Gorge Road School Area

Do you have a vacant house between now and 30th June? A school family is in need of preferably a 3 bedroomed house, references available. If you are able to help please contact the School office: Phone 032395763 or office@gorgeroad.school.nz

My First Birthday

I got a chocolate cupcake to eat for my first birthday. I think my mum made it for me. It smeared all around my face when I tried to eat it. It was so yummy and sweet. The cupcake was very messy. It was fun cleaning up my fingers because I licked them clean.



By Amelia

The Beautiful Princess

Once upon a time there was a princess named Rose. She was the most beautiful girl in the land. Her father was the King and they were living happily in their castle. One day Rose was in the meadow picking flowers when an old woman came with a basket of apples. "Have an apple, Sweetheart," said the old woman. Rose took one bite of the apple and dropped to the ground. She



Congratulations to our Zone Swimming Representatives, especially Carter for a 1st in 25m Backstroke and a 2nd in 25m Freestyle and Isobel and Oliver for exception behaviour during a long day.

The Garden Club making apple crumble. Well done!

was sleep poisoned. The witch took Rose away and locked her in a room. Rose woke up. A prince heard Rose shout, "Help!". The prince went to the tall tower. He opened the door and went up the stairs. He kicked the door down and there was Rose. They got married and lived happily ever after.

By Corrie

Pig Needs a New Home

Once there was a pig. Pig got kicked out because there were too many of them in the pen. Pig went to a house where a lady lived. The lady kicked Pig out because he was too muddy. Pig went to the desert but it was too hot so he went to the North Pole. He met Santa which was good but it was too cold so he moved somewhere else. He went on an aeroplane all the way to the jungle but there were monkeys jumping around and it was too wild. Pig flew to a school and walked into a classroom. The kids all screamed and they wanted to pat him. Pig ran around the classroom and escaped. Pig found a paddock with a mud puddle and a lovely shady tree. The man who owned the farm loved Pig and let him stay there.

By Sarah



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