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**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019: Term 2 Week 2**

What a busy term. Thank you to our Moffett Cup coaches, Gemma Smith and Marama McWilliam are coaching Year 5/6 Netball teams and Daniel Woolsey and David Somerville are coaching the 3/4 Rippa Rugby team. These practices take place on a Monday afternoon. Due to timing of Moffett Cup we have decided that ALL children will come to school on the bus, as usual, and those participating will be taken by bus into town for the competition. You are invited to support your children in Invercargill on the day and to take them home if you wish. Any children remaining will be taken back to school by bus and return home as usual. A reminder about this will be in the newsletter closer to the day.



**ASSEMBLY**

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

**WINTER CAMP for Years 4-8**

There are still a number of outstanding parent forms. Parents without a clear police vet you will be unable to attend camp...

**GORGE ROAD SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS**

BLACK= ORIGINAL SURVEY QUESTION

Blue= comments made/grouped...

Red= comment summary and where to from here...

Year 7/8 OPTIONS. We'd like to encourage our Year 6 students to continue on at Gorge Road School. In order for us to better provide for your children please tell us what things you would like to see available for them that is not yet offered. Your constructive comments are most welcome.

What can GRS offer? What is your point of difference?

Technology opportunities, second language learning

More children to interact with

Increased collaboration with other Y7/8s in Southern Zone schools

Focus on preparing Y6 for wherever they may be the following year

Less about what's available for Y7/8, but more about getting Y6 prepared for larger school and social interactions this involves

no response/ suggestion =8

GRS has been working alongside Ascot School and the Southern Zone Schools for more than three years supporting our senior learners. We are fortunate that one day each week our Year 6, 7 & 8 children are able to attend Ascot School for technology opportunities alongside Year 7/8 students from Woodlands and Rimu. They engage in cooking, sewing woodwork and metalwork throughout the year. In addition to that this year we have arranged for them to learn Japanese as a second (or third or fourth...) language. The Year 6 & 7 pupils are invited to attend a leadership conference each year, this year it was in Gore in April.

Our Year 7/8 students mix with other students from Woodlands, Rimu, Tokanui and Halfmoon Bay. Last year they camped overnight at Rimu, took the ferry to Stewart Island and stayed there a few nights, and had an arts day at Tokanui.

This year's opportunities began with a Surf School Day at Riverton.

10. When it comes time to decide if your Year 6 child will stay on at Gorge Road School, please would you rate how likely it is that they will stay...

No response/ unsure/ too early to decide = 4

Very likely 2

Likely 6

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Depends on happiness of children at the time

Readiness (or lack of it) of child= 2,

Convenience

Unlikely 4

Small pool of friends at same or similar age =2

GRS not as well-resourced as bigger schools

Not enough kids, children need a lot of support from teachers

More options at intermediate like sewing, foods, wood work, languages if these were to continue and more kids his own age then we might consider staying

What some parents see as a negative, others use as a positive. Having smaller numbers means greater opportunities for leadership (responsibility), to be able to work independently and be supported to self-manage their own learning (resourcefulness). This may mean a smaller group of friends however this encourages children to learn to be accepting of each other's differences, strengths and weaknesses. (respect) They learn to make an effort to get on with each other, to be less judgmental, to compromise and to bounce back when things mightn't go their way (resilience).

GRS is very well resourced with sports, art, maths and reading equipment, and students get greater access to them than might be the case in a much larger school. Technology and second language learning opportunities are provided for Y7/8 students one day per week.



**CROSS COUNTRY**

Zone Cross Country is scheduled for **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** and will be held at the Woodlands Research Farm (same venue as last year).

Hopefully the weather will be a bit better; however it is extremely unlikely that the event will be cancelled.

Children's ages are taken as of **31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**.

Below is a snippet of information, more will go home the week prior to event.

The first six boys and first six girls in year ages of 10,11,12 &13, will qualify for Southlands.

5/6 year olds 500m (children will follow motorbikes)

7/8 year olds 1000m

9 year olds 1500

10/11 year olds 2000m

12/13 year olds 3000m

**Race Order (Commencing 11:00am)**

12/13 Year Old girls and boys

5 year old girls - 5 year old boys

6 year old girls - 6 year old boys

9 year old girls - 9 year old boys

**Trophy presentations for 5/6 /9 & 12/13 year olds**

7 year old girls - 7 year old boys

8 year old girls - 8 year old boys

**Trophy presentations for 7 & 8 year olds**

10 year old girls - 10 year old boys

11 year old girls - 11 year old boys

**Trophy presentations for 10/11 year olds**

**Cattle Scheme**

Just a reminder we gladly receive donations of stock, whether it be a weaned calf, 3 year old ready for the works or an empty Heifer. For more details please contact the School Office.



**Week at a Glance**

**Upcoming Events**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Soup for Lunch to be sold on behalf of Garden Club
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Badminton coaching in Community Centre – whole School
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Nomination forms for BoT must be received by noon
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Badminton coaching in Community Centre – whole School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Fish n Chip Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Teacher Chat week – more information closer to time
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Meeting @ 1.30pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>NO SCHOOL – QUEENS BIRTHDAY</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	BoT voting closes (if required)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Zone Cross Country

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**Skool App**

We are going to use this app a lot more in Term 2 and ask ALL parents to please download it. It is free to use. If you need any help please contact the School Office.

**Raffle results from 2018**

Congratulations to the following who won the raffle that was sold at the end of last year (apologies it wasn't drawn at prize giving)

1<sup>st</sup> Fernlea Manson - 19" TV

2<sup>nd</sup> Kara Egbers - Sealord remote control fishing boat

3<sup>rd</sup> Sonia Marshall - \$50 Scholastic Voucher

4<sup>th</sup> Carter Woolsey - \$25 Gorge Road Country Club Voucher

5<sup>th</sup> Mandy - One hour Pony experience from The Ranch Equestrian

**Board Report**

Hi everyone,

I hope you are all getting back into the swing of school life again for the second term. This term the Board of Trustees will be holding a Board election. Please check that your name is on the list at school to ensure you can vote. Also remember that it is important to nominate someone if you think they would be a good candidate!

Gypsy day is quickly coming upon us. Please let the school know if you are moving so we can plan for this and get your child everything they need should they move schools.

This term is shaping up to an exciting one with school camp on the last week of term. It sounds like an amazing adventure and I am sure all the seniors are going to be having a blast. With this in mind, our junior Big Day Out is also happening during that week which will be very exciting for our younger kids but more on that later in the term! A huge thank you to those parents who've taken some time to tidy up the gardens, trim branches and remove dead trees. We really appreciate the hard work that happens behind the scenes. Thank you!!

Finally, our new fencing should get started this term, fingers crossed. This will mean noise, more vehicles and other people around at different times. Please be careful when this is happening as we don't want any accidents happening 😊

Thanks,

Ruth Bruinsma

**Parent Election Notice - Gorge Road School Board of trustees' election**

Nominations are invited for the election of **five** parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

**The voting roll is open for inspection at the school** and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school. Voting closes at noon on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

Signed Sue Beck  
Returning Officer

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Room 3 End of Term 1 Points Prize Winners!



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