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Friday 20th February 2020: Term 1 Week 4



Wow, it's the end of our 4th week back already- where have the days gone!

AH SUMMER, SWIMMING, HEAD LICE...

Please check your children's hair for these little beasties, and treat if needed. It seems to be around this time of year when they are most likely to appear. So this is a timely reminder to get on top of them before they become a problem. It's always helpful to have longer hair tied up, and using a bathing cap while swimming helps as well.

The **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** met this week to discuss our Gorge Road School charter and strategic plan, and to consider the direction we will be taking with our teaching and learning programmes. We want to encourage all parents to become actively involved in their children's learning. **Darran Ingram** from **CORE Education** has been invited to talk with the BOT, parents and staff around skills and dispositions to succeed in the 21st Century- A Future Focus on Education. It'll be an interesting evening and especially worthwhile for the school if there was a representative from each family. The Board chose the evening of Wednesday, March 25th for this event to take place. Mark it on your calendars- more information will be circulated once it's available.

We want to thank Ruth for being our BOT Chairperson. We really appreciate the time and dedication she put into the Board of Trustees. She has decided to step down from this position.

PTA SUNHATS

Thank you to the PTA for the sunhats they purchased last year. The children have all been allocated a brand new hat for the summer season.

CAMP

We had a last minute change of parent help, Daniel Woolsey and Jo Bruce are now accompanying Mrs Muir to camp.

SWIMMING WILL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK.



At this point in time we may or may not have REAP, however either way there **WILL** be swimming for the week 24 – 28 Feb. Please make sure your children bring their swimming gear. For us to run our swimming programme we are asking for helpers.

These sessions are in the afternoon. And will require parent help – two or three would be great, if you can help please contact the School Office.



If you missed our **MEET THE TEACHER** sessions this week you are welcome to contact the office to arrange a time to talk about your child's learning with their classroom teacher(s).

We are increasingly using **SKOOL LOOP** as our preferred platform to notify parents of important information. This is an app that you can use on your phone. Please consider hooking into this. We do also have a **FACEBOOK** page for photos and other things like that.

ASSEMBLY

Already an impressive number of children have had their hard work and effort recognized.

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LUNCH ORDERS

We are going to trial a new way for lunch ordering. From Monday 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. Mrs Beck will now take charge of doing the ordered lunches.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to another full on year of learning and adventures for our children. The Bot has had their first meeting for the year and set our annual target. This year our target is to *ensure all children are sufficiently progressing in reading, writing and mathematics at their levels*. We are looking at progress for all children rather than achievement as per the recommendation of ERO after last year’s visit.

It is very exciting to see our roll increase this year so we have started at 36 students with the possibility of more to come. We are delighted at this number and are able to balance everyone evenly across the classrooms. To get back to 3 teachers we would require 51 permanent students but with a steady 36 it keeps us safe from dropping to sole charge. Finally, at our first meeting I officially stepped down from the Board and Chair position immediately. This comes after a lot of thinking and discussion but know that it's the right choice for my family. Thank you for your support at Gorge Road School and I know we are going to see our children continue to thrive.

Kind regards,
Ruth Bruinsma

Week at a Glance	
Monday 24 th till Friday 28 th February	Swimming
Upcoming Events	
Wednesday 25 th March	Darran Ingram meeting
Monday 30 th March	BoT Meeting @ 12.30pm
Thursday 10 th April	Last day of Term 1

FLY IN & STEAM FESTIVAL - February 22rd & 23th 2019

Vintage Aircraft, Steam Train, Southland Steam Club, Aviation Museum, Art Gallery, Colouring Competition, Plant Stalls, Artist in residence, Steampunk, Cafe, BBQ & more.

Gate Charge \$5 per Adult Rail Day Pass Tickets: Adult \$5 Child \$2.50

K92 Cab Ride: \$25 (conditions apply) Celebrate 100yrs of de Havilland Aircraft

Flights in the Tiger Moth \$150 Flights in the Dominie \$70

Flights in the Dragonfly \$95 **Please book flights as soon as you arrive at**

Mandeville . As they are popular & weather dependant.

For additional information contact ph 03 2086046 or 03 2089755.

Our email aviationmuseum@goredc.govt.nz

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Edge of the World exhibition 29th February - 8th March, Waikawa Hall

9-5pm daily. Small Arts & Crafts in the Waikawa Church contact Janice 2469 566 or Cala 2468434

On Saturday the **29th February** in conjunction with the **Edge of the World exhibition** Carol Hayes will assist children and their family to paint a mural. (Please wear old clothing)

On Sunday the 8th March at 2pm a waka will come up the estuary as part of the closing day with afternoon tea to follow.