



## Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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### From the Rector

Greetings everyone  
Kia ora e hoa mā



Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Teacher Only Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – School Closed**

**Paid Union Meeting – Afternoon of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – No classes after 12.20 p.m.**

There will be a **Teacher Only Day on Friday the 1st June** as staff attend Professional Development in Winton. The focus of this day for staff will be 'Using Technology Better'. We have been working away at this for some time and this day will help us to take another step towards better learning for our students.

The secondary teachers' union, the Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA), have advised us that there will be a paid union meeting in Invercargill on the afternoon of **Tuesday 5 June**. Therefore we will not be able to run a teaching programme from the end of Period 3 (12.20pm) on that day. Buses will be running at the normal times, as the Primary and Intermediate schools are not affected. We will provide supervision in the school library. If you would like your student supervised in the library on this day please contact us.

We appreciate that the timing of the union meetings, so close to our Teacher Only Day, is not ideal. The union meeting timing is determined at a national level and there are various constraints around when it can take place.

The members of the PPTA (Secondary Teachers Union) are preparing to negotiate the next three years of their employment contract, and this is the reason for the forthcoming meeting. Recruitment and workload are two of the most important issues. Whilst teacher pay will no doubt be part of a proposed solution to these problems there will be other strategies as well. There is a need for proper discussion and thought; the issues need to be clearly communicated to the public at large and to the Government. We are facing a teacher staffing crisis in our schools, and Gore High School is no exception to this. As many of you will know, we have appointed several new staff recently, and we have been delighted with the quality of every one of those appointments; some of whom have come from overseas.

Many of you will also realise that we have relied on the goodwill of several staff, some of whom have come out of retirement, in order to tide us over while we continue to recruit. Through the goodwill of all staff, and through spending extra effort on creative ways of managing the timetable, we have minimised the impact on our students. For example, all English classes and all Maths classes have had specialist subject teachers from day one this year. Nevertheless we are still struggling to get applicants for some positions.

This week I wrote a letter to the Minister of Education, Hon. Chris Hipkins, to remind him that Auckland is not the only place where staffing is difficult.

Therefore I trust you understand the importance of this time for teachers to meet. We thank you all for your tolerance and support.

Warm regards,  
Nga mihi,  
John McKinlay



**COURTESY**  
ATAWHAITANGA



**EFFORT**  
MANAWANUITANGA



**RESPONSIBILITY**  
TAKOHANGA

## **THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE**

I went on the Spirit of Adventure in February this year. We departed from Princes Wharf in Auckland bound for the Bay of Islands. There were 40 of us trainees, twenty girls and twenty boys. We were shown our bunk rooms when we got on the ship. The bunks were three high and there was not a lot of head room and the bunk itself was not very wide. During the day they folded back so that there was more room. We were put into four groups of ten. The four groups were named after the sides of the ship Port A, Port B, Starboard B, and Starboard A. I was in Starboard B, aka 'Stary B'. Our first ships sail that we were put in charge of was the 'Mizzen' sail, which was the sail at the back of the ship. Stary B's first duty was called 'Specials', meaning we got to help with the food and had to do the dishes. We sailed a total of nineteen nautical miles (NM) to Onetangi Bay where we anchored for the night. Lights out was at 9:00pm. After a reasonably uncomfortable sleep we were woken up at 6:30am for our morning swim! The water was freezing but it woke you up! After a warm rinse off in the shower, getting changed and eating breakfast we had 'Colours', this is where they raised the flag on the back of the ship. The next day our group was in charge of the 'Foredeck' sail. We had to climb to the top of the mast up the rigging with a safety harness on. Most days we did activities on the boat or we blew up the inflatable rafts and paddled to shore to play games or do activities. One day we had a hike on land and another day we got out sailing boats which were great fun. Every night one group had a night watch. Members of the group would go in pairs and sit up in the cabin watching the monitors to make sure the anchor wasn't dragging. We saw lots of wild life including dolphins and Orca whales. The weather was great. On the 9<sup>th</sup> day we had trannie day, the day where we nominate trainees for jobs, like Captain and First Mate and the crew stand back and let us sail the ship. We, the trainees, sailed into Opau Wharf where we disembarked the ship. It was a great experience and I'm so glad I took the opportunity to go. I made some really good friends and met people from all over the country.

### **Sophie Stark**



## **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**Football** The GHS football team has begun its Wednesday night College League competition. Last Wednesday they had a good win against Menzies at home with plenty of supporters out braving the weather.

**Rugby** We have 5 teams playing in the rugby competition this year. The 1st XV, coached by Bruce Morton and Craig Pullar, have had two wins in their first two competition games. They play Verdon in Invercargill at the weekend. It is great that GHS has a 2nd XV, coached by Graham Waddell entered in the competition again this year. We wish them luck for their season. Our u15 team, coached by Peter Muir and Sean Hurley have had a strong start to their season with two wins. The u14's, coached by Raymond Anderson and Simon Tutty, won their first game against St Peter's College and had a closely fought match against Central Midland who were lucky to take the win. The number of girls playing rugby has increased greatly this year. We have 10 girls playing in the combined Eastern girls team, coached by Kevin Holland and 8 girls taking part in a 4 week u15 10s competition. The girls 1st XV had their first match against SGHS last Monday and scored first but were unable to contain Southland Girls in the end. They will improve as the season progresses. The Gore High School Rugby Club is holding their Club Day on the 26th of May. All teams will play at home this day so this a great opportunity to come and support our teams.

### **Netball**

GHS has 10 Teams in the Saturday competition this year. We have 28 more students playing this year which is great for the Club. The teams are wearing new uniforms this year which look fantastic. The Club are currently running a raffle to raise more funds for even more new uniforms due to the increase in player numbers. If anyone is interested in being part of the club—managing a team, coming on the committee or just wanting more information then contact Paula O'Connor on 0274 951 156. The big game this Saturday is GHS Senior A vs St Peter's Senior A being played at the MLT at 11.30 am. Good luck Gore High!





## STARZ PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

On Friday we had the STARZ Performing Arts Showcase here in Gore. This showcase was designed to display our talented students from this community. Gore High School, Blue Mountain College, St Peter's College and Menzies College all participated with amazing Performing Arts Performances. Along with the musical performances, Gore High School created a devised drama piece that was completely student lead. They created/rehearsed this performance from the beginning of Term One and were extremely proud of their end performance. Thank you to all who came along and supported this event. It is important to have Performing Art's opportunities here in Gore for our awesome students to be involved in.



## JUNIOR SCIENCE

The Year 9s have started growing their crystals for the Otago University Crystal Growing Competition. Using Alum powder to form crystals, the students will try to grow the biggest crystal, with points awarded for crystal quality and clarity. In order to grow the crystals, students need to understand how to make a saturated solution using bunsen burners and to understand how crystals form. They will grow the crystals for 4 weeks before sending them in for judging.



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR 4 LEARNING

This term the school has focused on the Courtesy Expectation Being on Time. At Monday's assembly we had a draw for a pizza lunch of all the students who had been rewarded for being on time. This picture shows the winners of the pizza lunch. Thanks for being on time for classes.

Gore High School Foundation

## **Fine Wine, Dine & Art**

Thomas Green Restaurant, Gore  
6:00pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Four Course Meal with matching MAUDE (Central Otago) wine

Display and Auction of selected art works

\$100 per person      Special dietary needs by prior arrangement

Come & enjoy a lovely evening at the beautiful Thomas Green & help the Foundation build their Trust Fund to support Scholarships & projects within the school. Students provide pre dinner music. They also help prepare & serve the meal.

## SKI WEEK CAMPS 2018:

The Southland Ski Club run Ski Week Camps in the July school holidays staying at our Lodge at Coronet Peak, Queenstown.

Camp package includes a 5 day lift pass, lessons twice a day (Mon-Fri), accommodation & meals, suitable for ages 10 – 18 yrs.

Choose to ski or snow board - awesome opportunity to learn or upskill.

**Week 1: Sun 8<sup>th</sup> - Sat 14<sup>th</sup>**

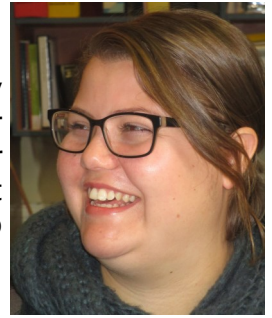
**Week 2: Sun 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 20<sup>th</sup>**

Applications are taken on a first in first served basis so apply now to avoid disappointment - applications close 31<sup>st</sup> May. Please go to our website to submit your application - [www.southlandskiclub.org.nz](http://www.southlandskiclub.org.nz) if you have any further queries contact 027 275 0665

## **CAREERS**

### **NEW CAREERS DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBER**

Ms Phoebe Harrington has joined The Careers Department. Ms Harrington has recently graduated from Otago Polytechnic with a Bachelor in Social Services specialising in Career Practice. The Careers Department is excited to have someone of Phoebe's expertise join our team. Phoebe will be overseeing The Warehouse Red Shirts Programme, The Southern District Health Board Incubator. Phoebe is enjoying working with young adults and looks forward to helping our students with their Career Pathway. Phoebe is working Tuesdays and Thursday. Welcome to Gore High School Ms Harrington.



### **DEFENCE FORCE INFORMATION EVENING**

On Tuesday 15th of May seven of our students travelled to the Army Office in Invercargill for the Defence Force Information Evening. The Defence Force can be a great option for students. Many of the students found that the evening gave them a great insight into the process of applying for either the Army, Navy or Airforce. Students were informed about what to expect from assessment day and expectations around the fitness test.

There are around 100 different roles within the Defence Force and a great way to find out what roles to consider is to go to [www.mypurpose.mil.nz](http://www.mypurpose.mil.nz) or call 08001FORCE. There is another information evening in Invercargill in October—for further information contact [DefenceCareersSouthern@NZDF.mil.nz](mailto:DefenceCareersSouthern@NZDF.mil.nz).

The Defence Careers Experience (DCE) is another avenue to give participants exposure to service lifestyle and developing options available in the NZDF. For further information about DCE contact [DefenceCareersCentral@NZDF.mil.nz](mailto:DefenceCareersCentral@NZDF.mil.nz).

### **EMPLOYER AND TERTIARY PROVIDER TALK TO YEAR 11 STUDENTS**

Aaron Stevenson from Quality Building Services Ltd and Russell Finlay, Programmes Operations Manager for trades and technology at Southern Institute of Technology spoke to year 11 boys around what they expect from students when they go to work or apply for a course. Both spoke about the need to have a desire to do what they are applying for or working at.

Aaron and Russell talked about a need to be able to manage themselves e.g. turning up on time with the right equipment; they also talked about being self motivated and excited to "give things a go". Never giving up, listening and asking questions were also themes that both men indicated as important.

Mr Thomas spoke how these skills can and should be practised at school e.g. being on time for, and listening in class, managing themselves at school.

### **SOUTHERN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SEMESTER TWO INTAKE**

The Southern Institute of Technology has some dates to think about if you are consider joining their semester 2 intake.

If you have further questions please contact [www.sit.ac.nz](http://www.sit.ac.nz) or [laura.mckenzie@sit.ac.nz](mailto:laura.mckenzie@sit.ac.nz).

Their open nights are as follows:

- 29 May (4:30pm – 6:30pm)
- 19 June (4:30pm – 6:30pm)
- 16 October (4:30pm – 6:30pm)
- 13 November (4:30pm – 6:30pm)



## **St John Variety Concert**

16<sup>th</sup> June 7:00pm

@ SBS St James Theatre – 61 Irk Street Gore

Ticket Price - \$20 (All Ages)



ST JAMES THEATRE

