



## Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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### From the Rector

Greetings everyone  
Kia ora e hoa mā



### Community of Learning

As you may be aware Gore High School is part of a community of learning, along with 12 other schools. The lead Principal is Annie Nelson from St. Mary's school. An achievement challenge has been drafted up and submitted to the Secretary for Education. We are awaiting a response.

In the meantime, the CoL has formed four working groups to help us deliver on the vision. These are:

- Vision for the Eastern Southland learner success
- Well-being and achievement
- Processes and strategies, with a focus on transitions
- Communication and coherence

The Community of Learning is also heavily involved in the Hokonui Highway initiative. This concept is about all of the service providers in the Gore District coming together to provide the infrastructure needed to look after children from birth right through to future employment.

The Highway analogy evokes visions of: different lanes for different pathways; signage to help with preparation and positioning; on ramps and off ramps where one can join or leave; roundabouts where choices can lead us to next stages; highway patrol to protect us and others when we have lost the plot; and rest stops where we can rejuvenate and get assistance if required. All these things help us to navigate the journey. For the highway to function smoothly, it must be part of a co-ordinated system, and those with different responsibilities must work together, for the sole purpose of ensuring that each traveller reaches their destination safely and comfortably. Providing a well-functioning Highway for our children is the work of the Hokonui Highway initiative. It is obvious that schools need to be a key part of this.

### The Weekend Ahead

We have a busy weekend ahead, not just with school sport, but also with the GHS Foundation Art, Food and Wine Fundraiser and the School Ball. If you have senior students in your household, you will no doubt have heard plenty about the School Ball. Very likely, you will know more about it than I do!! A reminder to parents, that this is strictly an alcohol free event, and this extends to any pre-Ball activities. We will be carrying out random breath testing as students enter the venue, and any students who test positive will be refused entry.

I look forward to the success of both events, and wish our students well for a most enjoyable School Ball.

Warm regards,  
Nga mihi,  
John McKinlay



**COURTESY**  
ATAWHAITANGA



**EFFORT**  
MANAWANUITANGA



**RESPONSIBILITY**  
TAKOHANGA

## YEAR 10 SCIENCE

This week, Year 10 Science students went back to the Hokonui Rūnanga to test the water in their wetland area. The students used their science skills for testing phosphate and nitrate levels, dissolved oxygen, pH and temperature. Libby, Ashleigh and Sam were in charge of identifying and counting invertebrates and had the good luck to scoop out a 120mm Koura. Sam and John perfected their bucket throwing skills, in order to scoop up water samples from the ponds surface. Caleb, Elijah and Oliver were in charge of chemical testing and using the clarity tube to see how clear the water is, while Marcus and Anthony tested the water for total dissolved solids and temperature.



### GO KIWI GO

Go Kiwi Go offers gap experiences all around the world, working on projects from conservation to teaching, from working with animals to building projects—there's something for everyone. Click the link below to read more about Go Kiwi Go. We have two information evenings happening in the lower South Island that students and/or their parents can attend.

Invercargill - Wednesday 6th June, 6pm to 7pm  
Corinthian Convention Centre, 154 Esk Street  
Tickets are free and students can register their interest via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/global-volunteering-information-session-invercargill-tickets-45924574639>

Queenstown - Saturday 9th June, 6pm to 7pm  
The QEC Function Room, 33 Joe O'Connell Drive  
Tickets are free and students can register their interest via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/global-volunteering-information-session-queenstown-tickets-45924807335?aff=efbeventix>

# CAREER EXPO

Attention Years 10 – 13

St Peter's College and Gore High School

Combined Careers Expo



Thursday 9 August 2018

5.30 pm – 8 pm

Gore Town and Country Club

Bury Street, Gore

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



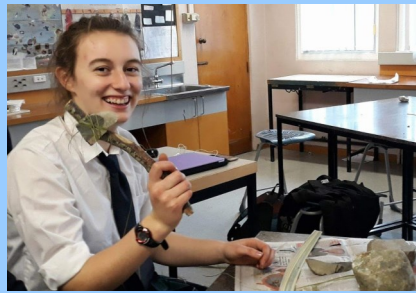
## YEAR 9 SCIENCE

Year 9s have been learning about States of Matter, including evaporation and condensing. In order to see where these are used in real life, we took a field trip to the Hokonui Moonshine Museum. They learned about the history of moonshine in Gore and the length the McRae's went to make and sell their moonshine. We looked at the equipment they used and compared it with modern equipment back in the lab at school.



## YEAR 13 BIOLOGY

Biology students have been learning the skills needed to be an early human, making stone tools from stones, wood and flax. In the Human Evolution Topic, students learn to link the ability to make and use tools with the anatomical features of early human species such as Archaic *Homo sapiens* and *Homo neanderthalensis*. In summary, its a good job our Year 13's do not have to make tools and hunt their own food!



## YEAR 13 BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP TO DUNEDIN

This week the Year 13s went to Dunedin to help develop their science skills, from investigation to science communication. First stop was the University of Otago Biochemistry Department, where they tested their own blood for glucose and lactate levels before and after eating and exercise. This showed them the remarkable way that the body can maintain an internal balance as they go about their active lives. Next stop was the Otago Museum, for a session on Human Evolution, followed by some much needed pizza. In the evening, the students took turns to be science communicators, explaining to each other the concepts behind the various activities in the Tūhura science centre. Accommodation was amongst the exhibits in the Science centre.

The following day we went to Portobello to try out hands on activities to study the behaviour and responses of sea animals, watching crabs, snails and parasites as they go about their lives.



## **CAREERS**

### **DO YOU NEED AFTER-SCHOOL WORKERS?**

We often get eager students coming into the Careers Department and asking if we have heard of any part-time jobs. If you have an after-school job then the Careers Department can advertise it on our vacancies board beside Student Reception and in our Daily Notices, we will then gather interested names and forward the list of interested students to you. Employing an after-school student can be a great way to help employers find workers for the future!

IF you would like to advertise on our vacancies board or would like more information please contact either Katrina McDonald on [kmcdonald@gore-high.school.nz](mailto:kmcdonald@gore-high.school.nz) or Jacinta O'Neill on [joneill@gore-high.school.nz](mailto:joneill@gore-high.school.nz).

### **FEMALE ONLY DEFENCE CAREERS EXPERIENCE (DCE)**

Defence Careers Southern will be conducting a female only defence careers experience (DCE) at Burnham Military Camp in the second week of the July school holidays (16 – 20 July 2018). The DCE is open to female secondary school students in years 12 and 13 from across the South Island who have an interest in a career with the New Zealand Army.

As with previous events the 5 day residential experience will be conducted on a Military base with transport, accommodation and food provided. We are looking for motivated young women with a sense of adventure who would like to explore the many opportunities to give their passions a purpose within the New Zealand Defence Force. The DCE will provide a forum to explore career opportunities, develop team and leadership skills, enhance personal confidence, resilience and experience some aspects of life in the NZ Army. Students will get the chance to interact with a range of female service personnel and hear their stories and experiences which we hope will empower them in their choice of a rewarding military career.

For students to apply they need to complete the online form before the 10th of June. This link will also be available at the Female Defence Careers Experience event on our Facebook page event.

Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/IYSJsilk9LXLV0kr1>

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/317447138788667/>



### **VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON - DUNEDIN INFORMATION EVENING**

Wednesday 6 June to be held at Dunedin Public Art Gallery 30 The Octagon. This is a great opportunity to help students, parents, whanau to find out more about studying and life at Victoria. The evening will be organised as follows:

6.00pm-6.20pm Light refreshments

6.20pm-6.55pm Studying and accommodation at Victoria

7pm - onwards - Faculty sessions

If you have any further questions please call 0800 VICTORIA or email [info@victoria.ac.nz](mailto:info@victoria.ac.nz)

### **NEW UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION PROSPECTUS**

There is a newly updated prospectus from the Otago College of Education. Applications for teacher education programmes for 2019 are required by 31 August. Applications are made on our website - [otago.ac.nz/education](http://otago.ac.nz/education). The College of Education Information Evenings will be held at the Southland Campus, on 19 June at 7pm. Keep up-to-date with what is happening at the College of Education via their facebook page: [Facebook.com/OtagoEducation](https://Facebook.com/OtagoEducation). Any information around study, application and admission is on the website [otago.ac.nz/education](http://otago.ac.nz/education).