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From the Rector

Greetings everyone
Kia ora e hoa mā



As I write this newsletter the world is struggling to contain Covid-19. The media are full of stories about the pandemic, and as you know the landscape is changing very rapidly. We are receiving good information from the Ministry of Education, and I want to assure you all that we are monitoring the situation very closely and adjusting our procedures as necessary.

Here is a list of what we are doing right now:

Every proposed event or field trip now must pass a Covid-19 risk analysis.

- There will be no contact activities at school e.g. in PEd and in Sports practices.
- Students and staff are being strongly advised not to share personal equipment.
- Students and staff are being strongly advised to minimise physical contact e.g. no handshakes, no hugs etc.
- There are no full school assemblies (we will be trialing 'virtual assemblies' across our Wi-Fi network instead).
- Any group gatherings of between 30 – 100 students will be in a large space (like the hall) and students will be well spaced out.

Here is a list of events we have postponed or cancelled:

- JVC and PVC – postponed.
- The Ball – postponed.
- STARZ concert – cancelled.
- Learning Hub overnight camp – postponed.
- Y12 ORC Hope Arm trip was postponed.
- Y13 PEd surf camp was modified to become two day trips instead of a camp.
- Parent/Teacher/Student Academic Counselling interviews planned for 1st and 2nd April – postponed. Normal school day on 1st April (this is NO joke!!).

Here is a list of our preparations, just in case of a school closure:

- We have collected data from families and students about internet and device availability. (we have 20 devices available to loan out to families who need them).
- We have prepared a possible 'online' timetable which allows for every student with internet access to continue their learning.
- We have a clear list of what we expect students to be able to do from home, and how teachers can continue delivering assignments, marking, assessing and giving feedback etc.
- We have carried out some testing of our online systems.

Our Board of Trustees have a thorough understanding of all the above and are ready to provide any further resources and assistance that may be required.

We will continue to communicate with you **as necessary**, but we are conscious of not overloading you with material.

In the meantime, it is **hand hygiene, cough etiquette and stay at home if you are unwell**. Please look after yourselves and your whanau.

I trust this helps to reassure you. As always please get in touch if you have any concerns.

Warm Regards,
Nga mihi,
John McKinlay



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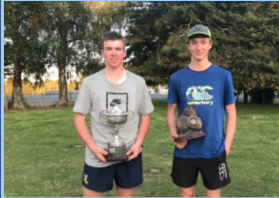
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School Photos

School photos can now be viewed and ordered online at www.geoffhorrell.co.nz - find GHS photos on the home page then click on this, you will then be asked to put a code in; it is **ghsc20** all lower case .

GHS TrapShooting Team

Earlier this month Patrick Johnstone and Hugh Sprenger competed at Invercargill. Both won their grades for Single Rise. Patrick taking out A-grade and Hugh winning C-grade. This is an impressive achievement as both students were shooting against adults with many years experience. This is a great start to their year and will stand them in good stead for the inter-collegiate competition yet to start.



Year 10 Science

On Wednesday the Year 10 Science classes went to Dolamore Park to study the biological, chemical and physical properties of the stream. We found lots of mayfly larvae, which are a sign of a healthy stream. We also found about 8 koura, which we gently placed back in their hiding places under the rocks.



Year 13 Surf Camp

Year 13 PE Students were learning to Surf at Monkey Island this week as part of their learning.



PVC, JVC and STARZ Performance Update

Due to the uncertainty of the COVID- 19 Pandemic, we have decided to **POSTPONE** the Prefect's Variety Concert and the Junior Variety Concert and **CANCEL** the STARZ performance showcase. The health and safety of our school and community is of the utmost importance. We hope to hold both the PVC and JVC later in the year, but this is all dependent on the circumstances.

PTA Easter Raffle

Could all students please remember to return their raffle cards and money to their Hauora Teacher by Tuesday 24th March. The raffle will be drawn before Easter so winners can collect their prizes.

Gore High School Ball 2020

This year's ball is scheduled to take place on the 23rd of May. Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have decided to POSTPONE the ball to a later date. The health and safety of our students at this event takes priority. The Head Prefects are working hard to reschedule this event, but it is all dependent on the developing circumstances.

Sorry for any inconvenience to students, and we will keep everyone updated on the progress of this.

Work Day Money

Could all students make sure that their work day money is given to their Hauora teacher as soon as possible, if people are paying by internet banking please clearly state that it is work day monies - thank you

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*Offer ends 31st March 2020. T&Cs Apply



Helen Tufui

Headache clinic

St Peter's Hostel, 26 March 2020. 7pm.

Gold coin donation.

CONCUSSION, HEADACHE & MIGRAINE

Want to be in the best shape for the upcoming sports season? Suffering from Headache & Migraine?

6 years ago Helen Tufui founded The Headache Clinic in Invercargill and dedicated her career to working exclusively in Headache, Migraine and Concussion treatment.

Helen is coming to Gore to share her extensive knowledge with you on the 26th of March.

Headache, Migraine and Concussion can severely impact and hold you back from enjoying the simple things in life.

In the past, treatment for these conditions has been limited however, the research is rapidly developing in these areas.

During this evening Helen will share her expertise and knowledge and pass on some management tips as well as answering any questions you may have.



Open to all coaches, players and parents .
Gold coin donation at the door.
7pm Thurs 26 March, St Peter's hostel



Careers Timetable Week Ending 03rd April

The Warehouse Red Shirts in School
Murihuku Pathways Courses
Gore Police Recruitment Night -
Gore Police Station
SIT Liaison Visit
Otago Polytechnic Liaison Visit
Defence Careers Experience

Wednesday 25th/Thursday 26th March
Friday 27th March (all day)

Tuesday 24th March
Wednesday 25th March at 8.50 am
Wednesday 08th April at 8.50 am
Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th April - Christchurch

Year 13 Careers Navigator



Gore High School, with the support of The Graeme Dingle Foundation are providing a programme for Year 13 students designed to supporting them to reach their full potential. Programmes include building self-esteem, promoting good values and teaching valuable life, education and health skills.

Career Navigator is a ready-for-work programme that is designed to help Secondary School students have a purposeful pathway into their future. Group Career Mentoring is provided by local Mentors and aims to provide expertise to support the career development of students. Our Career Mentors are volunteers and come from a range of different industries in the Gore area. They have been fully screened, trained and supported by the Foundation. We are deeply appreciative of the Volunteer Mentors who are giving their time and space for our students - Thank you.



Health Incubator Year 12 Visit

On Thursday 12th March twelve eager Year 12 students travelled to Invercargill to attend the Health Incubator Course at Southland Hospital. This programme encourages students to consider a career in the health sector. The students get three visits throughout the year. This is a great way to get hands-on experience within the medical environment.

The students visited the laboratory and watched a video of careers available. They also learnt about protecting themselves from viruses in the community and they all donned personal protective gear. In the afternoon they were taken on a tour of the hospital campus.



Otago University Liaison Visit

On Wednesday the 4th March, Greg Heller, the liaison officer from Otago University came and spoke to our Year 12 and Year 13 students. Greg did a presentation to the Year 12 students first, giving them a small insight into life at Otago University and what courses are offered. This was a great way for the students to get better knowledge of subjects they may be needing to take next year, to allow them to follow through into their chosen field at University. It's never too early to think about the next step to University.

Greg then spoke to many of the Year 13 students, he covered a more in depth look into the courses offered. Plus, he showed all the different University Halls on offer. He also mentioned the scholarships that students can apply for to help them while they are at University.



Murihuku Pathways - Hair and Beauty Course



Murihuku Pathways has started for the year, students travel to Invercargill SIT for 10 weeks on either a Thursday or a Friday and attend their chosen course for the day. Students enrolled in the Hair and Beauty Course, were giving each other hand massages as they met students from other schools' for the first time.



MONEY HUB - University Scholarships for Year 13 Students

MoneyHub, is a website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2021. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the MoneyHub Scholarship page: <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html>

Key dates - Term 1/2

2nd April	School Cross Country
9th April	Last Day of Term 1
10th April	Good Friday
13th April	Easter Monday
25th April	ANZAC Day
28th April	First Day Term 2



Rotary International Youth Exchange Programme WANTED – SECONDARY STUDENTS TO GO ON EXCHANGE IN 2021



Rotary Youth Exchange is an official programme of Rotary and we are now seeking applications from motivated secondary school students interested in spending a year overseas as part of this long established successful educational and cultural exchange.

This is your chance to obtain a Study Abroad "Scholarship" worth about \$30,000 and to immerse yourself in the culture and become fluent in a foreign language in a supportive exchange programme. Become fluent in Swedish, Mandarin, German, French, Danish or Spanish.

Students must be aged between 15 and 17 ½ at departure in January 2021. Exchange partners for 2021 will include: Sweden, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Chile, Denmark, Belgium and Taiwan

No family Rotary affiliation required. Applications close 30 April 2020.

Rotary Youth Exchange offers student training and preparation, a strong student support structure and oversight by a reputable global service organisation. Students attend a local school but stay with several host families for variety and a true cultural experience. The effective "scholarship" is worth about \$30,000, as through RYE there is no foreign student fee or need to pay for accommodation.

Students benefit from personal growth and development, independence and self confidence while making worldwide friendships and learning a new language. If you want to gain a fresh understanding of yourself and others, have fun and a whole lot of new experiences consider being a Rotary Youth Exchange student for 2021.

If you are ready for a life changing experience and for the rewarding challenge and the unique and life long rewards that come from living in another country as a RYE student, then check out www.rotaryyouthexchange9980.wordpress.com or contact us for more information and an initial application form.

Contact: Gary Williams - Chair Rotary Youth Exchange District 9980 [lower South Island, N Z]
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Southland Secondary School Athletics Results

On Saturday 15th March a team of Gore High students attended Southland Athletics in Invercargill, with the following results:

Hayden Graves	1 st	Senior Boys 100 Meters, 200 Meters
	3 rd	Senior Boys Long Jump
Libby McChlery	1 st	Senior Girls Long Jump
	2 nd	Senior Girls 100 Meters, 200 Meters
Anthony Mercer	1 st	Senior Boys 800 Meters
	3 rd	Senior Boys 3000 Meters
Grace Michaels	1 st	U16 Girls 200 Meters, 800 Meters
Jayden Broome	2 nd	U14 Boys 200 Meters, 800 Meters
	3 rd	U14 Boys Long Jump, 100 Meters
Gabby Harrex	2 nd	U16 Triple Jump
Meg Heaps	2 nd	U15 Girls High Jump
Ollie McKenzie	2 nd	U15 Boys 1500 Meters
Jayden Gerken	2 nd	U15 Boys Shot Put
MacKenzie Napier	3 rd	U14 Girls Triple Jump, 800 & 1500 Meters
Kuziah Robin	3 rd	Senior Boys Discus
Paige Maniapoto	3 rd	U15 Girls Shot Put
Courtney Hing	3 rd	U14 Girls Discus
Esther Gardyne	3 rd	U14 Girls Shot Put
U14 Boys Relay	2 nd	

