



Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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From the Rector

Greetings everyone
Kia ora e hoa mā

Curiosity

This week at Assembly we focussed on the idea that 'Curiosity is the key to Creativity'.

The importance of creativity is an idea that surfaces from time to time, and last year we talked about Steve Jobs, the co-founder of Apple and how he creatively connected ideas in a way that others did not.

The latest trigger for me was a book I recently read, about the life of Leonardo da Vinci. Some of you may have read it too.

He is famous of course for being a painter, even though he probably only ever completed less than 30 paintings in his lifetime! Actually, he was curious about everything, and he was curious just for the sake of it. He would write things in his notebook like: describe the tongue of a woodpecker; why is the sky blue?; and, why do people yawn?

Then he would go into the detail and through observation, experiment, debate and reading he would form answers to these types of questions.

And so it was, that he was actually a painter, a sculptor, an architect, a musician, an engineer, an inventor, an anatomist, a geologist, a botanist and I suspect some other ...ists to boot!

By being CURIOUS about all sorts of things, and by connecting Art and Science, Leonardo formed an incredible understanding of the world in which he lived.

So, the message to our students is that we should always encourage and value CURIOSITY, even if it doesn't seem relevant at the present moment. Because, 'Curiosity is the key to Creativity.'

TeenAg Club

Congratulations to the executive of the TeenAg club who organised a most successful field trip yesterday. I was fortunate to go along as driver of the Minibus.

This is a good example of student leadership and students having some agency over their own learning.

There were some barriers to overcome; getting permission to use school time for this trip was one. But towards the latter part of last year, they patiently went through a process and made their case. Students planned the Health and Safety aspects of the trip, managed the questions and information they were seeking, liaised with and thanked the hosts whose farms and businesses they visited, and organised parent support.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, which allowed me to get out of my office for the day and also allowed me to expand my experiences and language: Fusion 3, IVT this, 250 hp that, Fendt vs John Deere etc.! Well done to all involved.

Warm regards, Nga mihi,
John McKinlay



COURTESY
ATAWHAITANGA



EFFORT
MANAWANUITANGA



RESPONSIBILITY
TAKOHANGA

Notice from the Southland District Health Board

You may be aware that currently there is an outbreak of measles in Canterbury. If students are attending a sports tournament or function in Canterbury it is prudent that they are all up to date with their measles vaccinations. This means having had 2 documented MMR vaccines. The best protection against measles is the free measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. You need 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine to be fully immunised.

New Zealanders born from 1 January 1969 are eligible for free MMR vaccinations. If you were born before the measles vaccine became available in 1969, you are considered at lower risk because you were probably exposed to measles as a child. People aged 10 to 29 years are at greatest risk of catching measles, as they're the group least likely to have been fully immunised as children.

If you're unsure of your vaccination status you can check your Well Child Tamariki Ora or Plunket book, or contact your general practice. If you can't find your records, the Ministry of Health recommends you get vaccinated anyway – it's free, and there is no harm in having an extra dose of the vaccine. It's never too late to get up to date with your immunisations. By being immunised, you will not only be protecting yourself and your family – you'll also stop the disease spreading in your community.

- 2 doses are necessary to get the best protection.
- Immunisation (with 2 measles vaccinations) is very important for older children and adults.

Gore High School Rugby 2019

Registrations are now being taken for the Rugby Season, students can sign up outside the Sports Co-ordinators office or by going onto www.Sporty.co.nz to register. Any queries please contact the Sports Co-ordinator.

Gore High School Football Club

The Gore High School Football Club is having a Trial/Have a go Day on Wednesday 20 March 2019 on the Football Field those that have signed up please meet here at 2.30 pm (Will be in the Gym if it is Wet) and anyone else that is interested feel free to come along. We are also looking for parent help for the season.

2019 PREFECTS & HOUSE LEADERS

Congratulations to the following students who were invested as prefects and House Leaders at a special assembly on Monday 4 March.

Prefects:

Linda Bos
David De Klerk
Jenna Graham (HG)
Markie Highsted
Ella Hurley (DHG)
Ira Miranda
Kalin Nieper
Zac Samson
Rylee Stewart

Becky Campbell
Hamish Goatley (DHB)
Matt Highsted (HB)
Ethan Horne
George Johnston
Leah Murray
Charlotte Orlowski
Jack Sheddan
Haley Webb

House Leaders

Anderson:

Jack Sheddan - Captain, Natalie Hogg - Deputy

Cargill:

Co-Captains: Charlotte Orlowski & Linda Bos

Hunter:

Max Balloch - Captain, Ethan Horne - Deputy

McNab:

Hayden Michaels - Captain, Ella Harrex - Deputy



At the Year 12 assembly this week Greg Heller gave a presentation about the importance of NCEA Level 2 grades (inclusive of endorsement) as they are used



Recently 12 ORC enjoyed a day trip to Black Gully and Titan Rock to prepare them for their overnight trip to Hope Arm later this month.

Career Department Calender

18th March	Otago Polytechnic Liaison Visit	10.30 am
27th March	Defence Force Visit	12.30 pm
28th March	Year 13 Parents Evening	
29th March	Pacific International Hotel Management School Open Day	12.30-1.30 pm

Payment for Sporting Events:

When your child registers interest in attending a sporting event, there is sometimes expenses involved with this (entry fees, transport costs, etc). These expenses must be paid before the student attends the event. The cost of an event is always listed on the parent consent form sent home. They have three options of how to pay these expenses:

Cash (given to the sports co-ordinator or Teacher in Charge)

Eftpos at Reception (then give the receipt to appropriate person in charge)

Internet Banking—you must ensure you make reference to what it is for and the student's name.

These expenses for such extra-curricular activities may not be put onto student accounts. However, if your school account is in credit please let the person in charge of the event know so it can be arranged with the Accounts Administrator for payment to be allocated to the event.

If these expenses are not paid before the event your child may miss out on attending.

Similarly, subs for winter sports such as netball and basketball will be put onto student accounts,

School Photos

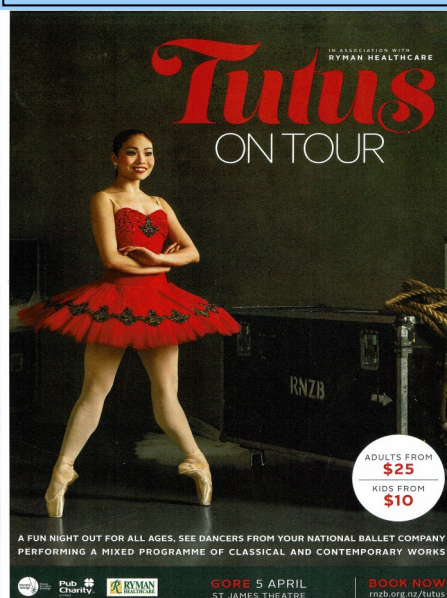
These are now available for people to order online through Geoff Horrell Photography. The cost is \$22.00 (for named) or \$14.00 (unnamed). To order go online to geoffhorrell.nz look under News, select Gore High School and use code ghsc19 to view and order.

NZQA/NCEA Information Evening

If you have a child involved in NZQA for the first time this year or just want to know more about how NZQA/NCEA works Gore High School are holding an information evening on 26th March at 7.30pm in the school meeting room - all welcome.

GORE HIGH SCHOOL PTA—AGM

Inviting Parents/Caregivers of our students to our AGM on Tuesday 26th March 2019 to be held in the school meeting room at 8.00pm after the NCEA information evening. It would be great to see you there, any queries please phone Jo Whyte 027 285 9973



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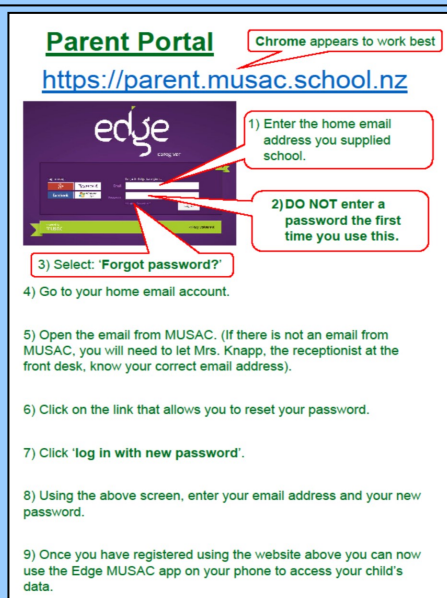
We are pleased to let you know that we will be running a **Defence Careers Experience (DCE)** in April this year. This will be a four day residential experience held at Burnham Military Camp and will cater to Secondary School Students that are interested in a career in the NZDF. This will be held from 14-18 April 2019.

We're looking for smart, active and team minded candidates who are interested in joining the NZDF once they leave school.

For more information please see Careers Applications close 20 march 2019

Parent Portal Chrome appears to work best

<https://parent.musac.school.nz>



- 1) Enter the home email address you supplied school.
- 2) DO NOT enter a password the first time you use this.
- 3) Select: 'Forgot password?'
- 4) Go to your home email account.
- 5) Open the email from MUSAC. (If there is not an email from MUSAC, you will need to let Mrs. Knapp, the receptionist at the front desk, know your correct email address).
- 6) Click on the link that allows you to reset your password.
- 7) Click 'log in with new password'.
- 8) Using the above screen, enter your email address and your new password.
- 9) Once you have registered using the website above you can now use the Edge MUSAC app on your phone to access your child's data.

Key dates - Term 1

15 March:	Southland Athletics—Invercargill
26 March:	NCEA information Evening—7.30 pm
28 March:	Year 13 Parents Evening
29 March:	Work Day/TOD
02 April:	Mufti Day
04 April:	SOHS Sports Exchange
08 April:	ANZAC Assembly
10 April:	School Cross Country
10-11 April:	Prefects' Variety Concert



School Trustee Elections 2019

Every three years, parents, caregivers, and people from the wider community can be nominated for election on a school board.

The board's primary focus is to ensure ongoing improvement in student achievement outcomes for all students.

A Board of Trustees is made up of 5 elected parent representatives, the Rector, a Staff representative as well as a Student representative (only in schools with students above Year 9). In addition, other Trustees can be co-opted to assist with board with specific projects.

All Trustees have an equal voice, equal vote, equal accountability, and equal standing.

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee later this year, and would like to find out a little more as to what is involved, you are welcome to speak with one of the current Trustees, Brendon Harrex, Ken Williams, Alistair Murray, Tracey Watson, or Scott Bowden.

A copy of the New Zealand School Trustees Association's publication 'A parents' guide to the role of the Board of Trustees' is available from the school office.

Election timeline	
Call for Nominations:	Friday 3 rd May 2019
Nominations close:	Friday 17 th May 2019 (noon)
Voting papers sent out:	Wednesday 22 nd May 2019
Election day (Voting closes):	Friday 31 st May (noon)
Votes counted:	Thursday 6 th June 2019
New Board takes office:	Friday 14 th June 2019

Caregivers & Medical Details

The 'Caregivers and Medical Details Update Sheets' will be sent home with students, could you please check that we have the correct details, update anything that needs changing and then sign and return to the school so we are able to update our records. Any concerns or queries around these please contact the office.

Gore High School - PTA Fundraiser

The PTA is running an Easter Raffle, this will be an inter-house competition. Could each child provide 1 item (Easter theme) for the raffle and bring to their house class on **Tuesday 26th March**. On this day students will be sent home with a raffle card of 10 tickets @ \$2 per ticket to sell. (Extra cards may be collected from your house teacher). Can the raffle cards and money please be returned to your house teacher at house time on **Tuesday 2nd April**. The raffle will be drawn on **Monday 8th April**. Thank you very much for supporting the PTA.