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### **FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 23 NOVEMBER 2018**

## Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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#### From the Rector

Greetings everyone Kia ora e hoa mä

#### Year 10 Camp

As I write this newsletter the preparations are all well in hand for Y10 camps next week at Glendhu Bay. Thanks to Mrs Harvey and all of the staff, parents and senior students who have made this possible; it is a large undertaking and many people are required to make it work.

At this year's camp students will take part in: sea kayaking; paddle boarding; raft building; rock climbing; mountain biking; an overnight tramp (optional); half-day tramp; and frisbee golf. They will also take part in some adventure based learning games aimed around teamwork and cooperation. Students will be sleeping in tents. Thanks to the PTA for providing some new tents for this year.

After events like this, staff often comment on how certain individuals have 'come out of their shell', whilst others may have been less confident that normal. This is a good reminder to us all, that not every student is suited to the four walls of a classroom, there are valuable life skills to be learnt in the camp setting and it is great for us to acknowledge and value each person's strengths in a variety of ways.

An ERO report about Education Outside the Classroom identifies that through the likes of school camps, students have the opportunity to:

- grow personally
- increase self-confidence
- develop a sense of adventure
- enhance their responsibility for their own, and others' safety
- demonstrate skills and abilities that were not evident in the classroom

Nevertheless it is not uncommon for some students to be anxious about going on camp. Some of their concerns might be:

- What if I don't like the food?
- Who will I be tenting with?
- What if the activities don't suit me and I find them too hard?
- What if I don't like camping away from home?

These, and other similar concerns are all understandable. However it would be a pity if one's anxieties ruined a positive camp experience. By acknowledging these concerns and yet maintaining a positive yet supportive approach ourselves, parents and teachers can help students to overcome the fear of not enjoying camp. Overcoming uncertainty would be a great camp outcome in itself.

If parents feel that it might be helpful to share their child's concerns with a staff member, then I encourage you to do so. This would obviously be confidential between the parent and the teacher, but it would allow for someone just to be keeping eye on the situation of concern.

The huge majority of students have a wonderful time on camp, and I am sure this year will be no exception. Best wishes to all involved. (Note: we do have some wet weather activities planned too!!)

Warm regards, Nga mihi, John McKinlay









#### **THANK YOU FROM THE NETBALL CLUB**

This year we were lucky to replace our outdated yellow netball uniforms. All our senior netball teams wore dresses this season (Senior A getting new dresses with a new design) and all our junior teams wore new tops and skirts.

A massive thanks to Jackie Johnson for all her work around getting new uniforms.

A big thanks also goes to all our sponsors that have made it possible for our club to have another successful year and purchase well needed new uniforms.

Gore New World (Foodstuffs)
Gore High Friends of the school
Gore High BOT
Gore Town and Country Club
Mataura Licensing Trust
The Whyte Family
Bruce Morton Building
Hammond and Ryder Funeral Directors
Campbell's Garden Centre





On the last week of school, all Year 9 and 10 students will be involved in an Activity Day. This day is compulsory.

The idea behind this day is to have fun, celebrate the end of the year, gain house points for next year and keep the cost to a minimum.



Students will be expected to join in a variety of physical and mentally challenging activities.

On the day, students will need:

- Non marking shoes i.e. runners, white soled shoes or gym shoes.
- Food/drink or money. The school will organise a sausage sizzle and the complex sells lollies and drinks.
- 3) Meet at the stadium at 8:55am or meet in the school foyer at 8:45am and a staff member will walk you down to the event centre.
- 4) Sports gear to get changed into as you are likely to get muddy/wet.
- 5) Sun block/hat
- 6) Wear your house colours to school.
- 7) NO PAINT SHOULD BE WORN OR BROUGHT TO THE EVENT

#### YEAR 10 GLENDHU BAY CAMP

**Camp 1 = 10 A, U, I** 25th - 28th November

**Camp 2 = 10 M, R** 27th - 30th November

Students meet at the school gym by 8.30am on the day of departure and will arrive home at approximately 3pm.

#### **ART BOARDS**

There are a considerable number of boards from previous years stored in art room and space is getting tight. If you know of someone who has one here please ask them to collect it. Those still here on December 14 will have to be recycled.

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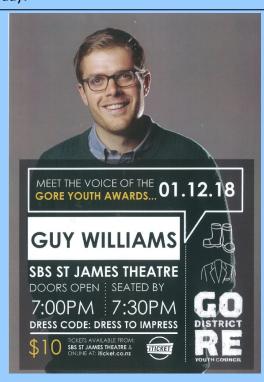
#### **SOUTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS HAVE A GO DAY**

WHO: All year 9 students

WHERE: Venues around Gore

TIME: 10.30 am—1.30 pm

Students have chosen their sports for the day. They can attend school in the sports clothing for the day. Period 1 will be a normal class, then they will divide into their sports groups and walk to their venue. Once the day is finished the students can either go home or return to school, meet in the library until the end of the school day.



#### **END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS**

Monday, 3 December Senior Sign out Day

Full assembly—Junior/Senior Prize list

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Prizegiving practice—9.50—10.50 am

Tuesday, 4 December Year 9 Community Service Day

Year 10 Normal School Day

Thursday, 6 December School Closes at 12.20 pm

Full School prizegiving, Town and Country Club, seated by 6.15 pm

Monday, 10 December House Activity Day

Tuesday, 11 December Year 13 Graduation, School Hall, 6 pm

Wednesday, 12 December School Closes 12.10 pm for the year

#### **DENTAL CARE FOR U18 YEAR OLDS**

A reminder for parents and caregivers: Dental treatment is FREE up until your 18th birthday. Has your child had their teeth checked in the last 12 months? Once your child reaches Year 9 at high school they will need to be seen by a private dentist or dental therapist. Contact your local dentist today to see if they offer the free under 18 dental service.

#### **GORE YOUTH AWARDS**

The following Gore High School students have been nominated for the Gore Youth Awards:

Nominee Award Nomination	
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Junior Supreme Award	
Non-Conformist Award	
Non-Conformist Award	
Overcomers Award	
Junior Supreme Award	
Environment Award	
Entrepreneurship Award	
Junior Supreme Award	
Leadership Award	
Non Conformist Awards	
Outstanding Youth	
Champion Award	
Senior Supreme Award	
Non Conformist Award	
Non Conformist Award	
Working for Youth	
Award	
Working for Youth	
Award	
Leadership Award	
Overcomers Award	
Overcomers Award	

#### **HOMESTAYS WANTED 2019**

**Short Term**: Chinese group coming from the 4th-16th Feb. Could be hosted in pairs.

**Long Term**: Year 12 Japanese Girl from first day of 2019 until the end of Term 3.

**Medium Term:** Thai boy interested in Drama, Music and Art.

If you are interested in hosting and can help out can you email mhamilton@gore-high.school.nz or ring 027 2138448.

#### **YEAR 10 SIT TASTER DAY**

On Tuesday most of our Year 10 students participated in our Taster Day. Students chose which course they would like to attend for the day. We travelled down to SIT Invercargill Main and Don Street Campuses. We are proud of our students for how they participated in the day and tutors were very impressed with Gore High School students. If any students have further queries about what they studied and where to go for further information about a career they can search in <a href="https://www.careers.govt.nz">www.careers.govt.nz</a> or come and see us in the Careers Department.

#### Automotive

Students were put into groups to do compression testing on engines at the SIT Automotive Workshop.

#### Beauty

Students dyed each others eyelashes, shaped eyebrows and performed facials. They learnt about how to work in a salon and what processes must be used to maintain a safe and healthy working environment for clients and therapists. Students also learnt about what is involved in the next step in becoming a beauty therapist.

#### Animation

The students started by drawing a cartoon face using Photoshop and it's layers. Then they explored specialized animation software packages that allowed single time frames to be used to create movement. The students enjoyed this experience and wish to thank Ruby, our tutor, for all her efforts and sharing of knowledge.

#### Hospitality

Students learnt how to make a 'proper' cuppa of tea including using herbal teas and gained knowledge around the benefits of tea drinking, they then started learning about being a Barista.

#### **Hairdressing**

The girls were taught how to wash, dry and curl hair and enjoyed using the SIT salon facilities.

#### **Fashion**

Students were supported to design and make a skirt and enjoyed the creative Polytechnic environment.

#### **Engineering**

Students made a metal box using high tech machinery, for example, the plasma cutter.

#### **Sports and Exercise**

After doing a workout in the gym for an hour students then learnt about anatomy and physiology of the human body.

#### Music

Students were invited to take their music instruments to learn more about how to work together to explore music.



Sports and Exercise students with skeleton learning about anatomy



Boys in the Engineering workshop



Girls in the SIT salon using the hair dryers.

