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From the Rector

Greetings everyone
Kia ora e hoa mā

Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone, and an especially warm welcome to new students and families to our school. This is sure to be another very busy year, full of activity and achievement.



Welcome to our new teachers:

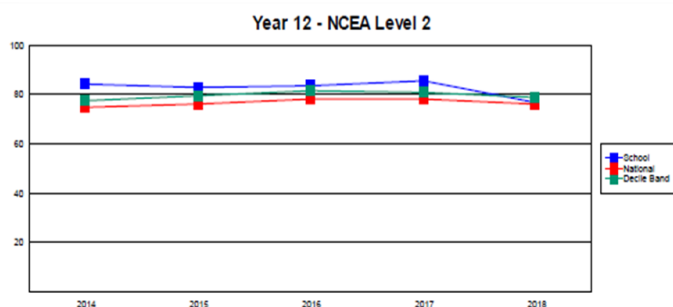
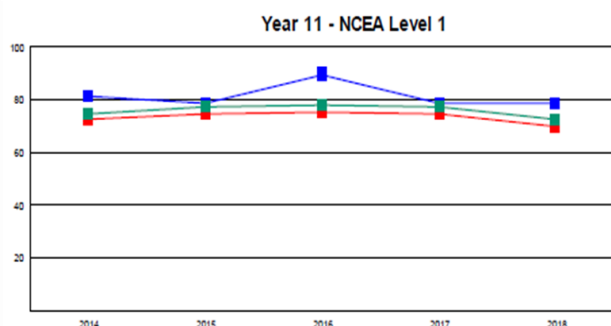
Mr Aidan Forbes (Technology Metal); Miss Sarah Geary (HoD Art); Mrs Claire-Marie Nevill (HoD Mathematics); Miss Gurjeet Kaur (Accounting and Maths); Mrs Fiona Haslemore (Sports Co-ordinator); Mr Vickus du Plessis (Teacher Aide). We trust you find it both rewarding and enjoyable here at Gore High School.

On January 29 we had a very successful Powhiri for our new students and our new teachers. I spoke to the students about how to navigate their way through the next 4-5 years, as they prepare to leave their schooling behind altogether, and move on to their young adult lives. It is timeless theme which I seem to keep coming back to, and which centres around our three expectations: Courtesy, Effort and Responsibility. For the purposes of the travel analogy below, I change the order slightly:

1. If you are travelling anywhere, you need to put some 'petrol in the tank'. Without energy, no movement takes place, so to make progress requires EFFORT.
2. It's about people. We share our journey with others; we form relationships and friendships with others; we help others along the way and we seek help from others when we need it. We wouldn't want to make this journey on our own. To get along well with people requires COURTESY.
3. The person at the controls is YOU (i.e. each student). You decide when to go fast and when to go slow, which way to turn, when to take a rest-break and so on. To navigate safely and to make good decisions requires RESPONSIBILITY.

Exam successes

Our students achieved considerable success in their NCEA exams last year. We were pleased with our Year 11 group, and particularly impressed with our Year 13 students, whose success was outstanding. 18 students achieved their NCEA Level 3 with Excellence. Below are graphs showing our results over the last 5 years. (NOTE: NZQA have just changed to using Enrolment Based data, rather than Participation Data, so the %'s may look different from those previously published. However in the data below, the previous years are adjusted to the new system.). In each level GHS is the blue line.



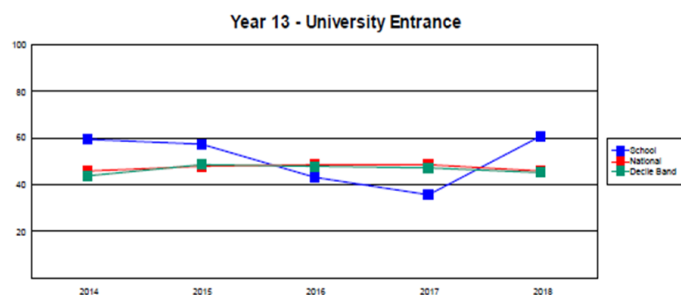
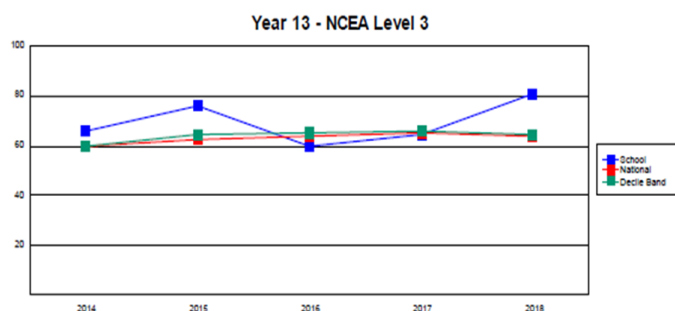
COURTESY
ATAWHAITANGA



EFFORT
MANAWANUITANGA



RESPONSIBILITY
TAKOHANGA



Warm regards, Nga mihi,
John McKinlay



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 3-7 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 10 th May 2019
Nominations close:	Friday 24 th May 2019 (noon)
Voting papers sent out:	Wednesday 29 th May 2019
Election day (Voting closes):	Friday 7 th June (noon)
Votes counted:	Thursday 13 th June 2019
New Board takes office:	Friday 14 th June 2019

Gore High Rugby Club

The Gore High Rugby Club are looking for an enthusiastic person to become their Treasurer, if you or you know of anyone that is interested please contact the President Guy Michaels through the School Sports Co-ordinator.

Career Department Calendar

Date	Event	Time
February		
19 th	Youth Services	2.20pm
	Year 12 Assembly	2 - 2:20pm
20 th	Red Shirt Starts (C1)	
27 th	University of Canterbury Liaison Visit	11.30pm
	Defence Force	1:30 - 2:30pm
March		
1 st	Murihiku Pathways Begins	
4 th	University of Auckland Liaison Visit (St Peters joining us)	11:45 - 12:45pm
6 th	Otago University Liaison Visit	11:20am
7 th	Health and Safety / Safety Maters Course	
18 th	Otago Polytechnic Liaison Visit	10:30am
27 th	Defence Force Visit	12:30pm
28 th	Year 13 Parents Evening	
29 th	Pacific International Hotel Management School Open Day	12:30 - 1:30pm

School Fundraising

You may have noticed how the school fields were "shut up" in Term 4 for balage for fundraising. Thanks to Carl Conlan (Koi Contracting) for baling and wrapping these paddocks for free for the last three years, Trevor Freguson of Agpac Ltd who provided the wrapping and net products and Ho-konui Rural Transport for transporting the bales and also fertilising the paddocks. The school community asks that you support these businesses they way they support us, the money raised from this venture will be put towards computing equipment.



2019 Gore Youth Councillors

Congratulations to the 10 students that are representing Gore High on the Youth Council this year.

From top to bottom: Zac Samson, Hamish Goatley, Leah Murray, Keeley Wilson, Ira Miranda, David de Klerk, Neve Connorton, Saf-fie Hare , Eryn Phillipson & Natasha Bedwell

Key dates - Term 1

19 February:	Girls Cricket—Bates Cup
21 February:	Y9 Meet the Teachers
26 February:	Sports Day
28 February:	Back up Sports Day
4 March:	Leadership Investiture/Academic Blues ceremony
29 March:	Work Day/TOD
4 April:	SOHS Sports Exchange
10 April:	School Cross Country
10-11 April:	Prefects' Variety Concert (TBC)
12 April:	End of Term 1

Year 9 Meet the Teacher Evening Thursday 21st February 2019 – 6.30 pm-7.50 pm

We warmly invite parents of Year 9 students to meet your child's teachers on Thursday 21st February. A school map and timetable will be provided.

The evening will begin at 6.30 pm and will take the format of:

1. General introductions in the hall. The Rector and others will speak briefly.
2. Parents moving to House rooms with House Teachers/Academic Counselors
3. Five periods in classrooms with five core teachers (10 minutes each).
4. Concluding with Supper with staff and members of the PTA.

Reminder to Parents and Caregivers of Year 9 Students Student Verification Documents

In accordance with the Ministry of Education's guidelines we are required to obtain a copy of a student's birth certificate or passport to hold on file at the school. We are also required to obtain a copy of immunisation certificates for our school records under the Health (Immunisation) Regulation Act 1995.

If you have not already provided us with these documents we shall be grateful if you could please bring this documentation into the school office as soon as possible; we are happy to make copies of the documents for you.

Lattitude Information Nights

Lattitude Information Nights are a great way to learn more about where you can go and what you can do on your Lattitude Gap Year. Lattitude staff provide an overview about the organisation and volunteering programme, and returned volunteers join us to speak about their experience. The sessions run for approx. 90 minutes, and are aimed at people who are looking at options for 2020. Bring along family members and friends and ask as many questions as you like!

13 March, Invercargill, 7-8.30pm, Ascot Park Hotel, Mararoa room, Tay street
4 April, Dunedin, 7-8.30pm, The Petri Dish – Level 2, 8 Stafford street

Registration for these free events can be found on their website
<https://lattitude.org.nz/useful-info/attend-info-night>

Health Incubator

The purpose of Health Incubator is to allow students to explore career options in health. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 12 and 13 students, allowing them to go on separate dates/days in order to cater to their appropriate year levels and interests. Sound like you? If so, please pick up a registration form from the table outside Careers, and return asap