# **FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER: 4 SEPTEMBER 2020**

# Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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#### From the Rector

Greetings everyone Kia ora e hoa mä



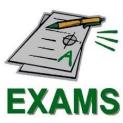
# **Community engagement**

Dr Gabrielle Wall has finished her face to face community consultation. Thanks to all those who attended and for taking the time to share your thoughts. The really important part of this process is the survey. The issues canvassed during the community meetings are presented in a way which seeks to understand the underlying reasons behind views that have been expressed. It is also designed to measure the strength of support on various positions. Whereas not everyone had the time or motivation to attend a public meeting, we are urging you all to have your say by filling out the survey.

You can follow this link (www.dandgconsulting.co.nz/gore) to fill out the survey online. There is a paper version too, which can be picked up at the school office, or if you wish we can send it out to you. The survey closes on 21 September so if you want us to post it home, please allow enough time. I understand the survey will take up to 20 minutes to complete.



#### Year 11-13 Derived Grade Exams



Our senior exams are timetabled to commence next week from 14-17 September. It is essential that students and parents understand the importance of these exams. Some people call these 'mock' exams, but I feel that this term belies their true worth. We avoid calling them by that name here at school.

If for some reason a student is unable to attend an end of year exam (through illness or a family emergency or whatever), the results of these exams are used to determine the student's final grade. That is, these exams are used to gather the evidence which allows us to derive a grade for sending off to NZQA. Thus, they are called the Derived Grade Exams. It is unwise to treat them too lightly, particularly in these uncertain times.

#### The School Ball

Our Prefects are continuing to plan for the School Ball.

This major event is due to take place on Saturday 19 September. Obviously this is dependent on our region being able to move to Alert Level 1. As I write this newsletter, our Prime Minister has indicated that the earliest this will happen on 16 September, though we would be advised on 14 September.

I know this uncertainty is difficult to work with, and it does make us somewhat anxious. We will be working with our providers (the band, the caterer, the photographer, etc.) to see if they can work with a 14 September deadline. Our Prefects will keep students advised. Given that other schools have had to cancel their balls at short notice, I think we should all be aware that we might have to cancel as well.



Warm Regards, Nga mihi, John McKinlay





#### **Gore High School Fundraising with Entertainment**

We are fundraising with the Entertainment Book APP. Normally 20% of the sale price goes back to our fundraising but from now until 13 September we get an extra \$10 for any single city membership or \$20 for the multi-city membership!

If you haven't had one before, this is a great APP with heaps of discounts at local restaurants, cafes, retail outlets, accommodation, car rentals, and tourist attractions. Your digital membership can be accessed from up to four different devices so it's perfect for sharing with friends/family.

There's never been a better time to help us: https:// www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/2605o57

#### Whanau Ora Services

Kaiarahi Navigators:

Whanau Ora Kaiarahi (Navigators) work alongside whanau who are in crisis to identify their strengths, facilitate and mentor them to provide wrap-around support, and skill building. Kaiarahi enable whanau to progress toward their own aspirations. They have invaluable support and resources for you to reach your aspirations.

#### **Maori Community Health Services:**

Hokonui Runanga provide a range of free general health education, promotion, advisory, liaison and co -ordination activities for whanau who are residents in Southland. They also run Kaumatua Health Days which include whanau support, fitness and physical activities, gardening, massage, foot clinics and health promotion presentations with access to medical and nursing personnel fortnightly—monthly.

The local Whanau Ora team can be located at the Hokonui Runanga 140 Charlton Road Gore, (03) 208 7945 o hokonui.office@ngaitahu.iwi.nz if you would like more information on services on offer or support.

#### **GHS Netball Club Fundraiser**

The GHS Netball Club will be hosting the annual Ball walk-in on 19 September at the school hall from 5.00 pm. Gold coin donation and there will be raffles for sale on the night as well.

#### **Year 12 Health Incubator**

Gore High Year 12 Health Incubator students visited Southland Hospital last week. Rachel from District Nursing talked about her job and supervised students taking sutures and staples out of sponges.

Next Dr Steven Murugayah shared his story about his own career pathway, he then spoke about different personality types and how they may influence career choices.

After lunch we visited the X-Ray Department with Eve (Radiographer) and Kate 2nd year student. They both spoke about their roles experiences, which gave the students a great insight into that part of the health sector.





#### **NCEA External Exams**

For everything you need to know about the upcoming NCEA Exams this year follow the link below. It is your one stop shop with all the information you need to know about https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea/

#### Careers Visits/Open Days

**Upcoming Liaison Visits: Otago Polytechnic** 

9.00 am - Tuesday 8 September **Defence Force Bus visit** 9.00 am - Friday 11 September **University of Canterbury** 2.30 pm - Monday 21 September

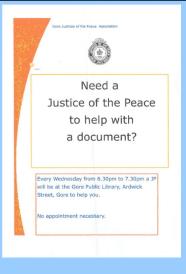
**Open Days:** Lincoln University 22nd September

**Southern Institute of Technology** 

25th September







# **Secondary Schools Winter Tournament Week**

With the onset on Covid earlier this year, the codes that are involved with Winter Tournament week came up with a new plan so students still got to attend a shorter tournament week within a smaller area, all tournaments that took place for our students where mainly Otago/Southland schools competing at them. Our students took part in the following tournaments:

#### **OSSSS Senior Netball Tournament:**

GHS Senior A

GHS Senior A Pool Play	VS	Cromwell College Fiordland College Invitational Blue Mountain College Tokomariro College Top of Pool Play	31-18 33-29 24-17 37-33 41-13	
GHS Senior A	VS	Kavanagh College	33-12	B Grade Semi Final

The girls played extremely well during the 3 days and were Runner Up in B Grade. Congratulations to Ella Harrex and Gabby Winkel that made the B Grade Tournament Team.

34-40

**B** Grade Final

# **Rural Livestock U15 Rugby Tournament:**

GHS U15 Pool Play	VS VS	Dunstan High School Rangiora High School Mt Aspiring College	12-17 28-31 33-17
GHS U15	vs	Cashmere High School	7-40
Play Offs	Vs	Darfield High School	5-30

vs Verdon College

A big thank you to the boys that joined the team from the U17/14. Congratulations to Dre Roberts and Jayden Broome that made the tournament team.

With the Basketball Tournaments cancelled Basketball Southland held a one day 3x3 tournament on Wednesday for students to participate in, Gore High had a Senior Boys and Girls team in the tournament and they both enjoyed the day playing a lot of basketball. The girls draw was very light with only four teams with them coming 3rd but the boys had 14 teams in the tournament with Gore High finishing 11th.

We have four students that are part of the St Peter's Mixed Hockey Team that are playing in Invercargill Wednesday-Friday.

A big thank you to coaches/managers/teachers/parent support for this week (and the season), it would not be possible for the students to attend these tournaments without your support and sacrifice.









# **Gore High School Trap Shooting**

Over the weekend the Trap Shooters had two competitions first on Saturday it was the Wanaka Intercollegiate: Patrick Johnston, Jack Dickson and Hugh Spenger competed as Seniors in Skeet and DTL. Caleb Crawford competed as a Junior in Skeet and DTL. Windy conditions made it difficult for everyone. Caleb and Hugh got 3rd in the 2 man skeet team, Patrick got 1st in Single Rise Senior and 3rd in Single Barrel Senior.





On Sunday they headed to Alexandra: Patrick Johnston, Jack Dickson and Hugh Spenger competed as Seniors in Skeet and DTL. Caleb Crawford, competed as a Junior in Skeet and DTL. Alec Robbie and Duncan Robbie competed as Juniors in DTL. Jack Highest Overall Point Score, Caleb 2nd Single Barrel Junior, Hugh 2nd Point Score Senior. Jack and Patrick were selected to shoot in the Southland DTL team against Otago. Otago won. Caleb and Hugh were selected to shoot in the Southland Skeet team against Otago. Otago won. Alec and Duncan also completed in Junior DTL and got some good scores.

# Key dates - Terms 3 and 4

9 September School Swimming Sports 14 -17 September Derived Grade Examinations

19 September School Ball

21 September Sports and Cultural Blues Assembly Last Day Term 3

25 September Last Day Term 3 12 October First Day Term 4 13 October SIT Open Night 14-15 September Year 8 Interviews

29 October Southland Secondary School Sports—Sports Awards

30 October Gore District Community Awards

11 November Last Day for Seniors

#### **The Gore District Community Awards**

The Gore District Community Awards are held each year to celebrate the achievements and commitment of those living in the wider Gore District. The 2020 Awards will be held at the Gore Town and Country Club stadium on Friday 30 October.

**Mataura Valley Milk Environmental Award:** Recognises and celebrates a positive contribution made to improving and/or protecting our environment by a business, individual, school, family, or organisation. The context could be soil improvement, recycling, pest control or conservation, planting, or waterways protection.

**Annette & Ian Tulloch Junior Sportsperson of the Year:** Recognises the achievements of a junior sportsperson who, by their performance, service, and example, has performed to an elite level and is a role model to others. Open to any sportsperson aged 19 years and younger during the qualifying period.

**Anderson Lloyd Contribution to Arts and Culture:** Recognises an individual or group that has made an exceptional contribution to the arts and/or culture of the Gore District. This may be in promoting the arts, encouraging participation, directing a group, organising an event, or providing others the opportunity to experience the arts.

**Sport Southland Community Coach of the Year:** Recognises outstanding contributions and achievements by a coach (age group/club/school/representative) at a local, regional, or national level, who is a positive role model and has expressed the ideals of true sportsmanship.

**Soroptimist International of Gore Woman of the Year:** Recognises the outstanding contribution made by a woman in our community. The contribution could have been in any field (e.g. business, community affairs, education, health or politics).

**JD Souness Young Achiever:** Recognises a young person who has made a significant positive impact on the wider community and has the potential to make an impact on the broader national scale.

**Otago Daily Times and The Ensign Services to Sport:** Recognises exceptional dedication to a sport. The nominee has demonstrated leadership, has helped with the development and/or growth of the given sport, be it via administration at a local, regional, or national level, or in an official's role (e.g. umpire). Supporting evidence of longstanding contribution to sport administration may also be considered.

**Gore Musical Theatre Emerging Performing Artist:** Recognises a young person who has made a significant and positive impact in the field of the performing arts (e.g. drama and/or music performed in front of an audience). Open to any young person aged 15 to 21 years during the qualifying period.

**Gore District Mayor Civic Award:** This is a special award bestowed by Gore District Mayor Tracy Hicks and the nominees for this award are not disclosed.

If you know of any student that would be eligible for nomination, please contact Jacqui Hutchins at Gore High via <a href="mailto:jhutchins@gore-high.school.nz">jhutchins@gore-high.school.nz</a> or 03 208 9130 Ext. 220.

### **Money Hub -University Scholarships for Year 13 Students**

MoneyHub is a consumer finance website, it 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. A list of privately funded Maori, Pacific Island and International university scholarships complete the list.

Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success. For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the MoneyHub Scholarship page: <a href="https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html">https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html</a>