



# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 10 DECEMBER 2020

## Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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### From the Rector

Greetings everyone  
Kia ora e hoa mā

### Year 10 Camp and Year 9 Activities Week



Students and staff had a very busy and enjoyable time last week at Glendhu Bay for Year 10 and back here at school for the Year 9 classes.

Thanks to Mrs Christie, staff, parents and senior students who organised and ran the Year 10 Camps. Once again the camp organisation was superb. This year we had the extra challenge of some inclement weather, the worst we have had in four years of using this venue.

Some high winds provided the biggest challenge, causing a few broken tent poles and blowing the marquee over on the Wednesday afternoon. I have sometimes wondered how we would cope feeding everyone inside the lodge we use at Glendhu Bay; usually the meals are all served on the deck outside, using the outdoor furniture provided. Well this year we found out!! The answer is that it can be done. The students managed very well, being patient and aware of the needs of others in such a confined space. Well done to all.



Back in Gore the Year 9's were treated to a wide range of activities around a different theme each day: 'Around the World' day; Community Service Day; Maths/Science/Technology day; Well-being Day and Maori culture day. It was great to see the engagement of the students whom I congratulate for their enthusiastic participation. Thanks to Miss Hazlett and the staff for organising and supporting this initiative.

### School Magazine

The 2020 School Magazine is now being distributed, and what a wonderful addition to our collection it is; 158 pages full of interesting articles, photographs and examples of student work. Very special thanks to Mrs Bridget McLeod for once again Editing the magazine.

The magazine is an 'extra' which students can order to purchase earlier in the year. It is a wonderful record of the past year, and its value only increases in time when past students can look back on the people and events which shaped their time here. For those who did not purchase one this year it's not too late as we do have some spare copies. For those who didn't, I encourage you to borrow a copy to see what you are missing out on, and perhaps you will purchase one next year.

### Prizegiving

Congratulations to all students for managing 2020 so well, and special congratulations to all those who won a prize at last evenings prizegiving. We were proud to acknowledge our Dux, Ben Heaps, and our Proxime Accessit, Max Balloch. And, as we look forward to 2021 we welcome our new Prefects and Head Prefects and look forward to their contribution to the culture of our school.

### Seasons Greetings

Finally, thank you all for your support this year. If you have good things to say about Gore High School then please continue to say so; your word of mouth is so important. If you have concerns then I do hope you will raise them with us so that we can do our best to continue to improve.

I wish you all the best for the holiday season and trust that you will enjoy this time with family and friends, that you will all be able to relax and that the New Year will treat you well.

Warm Regards,  
Nga mihi,  
John McKinlay



**COURTESY**  
ATAWHAITANGA



**EFFORT**  
MANAWANUITANGA



**RESPONSIBILITY**  
TAKOHANGA

## Year 9 Activity Week

With Seniors off now and Year 10 being away on camp last week, the Year 9s had an activity week where they tried their hands at many different things from fencing to finger knitting, spent a day doing community service and ended the week with a Maori Culture Day. Below are some pictures of the students participating in activities during the week.



### Gore High School Uniform Shop Hours

The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 12.30-2.00 pm until Wednesday 9th December.

#### Second hand/Pre-ordered Uniforms

The shop will also be open on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> from 12.30-4.00 pm for pre-ordered uniforms to be collected or any other uniform requirements. It is also encouraged to bring in any second hand uniform items you wish for us to sell on your behalf on or before this date. This allows us to process these for sale in January when sales are strong.

#### Hours for January 2021

Wed 20th/Thurs 21st January - 11.00 am-3.00 pm  
Tues 26th January 3pm-7pm - (Please note time)  
Wed 27th/Thurs 28th January - 11.00 am-3.00 pm

From Wednesday 3rd February 2021, normal opening hours will resume every Wednesday 12.30 pm-2.00 pm.

Any queries, please contact Jenny Wallis, Uniform Shop Manager via Email [jwallis@gore-high.school.nz](mailto:jwallis@gore-high.school.nz) or by phone 2089130 ext. 234 during opening hours.

### 2020 School Magazine

For any student that hasn't picked up their school magazine these will be available from Reception until Friday lunchtime.

Any queries or concerns around collecting your magazine please contact Mrs Knapp at reception.



## The Developing Brain

Mon 25 Jan 2021 : 7:30-9:00

Owaka Community Centre - South Otago

The Catlins Area School is proud to announce that Nathan Wallis, the host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls", is coming to our community with his talk - The Developing Brain.

Captivating audiences over 200 times per year to sell out events, Nathan has a profound reputation as a lively and engaging speaker. He uses humour and plain language to make this complex topic burst into life.

In this presentation, Nathan provides an informative narrative on how our day-to-day interactions with children and young people, significantly the early years, plays a critical role in defining later outcomes for our children. In this talk, Nathan will guide you through the stages of brain development from the first 1000 days and into adulthood. He will reveal little tricks that will hopefully make parenting easier, and help you open up communication with your child. You will walk away with a much better understanding of how both your child's brain and your own brain works.

Tickets are available at [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz).

Get in quick as tickets will sell out.

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@nathanwallisxfactorededucation

### Garston School Trail Bike Ride Saturday, 30th January 2021

\* All day BBQ included in entry fee  
\* Coffee cart for all your fixes

\* 2 loop tracks  
\* Family loop  
\* Pee Wee track



All enquiries please phone Mark Evans on 027 489 3594

SENIOR: \$50.00  
JUNIOR: \$30.00 (riders 15 years & under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the duration of the ride).  
KIDS: \$10.00 (Riding the Pee Wee track only)

Starting at Glenfellen Station (McMillan Road, Garston) and riding through Terrace Hill, Nokomai, Blackmore, Wainui and Lorne Peake properties

## Year 10 Camp - Glendhu Bay

The Year 10 camp held at Glendhu Bay this year had many challenges, Rayn O'Rourke posted this report as a Year 12 Leader: Camp 2 started off with some overly dramatic weather with Miss King and Miss Grace racing around repairing blown over tents, suffering a few casualties in the process. Miss Cowan treated the exercise of repairing tents as a race of sorts [#profesionalathlete](#). The rest of day 1 we were treated to pouring rain and strong winds, but everyone got out and enjoyed themselves doing activities in the wet weather, although hot showers were called for that afternoon. On day 2 the skies had cleared, and the wind had calmed down significantly allowing the activities to start off with a bang. The day's activities included kayaking, paddle boarding, rafting, hiking, rock climbing and mini golf. The students did a fantastic job getting out amongst it, with everyone participating. On the afternoon of Day 2 the year 10's were treated to an entertaining swimming race with the year 12's demonstrating their butterfly skills, (as well as Mr Forbes being dunked in the lake). Day 2 was wrapped up with fun evening activities for all.



### Back to School 2021

**Paper Plus Gore** is very pleased to be able to supply all your stationery and book needs for the 2021 school year. We will have in store all items listed on the **Gore High School** stationery lists with our special Back to School pricing available from January 8th.

### To buy your Back to School requirements you will be able to:

Place an order through our web site by going to [www.paperplus.co.nz/backtoschool](http://www.paperplus.co.nz/backtoschool). When placing an order through the website, we will deliver free when the order is in excess of \$50 incl GST or you can call into Paper Plus at 44 Irk Street Gore to collect it. All web orders come to, and are dispatched from Paperplus Gore.

Ring us on 03 2087528 or email us at [gore@paperplus.co.nz](mailto:gore@paperplus.co.nz) with your list of requirements.

By coming into our store with your list, drop it off for us to pick and pack, or shop yourself in store and we will assist you to find everything.

Doing your Back to School shopping with **Paper Plus Gore** has a number of benefits for yourself and **Gore High School** including:

- We are locally owned and operated and support local schools with a **rebate** to **Gore High School** based on the total sales to **Gore High School's** families.
  - We are experts in the Back to School business and have been assisting **Gore High School** families many years with their Back to School shopping
  - We offer personal assistance when you shop in store, we will even pick and pack your order for you.
  - Our pricing is competitive with the market and we back this up with a **best price guarantee**
  - Your online orders are picked and packed by our Gore staff and they are also available to help make your shopping easy and stress free instore.
- Paper Plus is the only book and stationery store with **BIG DEAL** rewards.

We look forward to being of assistance to you in January 2021  
Thank you in anticipation of your support,

**Doug and Denise Grant**  
**Owners/Operators**  
**Paperplus Gore**



## Key dates

### Term 4, 2020

11th December

Last Day of School

### Term 1, 2021

29th January

Senior Interviews

01 February

Teachers Only Day

02 February

Year 9 and Year 13 Leaders return to school

03 February

All Years return to school

08 February

School Closed observing Waitangi Day

09 February

School Photo Day

23 February

Athletics Day

02 April

Good Friday

05 April

Easter Monday

06 April

Southland Anniversary Day

14-15 April

Prefects Variety Concert

19 April

Last Day - Term 1

03 May

First Day - Term 2

## Prize Giving 2020

On Tuesday night the annual prize giving for all students was held at the Gore Town and Country Club. After a very unsettled year it was great to be able to get together and celebrate the students' achievements. Here are some of the winners from the night.

### 2020 Dux

Ben Heaps

### 2020 Proxime Accessit

Max Balloch

### 2021 Head Prefects (from left to right)

Libby McChlery (Deputy Head Girl), Tarryn Hutchins (Head Girl), Ben McCall (Head Boy) and Elijah Thomas (Deputy Head Boy)



## Foundation Scholarships

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

Year 12

Year 13



Chris Whyte

Marshall McChlery

Rueban Sleeman

Natalia Hamilton

Libby Pannett-Miller

## Oranga Tamariki Prime Minister's Award



A big congratulations to Natalia Hamilton a Year 12 student for receiving this award. The awards, which come with attached scholarships in recipients' areas of interest worth \$3000 or more, are made to high achievers who have experienced the care system and overcome adverse circumstances to succeed. Natalia receives an Outward Bound scholarship worth \$4000, which will allow her to travel to Nelson for a 21-day course next year. Natalia puts a lot of her success of overcoming adversity down to swimming and she is now a swim coach at the Gore Aquatic Centre.