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From the Rector

Greetings everyone

Kia ora e hoa mā

Covid-19 Alert Level 3

Yesterday, many of us in New Zealand began living under Alert Level 3.

For students and staff this is just business as usual; the same online learning we have been doing since Wednesday 18th August. Like most secondary schools, under Alert Level 3 we are able to offer online learning only; with such a variety of subjects and specialist teachers, face-to-face teaching is not reasonably possible.

As I write this update, we have no students coming into school under Alert L3. If any family experiences an urgent change in circumstances in this regard, then please contact our Deputy Principal, Mrs Melanie Hamilton (mhamilton@gore-high.school.nz or 027 213 8448).

Connecting Online

During the last seven days, 73.7% of our students have been very well engaged in their online learning, with 8.7% making no contact with teachers at all, and the rest (17.6%) somewhere in between.

We understand the need to be flexible at this time and this is one of the major advantages of the systems we have in place. If a student needs to spend part of their day assisting the family, then a message to their teacher later in the day is all that is required to enable them to know what they can be working on. Following this up with a few hours doing the required work will ensure that they do not fall behind. When we do get back to face-to-face schooling, teachers will not be able to go back over old ground, so this is important.

We encourage everyone to get some exercise and take some individual time-out regularly too. A big change like this can be stressful, and we all need to look after ourselves and those around us.

With this in mind, a big shout-out and thanks to our House Leaders and Prefects for organising some interesting and competitive activities. The home-baking is particularly mouth-watering.

Best wishes to everyone in our Gore High community.

Warm Regards,
Nga mihi,
John McKinlay



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KEY DATES UPDATE

Due to the disruption caused by the current COVID-19 lockdown and the uncertainty over when areas of the country will move down Alert Levels, there have been a number of cancellations and postponements to the upcoming School Calendar - particularly throughout the end of Term 3 and first half of Term 4. Academic Counselling originally scheduled for 18th August has been cancelled along with Winter Tournament Week. The Yr8 Enrollment Evenings have been postponed until, tentatively, Week 1 of Term 4. Derived Exams have also been shifted with a new date TBC and all senior students should know by now that NCEA Exams have been delayed as well by 2 weeks - these will now take place from Monday 22nd November until Tuesday 14th December. If appropriate, the school will endeavour to find rescheduled dates and alternatives for events that have been and continue to be affected by the current situation.

U14 Rugby & The STAG Award



The GHS U14 Rugby Team recently won the STAG Award for their age group where teams were ranked on their overall behaviour and field setup. Well done to them for turning up each week and playing the game in the right way!

The team were invited down to Rugby Park to have a BBQ Lunch with the Southland Stags. They also got to take part in the Captain's Run and were given free tickets to the game the next day too. Alongside meeting Stags favourites, the highlight of the boys' weekend was probably challenging Marty Banks to a kicking competition and winning his kicking tee!!!

Boys Basketball Backs Up The Girls!



Our basketball boys followed up the girls' recent successes with a clean-sweep of their grades to finish the season! The Secondary A and Men's teams both won hard-fought finals despite missing some key players, and GHS White took out the Secondary B final beating the heavily-favoured St Peters in a thrilling game with a big crowd watching!

Kapa Haka & Polyfest

Thank you to Matu Coleman from the Hokonui Runanga for blessing our new Kapa Haka uniforms, and to our Art teacher Miss Sarah Geary for designing them as well as Knit Affair for making them. Our Kapa Haka group will be competing at the rescheduled Polyfest in Invercargill during the final week of this term



Netball Winners!



The netball season winners were announced after finals were cancelled due to lockdown with Jnr A, Jnr B & Jnr C each winning their grades! Also, Snr A finished as the highest-placing secondary school team. Meanwhile, Konnah McGregor and MacKenzie Johnstone also won trophies for their umpiring throughout the season

Lockdown House Baking!



There has been some great lockdown competition in the past week! It has been awesome to see staff and pupils get involved and show their house pride!





Yr10 Leaders Day

Recently a group of Yr10 students took part in a leadership training day.

They were super lucky to talk to Olympians Grace Prendergast and Dylan Schmidt who shared their knowledge and stories of



Olympic success. Head Students Ben McCall and Libby McChlery also discussed what it is like to be a head student at Gore High. An awesome day of learning!



GHS in Chicago!

Well done to Mrs le Roux, Miss Hazlett and Year 13 students Ella Cupit and Kayla Davis who were part of Gore Musical Theatre's 'Chicago' production at the start of August.

There were rave reviews from pupils and staff alike who bought tickets to the show!

More Trapshooting Success



Congratulations to the GHS trapshooting team for their awesome effort at the Balfour Intercollegiate at the start of August.

The team finished 3rd overall in points!

Hugh Sprenger was highest overall Skeet and highest overall Points. He partnered Caleb Crawford to win the Team Skeet and Caleb was also 2nd in Senior Skeet. Meanwhile, Patrick Johnston won the Senior Single Rise category and Jack Dickson was 3rd in Senior Single Barrel. Christopher Whyte and Alec Robbie finished 2nd and 3rd in Junior Single Barrel too.

Secondary Schools Badminton Champs



2 Gore High Badminton teams recently competed in the Southland Secondary Schools Championships. The Junior Team had a great morning and qualified for a higher grade before being knocked out by the eventual winners. Whilst the Senior Team managed to win their grade beating SBHS in the final!