



Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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From the Rector's Desk

Greetings everyone
Kia ora e hoa mā

Keep Battling On

A very warm welcome back to Term 3, which I usually view as the 'Keep Battling On' (KBO) phase of the school year. This is a time to remind ourselves of our aims for the year and to maintain daily progress towards those: many little steps make one longer journey.



ERO visit

Early last term, we had a visit from the Education Review Office (ERO). Their report is now confirmed and available on their website www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/gore-high-school-27.06-2017 or via the school's website www.gore-high.school.nz

We found the visit very positive and useful, and were delighted with the following findings:

- "There is a well considered approach to transitioning students and families into the school at Year 9."
- "Students are encouraged to take more responsibility for, and to make more decisions about the direction of their learning."
- "Strategic planning provides a clear direction for school improvement."
- "Ongoing review and development has made the curriculum more responsible to a diverse range of students' strengths, needs, and interests."
- "There is a positive tone and climate in this school. It is welcoming and inclusive."
- "Respectful and considerate relationships are clearly evident."
- "Classrooms visited by the Education Review Office were calm, with purposeful teaching evident. Students observed were well engaged in their learning."
- "School values are explicit and well understood."
- "A sustained focus on promoting student wellbeing continues to be a high priority."
- "Students with significant needs are well catered for within the Learning Hub that includes a range of special needs facilities."
- "The school has a strong sense of its place in the community and seeks to engage strongly with all stakeholders."
- "Trustees are knowledgeable, well informed by the Principal and work in close partnership with senior leaders to improve outcomes for students."
- "Trustees bring a range of strengths to fulfil their roles and responsibilities."

We also discussed with them some directions for development, and these were:

- Strengthening targeted action to accelerate progress for students who need it the most.
- Consideration should be given to developing a strategic direction for the success of Maori as Maori and this should be done in consultation with whanau.

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COURTESY
ATAWHAITANGA



EFFORT
MANAWANUITANGA



RESPONSIBILITY
TAKOHANGA

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- Strengthening the evidence based evaluation of the impact of planned actions on improving achievement and progress.
- With regard to Appraisal, promoting deeper reflection and a collaborative approach to improving outcomes.

Strategic Review

The Board of Trustees have begun a Strategic Review in order to reaffirm our overall 'Mission' and to set new Strategic Goals for the next 3-5 years. This was last carried out in 2012.

So far, a small group of the Board of Trustees, parents, students and staff have been involved. Over the next few weeks, consultation will widen.

When a draft is available, it will be made public to all of our community for comment before finally going to the full Board of Trustees for approval.

Board members, Brendon Harrex and Tracey Watson (Board of Trustees Chairperson) are leading this work, so feel free to contact them, or myself, if you have any thoughts about this process.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support of the school. The level of community commitment to Gore High School was noted by ERO.

Warm regards,
Nga mihi
John McKinlay

10A Netball Tournament

On 9th July, the Year 10A Netball team travelled to Christchurch to take part in the South Island Secondary Schools Junior Tournament. The team has been working towards this tournament all season. There was a lot of excitement as this was the first major tournament most of the girls had attended. This year, the tournament celebrated its 20th anniversary.

The first day of competition was tough and the team lost to both St. Margaret's and only narrowly to Timaru Girls, but managed a great win against Taieri 29-26. Day two was even tougher losing to St. Peter's, Burnside and again a narrow loss to Cashmere 27-25. Unfortunately the weather on day three was terrible and cancelled all netball bar the top four placings for each grade. However, we had two beautiful days of sunshine and some great netball on the first two days.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the team in their fundraising efforts and to the manager Paula O'Connor and coaches Corinna Sinclair and Maggie Harvey.



BCITO Big Construction Tour

Our Woodwork Teacher, Mr Ian Connorton took a group of students around building sites in Invercargill and Gore as part of the BCITO Big Construction Tour. Students experienced different areas of the building and construction industry. According to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), career prospects in building and construction look fantastic. There is an increased demand and shortage of qualified professionals in these areas. The students spent the afternoon doing some hands on work with Gore bricklayer, Mr Adrian van Uden.



Bailey Turnbull watches as Jordan Edwards and Nic Michaels practice bricklaying.



Students accessing scaffolding at a building site in Invercargill.



Ex-students visit Year 13 students

Madi Hasselman, Eilish Fallowfield and Alec McWhirter came and spoke to the Year 13 students about their experiences and impressions of studying in Dunedin (Otago Polytechnic or Otago University). The ex-students explained the expectations around studying, halls of residence, work/life study balance. Thanks Madi, Eilish and Alec.

Year 12 ORC

This week students in the Year 12 O.R.C. course travelled to Adventure Southland in Invercargill to participate in the low ropes course. The photo shows the students undertaking a teamwork exercise.



Beef Handlers Club

We are looking for expressions of interest from young people, 11 years old and above. Rob Hall and Bridget Lowry would like to offer young people with a love for animals and the outdoors the opportunity to learn stock husbandry, safety, and show leading/handling with the potential to continue future showing. No experience required. Skills learnt can lead onto future career opportunities. Please telephone either Rob or Bridget for more information:

Rob Hall 0272010440

Bridget Lowry 0273477683

NOTICE TO PARENTS OF ALL YEAR 11, 12 AND 13 STUDENTS NCEA FEES

NCEA fees for 2017 have now been charged to accounts for all Year 11, 12 and 13 students. A Summary of Standards, together with a Statement of Account has been posted to all parents. All students should check the Summary of Standards to make sure the information is correct.

As noted on the Summary, fees must be paid no later than Friday, 25th August 2017. The amount is \$76.70 per student. Any students sitting Scholarship exams will also need to pay an additional \$30 per Scholarship subject.

If you hold a current Community Services Card, you are eligible for Financial Assistance which will reduce the cost of the NCEA fees to \$20 per student or \$30 per family. Please see Mrs Barclay in the school office to fill in the required form. You will need to present your Community Services Card as verification.

If these fees are not paid by the due date, payment will then need to be made directly to NZ Qualifications Authority. A late payment fee of \$50 will also be added.

Non-payment of the fee will result in credits/exam results not being available on the student's Record of Achievement until such payment is made.

Chinese Tour

This week we welcomed 20 Chinese students and two teachers from Wenzhou. They loved their Gore High experience. Thank you to our homestay families, the teachers who welcomed them into their lessons as well as their in-school student buddies.



Gore Musical Theatre Proudly Presents....

MAMMA MIA!

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
BENNY ANDERSSON
BJORN ULVAEUS
AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON
BOOK BY CATHERINE JOHNSON

August 11th - 19th 2017

www.iticket.co.nz or

SBS St James Theatre

School Team and Group Photos

A reminder that photos will be taken this **Thursday, 3rd August** in the school hall. The timetable for the day was emailed out at the end of last term and can be found on the school's Facebook page.

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE CLINIC

Public Health Nurses Stacey (Tuesday) and Maria (Thursday) are both available for appointments at the school. If you are wishing to see them, please book an appointment with Ms Campbell at Student Reception, or telephone Stacey on 027 445 2931.

WHEN: 1.30 – 2.00 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Gore High School/St. Peter's College Combined Career Expo

Gore High School & St Peters College

EXPO

Years 10 - 13

Thursday August 10th 2017

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Gore Town & Country Club

Students are starting to consider their course options for 2018. Our Gore High School/St Peter's College Combined Careers Expo is the ideal place to get the answers they need around subject choice and their future career pathways. This is a great opportunity for students and parents to investigate options together. Please make the most of it. Keep **Thursday 10th August, 2017 from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm, free.**

The following employers will be attending the Expo to talk about their industry and the pathways available. For example:

Fonterra, Gore District Library, Matura Licensing Trust, New Zealand Police, Real Journeys, Southern District Health Board, Venture Southland, VetSouth, Southland Young and New Practitioners.

In addition, Community College, Lincoln University, Telford Polytechnic, Otago Polytechnic, Southern Institute of Technology, Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre, University of Otago will be available to give students an overview of how to reach their career goals.

Our Careers Advisers will be onsite to assist as well.

Year 10 Important Dates and Three Way Meetings

Tuesday, 1st August	Option Booklet with subject choice information for 2018 handed out
Wednesday, 16th August, 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm	Three Way Academic Counselling Meetings to choose option subjects.

During the meeting on 16th August students will discuss how their learning is going towards their "Mastery Goal". They will also choose their Year 11 subjects for 2018 in relation to their goals. This meeting is a very important milestone in your child's education as it will help set their future direction as they progress through the senior school, and then onto their tertiary education and future careers.

You can book your time for this conversation online via www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Please follow the prompts after entering the event code "**vwnzh**". Alternatively, you can telephone Ms Campbell on 208 9130, ext. 866 or your child's Academic Counsellor direct to make the appointment.

Defence Force visit

Flight Sergeant Bob Willis spoke to Year 11 students about the New Zealand Defence Force. He explained the various roles of the Army, Navy and Airforce which include humanitarian and disaster relief, peacekeeping and UN operations and civil aide to the New Zealand Police, Customs, Fire Service and the New Zealand Antarctic Programme.

To join the New Zealand Defence Force there are minimum requirements but Flight Sergeant Bob Willis stressed to students that they need to be competitive to gain entry into the Defence Force. There are currently 35 different trades in the Army. The Defence Force is actively encouraging men and women to consider this career.

Flight Sergeant Bob Willis strongly recommended downloading the free Force Fit app to help you with fitness training. Future information about applying for the Defence Force is available at www.force4u.mil.nz.

