



Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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From the Rector

Greetings everyone
Kia ora e hoa mā



SPANZ Principals' Conference

Earlier this week I attended the annual Secondary Principals' Conference. There were several very good presenters and I came home with lots of ideas. On Wednesday morning we were addressed by the Associate Minister of Education, Tracey Martin. She spoke about a variety of topics and there was a generous amount of time for Questions and Answers as well.

I thought it would be worthwhile to report on some of these:

30 Year Vision for Education

- The Government are about to begin consultation on the future direction of Education in New Zealand. Their aim is to produce a strategic plan aimed to enact a 30 year vision of Education, and they want this plan to remain largely unchanged by any future changes of Government.
- Consultation begins next month in Christchurch and in Auckland and they expect 500 – 800 participants at each two day event.
- These two large events will be followed by many smaller meetings and opportunities for people to contribute.
- They want to listen to the voices of people from all parts of society; this is not just a forum for education professionals.
- They want participants to think about what Education should be like in thirty years' time, and not focus too much on what education is like today.

If any parents or students get an opportunity to take part in this consultation then I would warmly encourage you to do so.

Learning Support and Behaviour Support

- The Government's aim is "That every child will have their individual needs assessed and addressed so that they can be the best that they can be."
- The Minister feels that the current response to Learning Support and to Behaviour Support has been inadequate. She also stated that in the past there has been a push for mainstreaming at all costs, but that is not the position that the current Government holds.

Communities of Learning

The Minister was asked where the Government stands with the Communities of Learning. She explained that at the moment the Communities of Learning were in a holding pattern. The Government is monitoring them and watching what is happening.

Teacher Shortages

- The Minister raised this issue herself. She feels that Minister Hipkins has done as much as he can as fast as he can.
- She stated that young people feel that the workload for pay is not good, and this stops many from joining the profession.
- The Minister stated that she wants the Ministry of Education and teachers to work as a team, and that she feels that picking on teachers does not help, as it lowers the status of the teaching profession, and that this is another reason why young people do not want to join.
- Another speaker, Professor Graeme Aitken, from Auckland University also spoke about teacher shortages. He used the supply of Physics teachers as an example, stating that between 2010 and 2017 Auckland University trained an average of 240 Secondary Teachers each year; but that just 5 of these were Physics teachers. Prior to this it used to be 10 – 12 Physics teachers per year. (Auckland University is New Zealand's largest trainer of teachers.)

Warm regards, Nga mihi,
John McKinlay



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ATHLETICS

GHS Sports Day

Sports day was another great success this year. The day started cool but soon the sun was out and it was a lovely day. It was fantastic to see our leaders do an outstanding job leading their respective houses to as many events as possible. A big thank you to students and staff who helped throughout the day.

Age Group Champions

Senior Boys - Andrew Allan

Under 16 boys - 1st equal Cam Millar and Hayden Michaels

Under 15 boys - Hayden Graves

Under 14 boys - Colby Gilder

Senior Girls - Kate Johnston

Under 16 girls - Laura Graham

Under 15 girls - Libby McChlery

Under 14 girls - Grace Michaels

House Points

1st - McNab

2nd - Hunter

3rd - Anderson

4th - Cargill

Southland Secondary School Athletic Championships

Gore High was well represented at this event last Friday. Weather conditions were terrible most of the day but our athletes competed with great determination. Finn Hurley, Ella Hurley, Hayden Graves, Libby McChlery, Anikah Moody, Colby Gilder Andrew Allan, Hamish Waddell, Cam Millar, Hayden Michaels and Ethan Gardyne qualified for the South Island Championships. A special mention to Libby McChlery who won the 100m, 200m and 400m.

We wish Libby good luck for her weekend of racing in Timaru as she heads away to the South Island Secondary School Champs this weekend.

NETBALL—YEAR 9 AND 10 TRIALS

Monday, 26 March & Tuesday 27 March 3.30–5.30pm

Remember to bring - water, recovery snacks, good netball shoes and a great attitude



GHS RUGBY

All players who wish to play rugby for GHS this year, including girls, need to register through the following link:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/60227>



SPORT SIGN UPS

Football—Boys and Girls. Any students who are interested in playing for the school please sign up on the sheets outside the Sport's Co-ordinator's office. We desperately require coaches for our teams. If anyone can help out could they please contact Sarah McKinlay the Sport's Co-ordinator.

Girls Basketball— sign up sheets are up outside the Sport's Co-ordinator's office.



SENIOR PARENTS' EVENING

The school will be holding a parents' evening for Year 12 and 13 Senior Students on Wednesday, 4th April from 5.00pm to 7.00 pm. Please read your emails which notifies all parents of this upcoming event. If we do not have your email address, perhaps you could notify us of this for future communications.

This event is a time for the parents to meet all of their child's subject teachers and to discuss their progress to date this year. We would love to see you and your child. If you are unable to make an appointment because the staff member is unavailable, please telephone Ms Campbell at the School Office.

To book appointments, you will need to access the internet and have a list of your child's subject teachers. If you do not have access to the internet, please telephone Ms Campbell on 03 208 9103 ext. 866 and she will make the bookings for you.

To book appointments go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code **c4swx**. Please note that the internet booking system will shut at 2.30pm on the day of the interviews.

WATER TESTING WITH YEAR 10 SCIENCE

This week the Year 10's have been out to the Hokonui Rūnanga, investigating water conditions in the wetland. This is to help the Rūnanga monitor the freshwater crayfish they introduced to the pond last year. Each session was an hour long, and involved a walk around the pond to identify the testing sites. The next step was to use the equipment accurately and gather data relating to the quality of the water. We will be taking groups of students out throughout the year, to gather continuous data on the water at the site.



PREFECTS' VARIETY CONCERT

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 26 March at GHS Student reception. \$12 students and \$15 adults.



Key dates - Term 1/2

30 March—3 April:	Easter Break
3 April:	GRIP Leadership Day—Senior Students
4 April:	Years 12/13 senior parents' evening
9 April:	ANZAC ceremony
12 April:	Years 9, 10, 11 Academic Counselling
11-12 April:	Prefects' Variety Concert
13 April:	End of Term 1
Term 2	
9 June:	School Ball

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE CLINIC

Public Health Nurses Stacey (Tuesday) and Maria (Thursday) are 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.

CAREERS

GAINING CAREERS INFORMATION

An important part of developing a Career pathway is gaining information about the world of work. The following booklet has great stories about young people doing a wide array of trades. It is a great resource for students to look through to discover the many different trades available and read about stories of people doing those jobs.

There is great information about job seeking skills, support around career pathway decisions, careers in the engineering, food and beverage, transport (maritime and rail), textiles and apparel, forestry, print, packaging and signmaking and manufacturing.

<https://www.competenz.org.nz/assets/Uploads/17190-2018-Competenz-Trades-Guide-lowres2.pdf>

SIGNUP FOR STUDYLINK INFORMATION

If you're in your final year at secondary school and thinking about starting tertiary education next year we can help. Complete this form and closer to the time we'll send you information about the application process and when to apply.

If you're not at secondary school and would like more information on studying please [contact us](#) to discuss your situation.

<http://faqs.studylink.govt.nz/ci/documents/detail/2/details>

LIAISON VISITS

Last week we had several Tertiary Institutions including University of Canterbury, Otago University and Otago Polytechnic. Students were presented with information about degree and course information, scholarships, accommodation options and where to seek further information.



Dan Cread from the University of Canterbury talking to students about



Dr Emilie Crossley talks to students about Otago Polytechnic

If any student is interested in studying at the University of Canterbury we recommend parents and students attending the Southland UC Info Evening at ILT Stadium, Isabella Street, Invercargill on Wednesday 9 May at 6pm. Register at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/uc-info-evening-southland-tickets-42734220203>

DUNEDIN TERTIARY OPEN DAY - 7 MAY 2018

The Dunedin tertiary institutions will be holding their annual Tertiary Open Day on Monday 7 May 2018. This gives students and parents the opportunity to experience the unique buzz of the Otago campuses in action. Special Open Day presentations, tours, and open homes at all the Residential Colleges will allow students and their families to get a taste of the way tertiary students live and work in Dunedin.

Year 13 students will be given consent forms next week. Please make sure these are returned asap so their seat on the bus is secure.

Any information about Dunedin Tertiary Open Day follow:

<https://www.op.ac.nz/about-us/news-and-events/item/2003>

http://www.otago.ac.nz/about/open_days.html



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