



## Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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### ***From the Rector's Desk***

Greetings everyone

Kia ora e hoa mā

### **We are on Facebook**

Gore High School now has an official Facebook site!

I know, it has taken a long time to drag us into the social media era, but we are finally there. Thanks to Mrs Hamilton, Miss Robertson and Miss Hazlett for setting it up.

You will recognise our official site, as it has the GHS logo for the profile photo.



Gore High School  
School  
98 likes



We will be using this site as a way of getting information out to parents and the community. This newsletter will be available over Facebook, for example, and there will be notices for upcoming events and news about things that have been happening at school.

We will continue to use Yammer for our messages within the school, and just so you know, Facebook is not available through our school network during the school day. We do not want our students to be distracted during their lessons or even their break times, where we prefer them to socialise with one another rather than online. We know of course, that some will use their own data plans during these hours, but we will not promote this practice by allowing the use of the school internet connection.

### **PVC**

Speaking of events and notices that will be advertised over Facebook, students are busy preparing for the Prefects' Variety Concert, which promises to be top class again this year. You will begin seeing posters and bumper stickers etc. around town in the next few days.

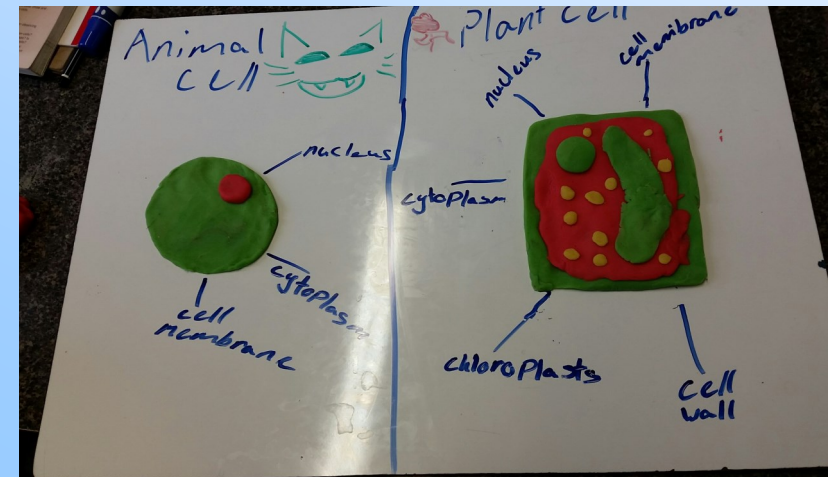
The Prefects are getting really well organised, and I managed to pop in on a few of the auditions and practices. We'd love to see you there.

Warm regards,  
Nga mihi  
John McKinlay

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS

### **Year 9 Science**

This week the year 9s started a new topic in science. After looking at several different cells under the microscope the students recreated the cells using playdough.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Competing hard or entering for fun, there was something for everyone at the Te Anau Enduro held recently. This multi-lap style Multisport Enduro was based right by beautiful Lake Te Anau. Six Gore High School students decided to try their hand completing as many laps in each discipline of kayaking, mountain biking and running within the 4 hour timeframe.

Congratulations to Hayden Michaels who achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Te Anau Plumbing Solo Male Youth and to Jenna Graham and Kate Johnston who achieved 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places respectively in the Te Anau Plumbing Solo Female Youth.



**Photography credit to PRO Focus - Chris Watson of Te Anau.**

Pictured left to right: Kate Johnston, Max Watson, Jakob Harrex, Jenna Graham and Hayden Michaels.  
Missing from photos is Anton Musalov who also competed.

## SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE CLINIC

Public Health Nurses Stacey (Tuesday) and Maria (Thursday) will be available for appointments at the school two days a week this year. If you are wishing to see them, please book an appointment time to visit the Health Nurse with Mrs Barclay at Student Reception, or telephone Stacey on 027 445 2931.



## GORE HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB

The Gore High Netball Club are needing coaches and managers for the up coming season.

Coaches will be given support and the opportunity to go to coaching sessions throughout the year. If you may be interested please get in contact with Aimee Ross [a.ross@gore-high.school.nz](mailto:a.ross@gore-high.school.nz)

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Parents are advised that, where possible, student accounts will now be emailed. You should have received your first account by now if you have provided us with an email address, but if you haven't can you please contact Maree Barclay, Accounts Administrator on 208 9130, extension 851.

## STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS

All students were given a Student Information Sheet recently for them to bring home. These forms were required to be returned by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March however, a number of remain outstanding.

If parents/caregivers could please check that all of the information is correct and even if no changes are required, please sign the form and arrange for your child to give the signed form to their House Teacher?

If you have not returned your completed sheet, can you please arrange to do so urgently to ensure the information on our database is up to date?

If you have any queries, please contact Jacqui Hutchins on 03 208 9130 ext. 850.

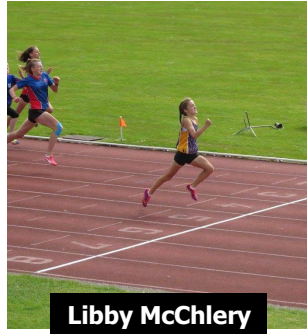


## **SOUTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On Friday last 60 Gore High School athletes attended the Southland Secondary Schools Athletics Champs. All the students once again performed well with 30 qualifying to attend the Otago Southland Secondary Schools Champs this weekend.



**Finn Hurley**



**Libby McChlery**



**Sean Rowe and Rory Robertson**



**Andrew Allan**

It was great to have feedback that this was yet another occasion where our students shone both on and off the track/field. Comments were made about their courtesy, manners and overall sportsmanship. It is very reassuring and makes us so proud as a school to know that our core values of Courtesy, Effort and Responsibility are becoming an integral part of the way in which our students present themselves in the community. Congratulations to our athletes and we wish those you competing this weekend all the very best.



**COURTESY**  
**ATAWHAITANGA**



**EFFORT**  
**MANAWANUITANGA**



**RESPONSIBILITY**  
**TAKOHANGA**

### **LEARNING HUB CAMP 2017**

The following are excerpts from reports written by the students.

On Thursday morning, I drove into School filled with excitement and happiness because it was camp day. The best part about going on camp was spending time with my friends. We left GHS at 11:45 and headed to Mosgiel which is where we were stayed on Camp. Before we left school, we double checked the van's and got me all loaded. Then we headed off to the lake in Waiholo so that we could have lunch. We arrived at the Lodge at appoxamitley 1:30 in the afternoon. When we arrived at the lodge we unpacked the vans and then we were shown to our rooms. My roommate was Jackie and we were in C7. After that we went swimming....

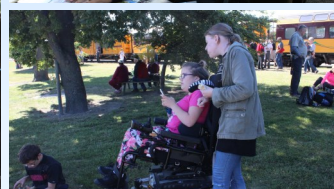
***By Charlotte Mitchell***

.....We went swimming, we played volleyball and a chasing game, and it was lots of fun. We had tea after that, lasagne, salad and chips followed by ice cream sundae, it was delicious! Next we made sandwiches for the train trip then played board games; headbands and monopoly. After Mr McKinlay arrived to surprise us on our camp. He stayed with us ready to join us on our train trip the next day.....

***By Dayna Turnbull***

.....The (Tairei Gorge) train trip was really fun, there were good views. There were very high viaducts and two of our teachers don't like heights! It was a very long trip with many narrow tunnels. We had an activity sheet to do on the train spotting landmarks and features, there was also a word search. When we got to Middlemarch it was nice bright and sunny. We had lots of fun walking around the shops and Mrs Dickson bought everyone an ice-cream. The journey back to Dunedin was nice and peaceful. We left Dunedin and headed back to Waiholo for our Fish and Chip tea which we ate by the Lake. Then we journeyed back to Gore to meet our families at school. This year's camp was the best yet!

***By Madison Knowles***





## **GORE HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS DEPARTMENT**

*Seek the Path That is Right For You*



**OCCUPATION  
OUTLOOK**

2017

Occupation Outlook is a mobile app for Apple and Android smartphones and tablets. It is a great tool for exploring study and career options, with extensive information on labour supply and demand in over 100 occupations in New Zealand.

The app outlines how to enter each role, how many are studying in related fields, how many are employed, and what the average incomes are. It also outlines what are the prospects of getting a job in that occupation once you have completed the qualification required.

You can download the app on your smartphone or tablet from Google Play or Apple iTunes.

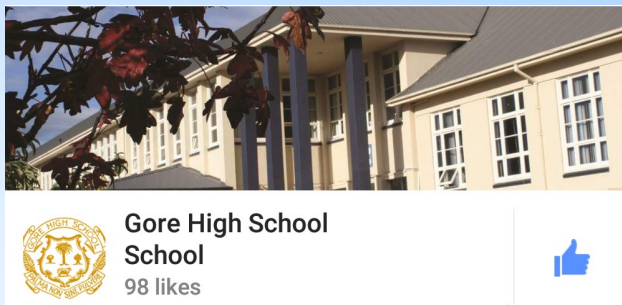
### **Tearaway Magazine**

Tearaway Magazine is a magazine that is written by and for 15 - 24 year olds. You can get more information on this magazine here - [www.tearaway.co.nz](http://www.tearaway.co.nz). It contains many great articles which are refreshed regularly so is a great site to keep popping back to.

### **FACEBOOK PAGE**

Gore High School now has an official Facebook page. We plan to use this page to post photos of recent school events and advise of upcoming events. If you have Facebook we encourage you to click below and "like" us or find us @gorehighschoolofficial.

<https://www.facebook.com/Gore-High-School-1375026559221490/?ref=bookmarks>



### **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

Andrew Allan has again achieved national titles at the New Zealand Track and Field Championships held recently in Hamilton.

Andrew was the only jumper in the U18 Triple Jump to jump over 13 metres to take the gold medal. He also competed in the U20 Triple Jump in which he achieved the bronze medal. Congratulations on these fantastic results Andrew.

We wish Andrew all the best on his upcoming America trip with other athletes from around New Zealand. Travel safe and enjoy the competitions and new experiences.



Andrew wearing his medal while giving out the airline lollies!