



Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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From the Rector's Desk

Greetings everyone
Kia ora e hoa mā



Year 9 Interviews

Next week we have our interviews with Y9 students and their parents. We call these 3-way interviews and is a continuation of the work we began last year with the students who are currently in our Y10.

Preparation for the meetings

Quite a lot of preparation has already gone into this cycle of interviews in order to ensure that they are likely to meet their purpose. All students have been assessing themselves against the NZ Curriculum levels. Where necessary they have been guided in this process by their subject teachers and their academic counsellor (the teacher who will be facilitating the meeting). Having the student think quite specifically about their progress is an important step.

Purpose

In the past we have had short meetings with subject teachers. You are probably familiar with this process; it is sort of like speed dating! While this is a means of keeping parents in contact with every teacher, it is restricting in several ways. For example, it inhibits an in depth discussion about progress and is often just a re-statement of what is said in the school report. It also inhibits a more holistic conversation about a student's growth and development as a learner.

With the 3 way interviews we are aiming to:

- Encourage more meaningful conversations that will help to advance student learning
- Encourage better collaboration between the student, the parents and the school
- Involve the student more by giving them a central role in the process
- This is an opportunity to discuss wider issues that affect learning. For example:
- Student engagement and motivation and their degree of 'comfortableness' with the academic side of school. (Is what the school providing a 'good fit' for this student?)
- The value of school to the particular student and what their 'dream' future looks like
- The mastery goals they could work on in order to move towards that dream
- Teachers as facilitators

In these conversations the teacher is acting as a facilitator. Their job is to bring out the thinking of the student and any issues that might need addressing. You can expect teachers, then, to be asking lots of questions rather than delivering a summary of the student reports. Where there is a need to discuss a subject specific problem, students and parents will be encouraged to take this up with the subject teacher at another time; this can be by email or by an arranged meeting.

Conclusion

Our ultimate aim then, is for students to develop their understanding and belief in themselves as a learner. We want them to develop a strong 'academic identity' which will form the foundation of any formal learning situation they may encounter in their future career.

Warm regards, Nga mihi
John McKinlay



COURTESY
ATAWHAITANGA



EFFORT
MANAWANUITANGA



RESPONSIBILITY
TAKOHANGA

School Ball

Hair was curled, cars were polished and spirits were high as the annual School ball was held last Saturday night. This year's theme was a country rustic theme, titled 'The Last Dance on the Frontier'. It was held in the James Cumming Wing. For the past 8 weeks, the Prefects were busy planning and creating all the details for the night, to make it as memorable as possible. The James Cumming Wing was decorated from top to bottom, with fairy lights, wine barrels and deer heads. The Prefects would like to thank the following people for all their help and support for the night:

- Rachel Ferguson
- The PTA (for the yummy supper)
- The band 'Erratic'
- Mrs Cooper, Mr McKinlay, Mr Grogan, Mrs Hanna and Mr Hutchins
- Year 11 Waiters/Waitresses
- Paper Plus Gore
- Parents of pupils
- Gravity Events

The night went without a hitch and was nothing short of an amazing experience.

Emma Johnston, Josh Highsted & Hope Williams



Gore High School Foundation Dinner

Recently, Year 12 hospitality students assisted at the Thomas Green Restaurant for the Foundation Dinner. This is an annual fundraising event for the Foundation and guests have the opportunity to enjoy a meal and an art auction, with art from a selection of southern artists. Four students assisted the chef in the kitchen to prepare, cook and plate the meals for approximately 70 guests. Sage Campbell, Lachlan Jordan, Phoebe Miller, and Jacob Van Leeuwen ably toiled from 12 – 9.30 pm, whilst Paris Dyer, Olivia Millar, and Year 13 volunteers Callum Carter and Alice Wyatt began at 5.30pm to assist in the restaurant serving all the courses of the meal, along with drinks. At the conclusion of the meal these students displayed the art works whilst the auction took place.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the hospitality students to be involved in a busy working kitchen environment. All students were so willing and professional in their duties, being a credit to both themselves and the school.



School Production

Congratulations to all students who participated in the school production of "Back to the 80's" last week. All cast and crew worked extremely hard to create an enjoyable and entertaining show. Thank you to the directors Viv Beaton and Kerry Lee for their dedication over the past 8 weeks. Well done everyone!



Year 10 Camp to Glendhu Bay, Wanaka.

Last year we shifted our annual Year 10 camp from Borland Lodge in Fiordland to Glendhu Bay, Wanaka. This proved to be a great success, and we are now planning the Glendhu Bay camp for this year.

The camp is running from the 27th November to the 30th November, and the proposed cost is \$245, which covers transport, accommodation, food and activities.

All Year 10 pupils are expected to attend this excellent opportunity.

If you would like to help us out with the running of the camp, we would really like to hear from you as a parent/caregiver. Support at camps from parents goes a long way to making the students' experience at camp a memorable one. We aim to provide a balanced range of activities and experiences for the students, and parental help greatly assists the smooth running of the camp.

This year we would be particularly grateful if there are any parents available with a passenger service licence and can drive a school bus to and from camp. Also if you are used to cooking for large numbers or think you are up to this challenge, we would like to hear from you. If you think that you would just like to come along and support your son or daughter and participate in some of the activities, then also please get in touch.

Please send me a brief email, stthomas@gore-high.school.nz outlining your interest, what you would like to be a part of, and can you help us with any of the above.

Kind regards,
Maggie Harvey and Simon Thomas



The General Election is on 23 September 2017

We are seeking people to work at Advance Voting Places as well as in Voting Places on Election Day and casual staff at Electorate headquarters in Invercargill before, on and after Election Day.

We encourage you to apply online at <http://www.elections.org.nz/events/2017-general-election/working-2017-general-election> <<http://www.elections.org.nz/events/2017-general-election/working-2017-general-election>>

For more information about these roles, email recruitment@elections.govt.nz

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 and a Summary of Standards, along with a Statement of Account has been posted to all parents. All students should check the Summary of Standards to make sure these are 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 extra \$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 and present the Community Services Card for 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 extra will be incurred.

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.

WHEN: 1.30 – 2.00 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Please be advised that on Friday 7th July the school will close at 1.20pm. Buses will run at the usual times.

CAREERS

Gore High School St Peter's College Combined Career Expo

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 future career pathways. At the Careers Expo there will be local employers to talk about their journey into their industry and Education Providers to talk to about where to study. This is a great opportunity for students and parents to investigate options together, please make the most of it. Keep **Thursday 10th August, 2018 free.**

University of Canterbury Parents as Career Educators

When: Tuesday, July 27th 2017
Where: ILT Stadium, Invercargill
Register: <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/active/uc-events/parents-as-career-educators---invercargill.html>

The seminar will cover:

- Career pathways
- Supporting your child with career decision making
- Choosing tertiary options to suit your child
- Communicating effectively with your child

Sarah Tabak is a Career Consultant with the UC Career Centre, helping students to identify, plan for, and pursue careers, internships and employment opportunities. Her insights into the importance of self-knowledge and engagement reflect the key foundations needed to support young adults in making good decisions and developing successful careers.

Attendance Codes

Since opening the Parent Portal on the Edge we have received several queries from parents regarding the different codes on their child's attendance summary. Below you will find a list of the most common codes:

D – Doctor/Dentist appointment	R – Removed from class
E – Explained Unjustified	S – Sickbay
F – Off Site Course	T – Truant
G – Holiday during term time	V- Study period
I – Internal appointment at school	W – Work experience
J – Explained Justified	Z – Secondary Tertiary
L – Late to class	
M – Medical	
N – School activity	
P – Present	
Q – School trip/camp	

UNIFORM SHOP

We would also appreciate if anyone with plastic bags e.g. Smiths, Glasson (not supermarket bags) could please drop them into the main office for use in the uniform shop.

Otago Medical Students Presentation

Third and Fourth Year Medical Students from the Otago Medical School spoke to some of our year 12 and 13 students who were interested in finding out more about First Year Health Science and Medical School. The Medical Students said that First Year Health Science is competitive, you need to work hard, students need to maintain a good study/life balance.



Back row: Jorgee Robb; Hayley Booth; Kate Gentle; Finn McQueen; Tom Stokes
Front row: Harry McQueen; Sam Fennessy

Workplace First Aid

**Friday, 14th July 2017 (holidays),
Student rate \$100**

For more information or to register please contact Andrea on 027 54 54 054

Andrea McMillan R.Cp.N, M.N

Occupational Health Nurse
Health & Safety Practitioner
Safety Trainer, Certified Drug & Alcohol Testing , First Aid Tutor

Anita Punt Blackstick & Olympian

Anita Punt will be running training sessions in Gore on the 19th of July 2017.

- 12.30-1.30 pm U18 Open (non rep players)
- 2.30-3.30 pm U13 Rep (Hatch and Collier)
- 4-5 pm U13 Open (non rep players Yr 7-8)
- \$20 per player
- 1 hour training session
- Photo and Question/Answer session

Register at www.hockeysouthland.co.nz