



Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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From the Rector

Greetings everyone
Kia ora e hoa mā

Welcome back to staff, students and families for another school year at Gore High School. An especially warm welcome to our new staff, students, and their parents.



Powhiri

On the first day of school, a Powhiri was held for our new students and staff. It was great to see so many Year 9 students, all excited and eager about beginning their Secondary School education. At the Powhiri I acknowledged that although there was much excitement, there was probably some nervousness as well; such is the way when we embark on something new and unknown. In five years' time, when these students graduate, it will all seem so familiar and they will be ready to take on new challenges.

So how does one succeed at school? Well actually the instructions are on the gate!

- Be kind to people – that's Courtesy.
- Keep trying – that's called Effort.
- Own your own choices – that's called Responsibility.

Certainly there will be subject learning, sporting and cultural opportunities, careers advice, and many other experiences which will contribute to each student's overall success. If a student continues to grow in each of these three key areas, then most of their other development will take care of itself.

Community

At Assembly this week we focussed on what it is to be part of a community and how everyone can contribute towards making our school community vibrant and healthy. It is through contributing and participating that each individual maintains their own energy and enthusiasm, and this is another aspect of getting the most out of school. I am very concerned/worried about the small number of students who choose to 'opt out' as I know they would gain so much if they were only prepared to participate and be part of this amazing community. I appreciate that it is not easy trying new things. It is often scary and many of us do not like being out of our comfort zone, but the benefits can be significant and set us up for a lifetime.

The school is able to offer so many opportunities and cater for all interests. I would love to see, as a start, everyone sign up for at least one activity per term.

Waimumu Field Days

It is with community in mind that we have decided to have no formal lessons on Friday 16th February, to allow every student and staff member the opportunity to be part of the Waimumu Field Days. Our education should not be limited to inside the classroom walls, and we trust that students will see this as a learning experience and also one which supports the community in which we all live. In return, we ask that all parents and students support the school by making sure that classes are well attended on the Wednesday and Thursday. It really is very disruptive for everyone when teachers have to repeat lessons because students have taken time off. If there really is an extraordinary circumstance which requires a student to be absent during these days, then a note is required prior to the day in question.

Warm regards, Nga mihi,
John McKinlay



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Year 9
'Meet the Teacher' evening
Tuesday 13th February 2018 – 6.30 pm-7.50 pm

We warmly invite parents of Year 9 students to meet your child's teachers.

The evening will begin at 6.30 pm and will take the format of:

- General introductions in the hall. The Rector and others will speak briefly
- Parents moving to House rooms with House Teachers.
- Five periods in classrooms with five core teachers (10 minutes each).
- Supper with staff and members of the PTA.

The Timetable for parents is set out below.

6.30 pm	Reception in the Hall and talk from the Rector, BOT Chairperson (Tracey Watson) and PTA Chairperson (Joanne Whyte)				
6.50 pm	Meet the House Teacher				
	9M	9O	9H	9U	9A
7.00 pm	Social Studies (C12) Mr Hanna	Health and PE (Music Room) Mr Hadfield	Science (B11) Miss Christie	Maths (A16) Miss Cowan	Maths (A4) Mr Cooke
7.10 pm	Health and PE (Music Room) Mr Hadfield	English (A13) Mrs R Smith	Maths (A18) Mr Lucas	English (A12) Miss Robertson	English (A15) Miss N Smith
7.20 pm	English (A11) Mrs Chamberlain	Maths (A1) Mr Hutchins	English (A12) Miss Robertson	Health and PE (A17) Mr Tucker	Health and PE (A16) Miss M Cowan
7.30 pm	Science (D14) Mrs J Dickson	Science (B11) Mrs Christie	Health and PE (Music Room) Mr Hadfield	Social Studies (C14) Miss Grace	Social Studies (D5) Miss Hazlett
7.40 pm	Maths (A4) Mr Cooke	Social Studies (D5) Miss Hazlett	Social Studies (A11) Mrs L Dickson	Science (D14) Mrs J Dickson	Science (D13) Mrs N Fletcher

7.50 pm Supper. Parents are warmly invited back to the Hall for an informal supper hosted by the PTA.

We look forward to meeting you on this occasion.

M Hamilton
Deputy Principal

TERM 1 SPORTING INFORMATION

- Colts Cricket (Year 9 and 10)
- **14 February:** Super Smash 1st XI Cricket
- **18 February:** Southland Secondary Schools Softball Champs
- **20 February:** Southland Secondary Schools Tennis/Bates Cup Cricket Mosgiel (Girls)
- **23 February:** Southland Secondary Schools Triathlon
- **24 February:** Southland Secondary Schools Surfing

- **25 February:** Southland Secondary Schools Water Skiing
- **27 February:** School Sports Day
- **3-4 March:** South Island Schools Rowing
- **6 March:** Southland Secondary Schools Touch
- **16 March:** Southland Athletics
- **20 March:** South Otago Sports Exchange
- **18-24 March:** Maadi Cup Rowing, Twizel
- **23-25 March:** South Island Athletics, Timaru

Students to check 'Yammer' or see the Sport's Co-ordinator if they require more information

GORE HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2018—GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS FOR ALL

The following photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 13th February 2018**

All group photos will be taken in the School Hall.

Individual photos will be taken in the corridor to the side of the hall. Students **must be** in House Class alphabetical order by surname.

ID cards will be available to purchase from the Prefects this year. Please ensure you get your individual photo taken.

Please have perfect uniform and line up tallest student to the shortest student to speed things up.

9:00 am	ACM		10:04 am	HLB		11:30 am	MCK
9:08 am	ANS		10:12 am	HHY		11:36 am	MDI
9:16 am	AIC		10:20 am	CCG		11:42 am	MAC
9:24 am	AGR		10:28 am	CHK		11:48 am	MNT
9:32 am	AMF		10:36 am	CGV		11:54 am	MMC
9:40 am	HMD		10:44 am	CHZ		12:00 noon	CSR
9:48 am	HLG					12:10 pm	Learning Hub
9:56 am	HSH		11:00 am	ALL STAFF			
12.45 pm	Year 9 to the School Hall - HV						
1.00 pm	Year 10 to the School Hall - WA						
1.20 pm	Head Boy and Girl and Deputy Head Girl and Boy Photographs with the Rector						
2.00 pm	House Time: Year 12 students to the School Hall - DL						
2.20 pm	End of House Time: Year 13 students to the School Hall - CN						
2.40 pm	Year 11 students to the School Hall - TH						

GORE HIGH PTA AGM

The first meeting of the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) for 2018 is to be held on Thursday 22nd February at 7.30 pm in the Gore High School Meetings room, which is located in the main school office. Everyone is welcome to come along to meet a great team and to hear what is happening around the school. We would love to see some new faces.

If you have any questions, please contact Kerralie on 027 491 245.

UNIFORM SHOP

All students are required to be in full summer uniform. This includes McKinlay shoes for all students.

The Uniform Shop is open from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm every Wednesday during term time.

Any queries please email Jenny Wallis (jennywallis@gore-high.school.nz) or telephone 208 9130 during office hours (8.00 am - 4.15 pm).



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CAREERS

The Careers Department staff are available for any students, parents/caregivers. Appointments can be made at school or by phoning on 2089130 extension 826.

VACANCIES

Kitchen Hand/Housekeeper

Resthaven in Main Street, Gore have evening and weekend vacancies for the above positions. This would suit someone who is empathetic with the elderly, friendly and kind. Possibility of future carer work and a great opportunity for anyone considering a career in the fast growing Health Sector.

Radio Internships 2018

The Edge Southland are offering Radio Internships for one year to senior school students who are interested in pursuing a career within broadcasting. Students will receive 'hands on' experience, planning and executing The Edge Interns promotions, on-air training, and will voice their own 'what's on at our school' commercials.

Please contact Ms O'Neill (joneill@gore-high.school.nz or ext. 826) in the Careers Department if you would like to know more about this really exciting opportunity.

After school work

McDonough Contracting in Mataura are looking for a school student to clean the workshops and trucks after school and some weekends. Please contact Karl McDonough on 027 203 8245 if you wish to apply.

Retail Assistant

H and J Smiths are looking for a student to work Saturdays. The successful candidate would be required to work within the various departments. If this sounds like the type of experience you are looking for, please call into H and J Smith and ask for an application form.

Career Resources

The Careers Departments recommends the New Zealand Careers Services website as there are many interactive tools to help students with their career plans, finding a job and much more. The website address is <https://www.careers.govt.nz>

Key dates - Term 1

13 February: School photographs/Year 9 'Meet the teacher' evening
16 February: School closed
27 February: Sports Day
1 March: Back up Sports Day
5 March: Leadership Investiture/Academic Blues ceremony
12-15 March: University/Polytechnic Liaison visits (Canterbury, Otago, and Auckland)
9 April: Anzac ceremony
11-12 April: Prefects' Variety Concert (TBC)