



Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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From the Board of Trustees

Greetings everyone
Kia ora e hoa mā

At the September Meeting of the Board:

- The Board received reports for the Technology (wood, metal, graphics and digital media), Drama, Music Departments and the Learning Hub.
- The Board received a report regarding International Marketing. The Board resolved to continue with the programme in 2018. The main focus is to enhance the lives of our students. This was very much in evidence when the school hosted 20 Chinese students earlier this term.
- The Board is investigating the possibility of a joint scholarship with the Gore District Council. The school has been offered the opportunity for a student to travel to either Zambia or Scotland for work experience. The farms are owned by relatives of Thomas Gore Brown, after whom Gore was named.
- Planning consents have been approved to provide a fenced area for the Learning Hub.
- The re-pitching and replacement of the D-Block flat roof is almost complete.
- The carpets in the administration area will be replaced in the upcoming holidays.
- The Board is in the final stages of completing the property plan for the school for the next 10 years.
- Several members of the Board and Staff attended the recent 2 day meeting of the Eastern Southland Communities of Learning. The purpose is 'Raising achievement and wellbeing of all students across our schools. We have a genuine want for Eastern Southland to be the best it can be for our tamariki'. The next step for the group is to finalise the draft documents.
- Progress is also being made on the review of the school's Strategic Plan. We are looking to find our main focus areas for the next 3 years. Board Trustee Brendan Harrex is leading this process. Board, Staff and Students will be meeting again early next term to put together a draft plan which will be available for feedback from the parent community next term.
- The Board thanked Student Trustee Luke Hillis for his input as a Board member this year. His contributions and willingness to be involved in discussions, was much appreciated.



Warm regards,

Nga mihi,

Tracey Watson – Board Chair



COURTESY
ATAWHAITANGA



EFFORT
MANAWANUITANGA



RESPONSIBILITY
TAKOHANGA

REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY

During the holidays Jakob Harrex, Ryley Stewart, Harrison Morton, Hayden Michaels and Mykel Sleeman were members of the U16 team. They attended a South Island tournament in Oamaru. Their team made it to the final and put up a good fight but went down 30-23 to Otago in a closely fought contest. Jakob Harrex captained the team and was also named Player of the Year for his team. Congratulations Jakob.

Lyncoln Fittes, Finn Hurley and Aaron Morrison were members of the Southland U14 team and played 4 games as a team during their rep season. They won 3 out of 4 games and played really well together as a team. They were unlucky to be beaten by Otago Metro. At the Southland Rugby Prizegiving Finn Hurley was awarded the Jonty Carran Memorial Trophy for Most Promising Player.

Ryan Tutty was a member of the Southland U13 Rugby Team and played 4 rep games during the season. They won 3 of their games and drew the 4th.

Kate Johnston, April Winsloe, Kalesi Natuikata and Libby Pannett-Miller were selected for the Southland School Girls rugby team and attended the South Island tournament in Christchurch during the holidays. They played 6 games in total and were placed 3rd overall. Libby commented that it was a step up playing against some big girls and was a great experience.



Southland U16 Boys with their Runner-Up Medals



April Winsloe and Libby Pannett-Miller



Finn Hurley with the Jonty Carran Trophy

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.

SQUASH

Year 12 student Logan Macleod won Junior Boys Champion, Most Improved Junior Boy and the Conduct and Contribution on and off the Court cup at the Gore T & C Squash Club prizegiving last term. Well done Logan.

Congratulations also to year 13 student April Winsloe who was named Junior Girls Champion.



OTAGO POLYTECHNIC
Te Kōwhirihihi o Ōtago

It all adds up+ 94% OF OUR LEARNERS ARE IN WORK OR FURTHER STUDY

Is your son, daughter or member of your whānau looking to study at a tertiary level?
Not sure what their options are or what they are embarking on?

Let us show you how Otago Polytechnic all adds up!

<p>92%</p> <p>learner satisfaction rating</p> <p><small>This means they are likely to have a rewarding and enriching experience as an Otago Polytechnic student.</small></p>	<p>91%</p> <p>of learners complete their qualifications</p> <p><small>This means they are more likely to successfully complete their studies as an Otago Polytechnic student.</small></p>	<p>180</p> <p>programmes to choose from</p> <p><small>Including 43 degree and postgraduate. This means they can achieve a NZQA Level 7 or above qualification – the same as at university.</small></p>	<p>1:16</p> <p>teacher-to-learner ratio</p> <p><small>This means learners won't be overlooked and will be guaranteed valuable one-on-one teaching time.</small></p>	<p>80*</p> <p>international partnerships</p> <p><small>This means they will have the opportunity to complete part of their studies overseas and gain valuable experience for the global workforce.</small></p>	<p>20</p> <p>National Teaching Excellence Awards</p> <p><small>This means learners will be taught by some of NZ's top lecturers and tutors.</small></p>
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Dedicated learner support services
This means learners or your whānau member will be fully supported throughout their studies to succeed in education and for life beyond Otago Polytechnic.

Internships and work placements
Learners will benefit from internships and work placements through our commitment to research and enterprise and sustainability.

Parents & Whānau EVENING

Tuesday 31 October 7pm-9pm

Regardless of what stage your son, daughter or whānau member is at in deciding where to study – this evening is for all parents and whānau who are wanting to help make an informed decision about their education options and the unique and successful learning environment we offer.

Find out about the support services we offer, how our career pathways can work for every learner (and a range of NZQA scores), available scholarships, the success stories of our students and graduates and how our Level 7 qualifications are the same as a university degree.

Our Heads of Colleges and their representatives will be available to speak about the programmes they deliver and you can talk to our students about their study experiences. Our support staff can also answer any questions you might have about our learning support services, fees and careers guidance.

VENUE: The Hub, Forth Street

visit www.op.ac.nz | call 0800 762 786 | email info@op.ac.nz

Coming Up...

<i>23 October</i>	<i>Labour Day</i>
<i>9 November</i>	<i>NCEA Examinations Begin</i>
<i>13 November</i>	<i>Junior Exam Week</i>
<i>27 Nov - 30 Nov</i>	<i>Year 10 Camp, Wanaka</i>
<i>1 December</i>	<i>NCEA Examinations End</i>
<i>5 December</i>	<i>Whole school prizegiving</i>
<i>7 December</i>	<i>Year 13 Graduation</i>
<i>8 December</i>	<i>Final day of term junior school</i>

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Some Gore High families have got together with sponsors Advance Agriculture and Fert Wholesale and have kindly donated a 4 hectare paddock planted with barley to raise funds for the school. The grain matures in approximately 160 days and will then be harvested and sold. It is hoped that this will raise between \$10,000-\$12,000 for the school. This initiative is greatly appreciated and proves that it takes a whole community to run a school.



Mark Gardyne on the tractor sowing the barley

CITIZENS CLUB TENNIS

Anyone interested in playing tennis, all ages catered for. Please call Lynley on 208 5330 or 027 381 7586

GORE HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISING BALEAGE

The Coutts Road playing fields (approximately 4 hectares) will be closed off shortly to grow baleage. If you can help with baling, wrapping and/or transporting or buying the baleage either baled/wrapped or standing please contact Mel Hamilton on 027 2138448 or mhamilton@gore-high.school.nz



Uniform Changes for 2018

Black Soft-Shell Jacket

A black soft-shell jacket with the Gore High School Crest will now be available as a uniform option. This embroidered jacket will be available for approximately \$75 from Southern Workwear in Gore. This will be all sports teams' dress uniform jacket from 2018 onwards.

Senior Girls Uniform

After extensive consultation, I am pleased to report that the Board of Trustees have decided that the existing Senior Girls' Uniform (long summer skirt) is to be replaced with a dress.

This dress will be compulsory for all Year 11 Girls in 2018.

Year 12 and 13 girls could continue to wear the long skirt for the remainder of their time at Gore High School. However if they so choose they are welcome to order and buy the dress. Therefore the dress is entirely **OPTIONAL** for Year 12 and 13 girls in 2018.

The dress is available to order from our Uniform Shop and will cost approximately \$110.00.

McKinlay shoes or very similar alternatives approved by the Deputy Principal are to be worn with the dress.

The uniform shop is open from 12.30pm to 2pm every Wednesday during term time.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

M Hamilton
Deputy Principal

CAREERS

This week all year 10 students had a visit from the Mike Pero Career Coach. The Career Coach is a partnership between Mike Pero and Peter Doake. Peter presented to some year 10 year students his inspirational life story, how he developed pathways in his life by identifying opportunities and taking risks to follow those opportunities. Students were then invited onto the Career Coach by Peter's wife Donna who supported students registering and using the In-Zone Career Kiosks. Students were able to investigate possible career options and then get relevant contacts and information sent to their cell phones. The students and staff really enjoyed the experience of meeting Peter and Donna and using the Career Coach facilities. We look forward to having them at Gore High School again next year.



L-R Richard Whyte enjoys getting career information from the Career Coach's kiosks.

Peter Doake, Jadyn and Teacher's Aide Charlotte pose outside the Career Coach. Peter and Jadyn had an informative conversation about pushing through to the next stage of business.

Cameron, Max and Reece look through careers that they are interested in.

Resilience skills top of employers' wish list for new hires



Strong resilience skills are good for business. Emotionally robust employees are more likely to be motivated and engaged in what they do. They're also more action orientated and less worried about risk, coming up with creative ways to solve problems. This means less time and money spent when things go wrong.

Resilient people are also nicer to be around – they bounce back quickly, don't indulge in blaming and keep a positive attitude. Employers love this as it leads to low staff turnover and a happier, safer, more productive workforce.

Further information around resilience from <https://www.careers.govt.nz/articles/resilience-skills-top-of-employers-wish-list-for-new-hires/>

SOUTH ISLAND GRASS KART TEAM CHALLENGE

Saturday 28 October 2017

On Saturday the 28th of October at St Peters College and SIT Gore Campus, Kakapo St, Gore, Gore High Students who have participated in the Hokonui Tertiary High School Engineering and Automotive Programme will be participating in the South Island Grass Kart Team Challenge. These students have worked in teams to design, build and race their own Grass Karts. This is a great opportunity to support our students and their teams and if you are considering Hokonui Tertiary High for 2018 come and see what you will get to build/engineer.

