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Gore High School

"Learning, to make a difference"

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From the Rector's Desk

Greetings everyone Kia ora e hoa mä

Sports Team Prizegivings

This week it has been a pleasure to attend the Prizegivings for Rugby and Netball. This followed a wonderful weekend of sport where our teams competed with enthusiasm and success in several finals. Our 9A netball team came runner up by just one goal, after improving all season. Congratulations to the U14 Rugby team, who won their final against Southland Boys' High School, in Invercargill. And, best wishes to our U15 team who play their final this Saturday at 1.15 p.m. at the Coutts Road ground. Everyone welcome!!

Teams

It seemed appropriate then to give some thought to the benefits of working together as a Team, and this became the theme of our Assembly this week.

A few points which seem important to me are:

- Team members help each other
- Teams create an environment where everyone can improve
- Team success can be assessed by the well-being and growth of the members
- Team success requires the contribution of every member

A successful team recognises the strengths and weaknesses of every team member, and works hard to utilise every person in a constructive way.

Teamwork is one of the new Employability Skills. Employers recognise the importance of teamwork, and teamwork is one of the seven Employability Skills released last year. Some of the points made are:

- Teamwork is more efficient
- Teams use everyone's strengths
- Teamwork accounts for weaknesses
- Teamwork gets things done faster
- Teamwork increases learning opportunities
- Teams allow people to share the lows and highs

So, congratulations and well done to all students who have been part of a team this winter sports season. Thanks to all parents, coaches and managers for providing our students with this opportunity.

Best wishes to our U15 team for what will be a challenging game on Saturday. Best wishes also to our Football, Hockey, Netball, 8-Ball Pool and Rugby teams heading off to Tournament at the start of September.

Warm regards, Nga mihi John McKinlay





NETBALL

Last Saturday was the final day of competition for netball for the season. Congratulations to 9B team who won the Shelly Miller Memorial Trophy for maximum team conduct points, punctuality and lowest score differential. Amy Egan who won the O'Connor Trophy - Premier Grade Highest Goal Shooting Average at 80.2% and Morgan Craig who won the Colleen Bond Trophy for Most Outstanding Secondary School Umpire. Morgan is a New Zealand C badge umpire and this year he has umpired at the National U17 event in Pukekohe. He will be attending the SISS Netball tournament in Christchurch in two weeks time. Morgan will continue to umpire in Dunedin next year and hopes to one day umpire in the World Cup and Commonwealth games.

9A were runners up in their grade after a closely fought battle in their final against Menzies B where they went down by 1 point. Senior A placed 4th in the Premier 1 Grade and 10A were runners up in 1st Reserve Grade.



Morgan Craig



9A with their Trophy and Coach Paula O'Connor



Left: 9B with coaches Rylee McKenzie and Olivia Millar



Left: Junior medal winners pictured at the G H S C I u b prizegiving last night

RUGBY

The U14 rugby team finished their season last Saturday with a great win over SBHS Red in the final of their Southland Wide competition.

Last Saturday the 1st XV had a great win over James Hargest to finish their season.

This weekend our U15 team play their final against SBHS Red on Gore High No. 2 at 1.15pm. They go into the final with a record of being unbeaten all season. It would be great to have supporters along to cheer them on. Good luck to the team!



The U14 team shortly after their victory last weekend.

8-BALL POOL

Year 13 student Tristan Matheson has been playing 8-ball pool for 10 years and over the past 3 years has been taking part in tournaments. His most recent successes have been:

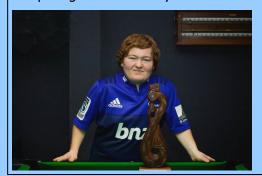
Canterbury Junior Champs – ,2017 First Place singles and pairs with partner Jasmine Purdon from Papanui High School, 2016 First Place singles

Pool 4 Schools Regionals - 2017 Winner, 2016 Runner Up, 2015 Winner

South Island Open 8-ball pool 2017– Plate Runner up. This event for all ages and Tristan was playing against the top South Island pool players.

Gore Town and Country Club competition 2017 A grade winner

During tournament week this year Tristan together with Connor Ramsay, Josh Osborne and Tommy Hasselman will be representing Gore High School at the Pool 4 Schools Nationals in Christchurch. Students from around NZ will be competing here. The boys have received coaching and guidance from Evan Fricker and Brian McLennan. Good luck!



Left: Tristan with the Pool 4 Schools Trophy **Photo Credit:** Leanne Fricker

Right: Connor Ramsay, Tommy Hasselman and Josh Osborne



School Van Drivers

A number of parents drive the school mini vans to take students to sports events and other activities. We are always grateful for their assistance.

However, sometimes the van is returned in a state that inconveniences other users.

If you are driving a school minivan, could you please:

- Ensure that all rubbish is removed from the van at the end of the trip. Sweep out if required.
- Fill the van with diesel if less than ¾ full. Fuel cards and PIN numbers are kept in the van.
- Return keys to the office as soon as practicable.

REMINDER—STUDENT RECORDS

It is important that we keep our students records up to date so if you have changed any of your contact details (e.g. address, telephone, email) then please let us know. You can either telephone or email Ms Linda Campbell on 208 9130 ext. 866 or lcampbell@gore-high.school.nz

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open on Wednesdays from 12.30pm - 2.00pm for all your school uniform requirements,

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

NOTICE TO PARENTS OF ALL YEAR 11, 12 AND 13 STUDENTS - NCEA FEES

Please note that the last date for payment of NCEA fees is **today** — **Friday 25th August 2017**. The amount is \$76.70 per student. Any student sitting Scholarship exams will also need to pay an additional \$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. You will need to present your Community Services Card as verification.

If you have not already done so, **please pay these fees immediately**. If they are not paid by mid next week, payment will then need to be made directly to NZ Qualifications Authority. A late payment fee of \$50 will be added by NZQA.

Non-payment of the fee will result in credits/exam results not being available on the student's Record of Achievement until such payment is made.

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

HOKONUI TERTIARY HIGH SCHOOL OR GATEWAY

Applications are now due for Hokonui Tertiary High School and Gore High School's Gateway programme for 2018. If you are unsure which programme you would like to apply for just complete the form, hand in to student reception and put HTHS/GW on your subject choice form. At the interviews for these programmes, students, parents/caregivers and the Careers Department will consider which option best suits each student.

Hokonui Tertiary High School has courses available in level 2 and 3. New level 3 courses are Digital Media (Design, Film and Animation), Environmental Studies, Exercise and Nutrition in Sport, Primary Industries - Agriculture, Software and Coding.

Any queries come and talk to the Careers Department.

GOT A TRADE WEEK 2017

There are now 148,000 apprentices and industry trainees in over 140 trades and services.

They are: building, repairing, restoring, manufacturing, farming, producing, processing, cooking, serving, hosting, entertaining, beautifying, caring, coaching, and supporting.

There are more apprentices and trainees than university students, and New Zealand still needs more due to skills shortages in many industries and regions.

Trainees and apprentices learn on-the-job and get paid while they get qualified, rather than rack up student loans.

Go to www.gotatrade.co.nz



Coming Up...

4—8 September Tournament Week

12-13 September Year 8 enrolment interviews

17 September Otago Polytechnic Liaison Visit

19-22 September Derived Grade Exams (Practice

Exams)

26 September Blues Ceremony

29 September Last day of term 3

16 October First day of term 4

DERIVED GRADE EXAMS (PRACTICE EXAMS)

Derived Grade exams (Practice exams) are being held for year 11, 12 and 13 students from Tuesday, 19th September to Friday 22nd September 2017. These examinations are called the Derived Grade exams because it is the results of these examinations that we use to award students grades who are too ill or who are unable to sit the external examinations in November.