



From the Rector's Desk  
Greetings everyone to Newsletter 2  
Kia ora e hoa mā

I hope the first three weeks have gone well for everybody, especially new students settling into our new routines and practices.

It was encouraging to see so many new parents at our Year 9 Parents Evening this week. Thank you for coming. I hope you found the evening informative as well as helpful in terms of finding out more about the learning programmes we have in place within each class.

We would love to have more parents involved with our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). This group is instrumental in providing feedback to me, the Senior Management Team and the Board about issues, developments and proposals which drive change within our school. I present a detailed report at the monthly meeting so that people are informed about what is happening. Our next PTA meeting is focused on explaining NCEA. Mr. Hutchins, our new Assistant Principal and NCEA Manager will address the meeting at 8.00 pm on Monday 15th March. The PTA's AGM will precede this presentation at 7.00 pm in the Staff room. All parents are warmly invited to attend and participate. If you are not sure about NCEA this is a golden opportunity to become better informed and to ask questions.

Prefects have been selected. Each House has five Captains this year, a senior House Captain, Deputy House Captain (a Year 9-11 student) and Academic, Sport and Culture House Captains. Leadership development is one of the key priorities around our new Vertical House System.

Student leaders will be invested at a ceremony at 2.30 pm on Monday 1st March to which all parents are invited. The ceremony will be held in the Quad, weather permitting. If not, it will be held in the school hall. We have high expectations of all these leaders. We are delighted that so many students showed an interest in participating and contributing to the life of the school. Those students who accept these positions are to be congratulated and I am sure the student body will support them and respond to their initiatives positively so this school is a better place for everyone.

I would also like to formally invite parents to the Athletics Day next Tuesday, 23rd February at the Coutts Road Sportsground. If Athletics Day is cancelled due to bad weather, it will take place on Wednesday 24th February. Please listen to Hokonui Gold before 7.30 pm for an announcement. This is a fun day for the whole school and imagine this year's event will prove to be an extremely competitive house competition.

Next Thursday, 25th February we are holding Taiohi Workshops for Maori students. Angelina Wilson (Pouwhakataki) for the Ministry of Education and Frank Edwards (Kaitohutohu) for Career Services will run these, after which there will be a shared lunch for all Maori students and their whanau at the Hostel. Details have been published on separate notices for Maori students to bring home.

Eoin Crosbie  
Rector

## GORE HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB

### AGM

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**  
**TIME: 7.00 PM**  
**VENUE: GORE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**STAFF ROOM**

A Club secretary is needed this year. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Tracy McCall on 207 6701.

Everyone welcome.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Hamish Cooke has been selected for the Southland Hawke Cup Men's Cricket team. This is as high as a cricketer can go in Southland. At the age of 16, he would be one of the youngest cricketers ever selected. His selection is a result of very good performances for Otago at the National Under 17 Tournament in Gisborne last month as well as a very good season both bowling and batting for his club, Metropolitan in the Invercargill Senior Cricket competition.



### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GIRLS REGARDING THE HPV IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME "JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER"

Free vaccine for girls and young women aged 12 to 18.

This year HPV vaccine will be offered to all the girls at our school who have not already been vaccinated. The vaccine will continue to be available to girls aged 12 to 18 from their family doctor, practice nurse or health clinic for those who choose not to participate in the school based programme.

The school based programme will commence at school in early March. Consent forms have been sent home.

Parents and Caregivers are invited to an assembly on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00 pm where the Public Health Office will talk to the girls about the programme.

For further information go to [www.moh.govt.nz/immunisation](http://www.moh.govt.nz/immunisation) or [www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz](http://www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz) or telephone the HPV Project Manager or Southland Immunisation Coordinator – (03) 2146 436 or 0800 800 249.

### WEEKLY HEALTH CLINIC/ HEALTH NURSE

There will be a weekly Health Clinic provided by GP's and nurses at lunchtime 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm on Wednesdays. Clinics are to be held on: 24th February as well as 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March.

The Public Health Nurse will be attending the school on Tuesday 23rd February as well as 9th, 16th and 23rd and 30th March from 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm.

If you wish to see either the GP or Nurse, please make an appointment through Student Reception.

### UNIFORM ORDERS

#### Kilts

Girls wanting to order a new kilt for Term 2 need to do so by Friday 26th February at the Uniform Shop.

#### Zip Jersey

Orders for zip jerseys need to be made by Friday 26th February. Payment of \$110.00 is required with the order.

If you have any queries, please contact Liz Thayer at the Uniform Shop from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm every Friday.

## **GORE HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB**

The first meeting of the Netball Club will be held on Tuesday 23rd February at 7.00 pm in the Gore High School Meetings Room.

As a number of 2009 members are no longer involved with the Club, it is important that new people take their place. All interested parents are welcome to attend this meeting. For further information, please telephone Gaylene Ridley on 208 3016.

The date for the AGM will be advised at a later date.

**Coaching:** If you are interested or know of someone interested in coaching a team please phone the school and leave your name and contact number.

**Players:** Trials will be held at the end of February and/or beginning of March. Keep up with the fitness training!!!

Hilary Marshall  
Gore High School Netball Club



Casey Swain

## **GORE HIGH SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN CLUB**

Congratulations to Casey Swain and Megan Winsloe on their selection into the Otago/Southland Pony Club Show Jumping team. They both travel to Hastings in March to The Horse of the Year show to compete in the National Show Jumping event. We wish them both well.



Megan Winsloe

## **CRICKET CORNER**

The season has begun on a positive note with Gore High School being able to field 3 full squads and have coaches in place for each team. Phillip King and Bob Vercoe are looking after the 3rd XI and Grant McCall looking after the 2nd XI. Mark Paterson has kindly offered to co-coach the 1st XI.

The 1st XI started their season with a close win over St. Peters in the first round of the Gillette Cup. Gore High School batted first and made 152 with St. Peters falling just 28 runs short. Consistent bowling from Hamish Cooke, Reubyn Prattley and Hayden Potter was the difference in the end. Gore High School now go on to play James Hargest High School in the semi-final.

The 3rd XI started their Tuesday competition with a win over St. Peters.

This Saturday the 2nd XI are playing Southland Boys High School at Southland Boys, starting at 1:00 pm (Transport will be required) and the 1st XI are playing Central Southland College at Coutts Rd starting at 12:30 pm.

The Girls' team who were supposed to start this week in their National Competition had Southland Girls' High School default to them. Their next game will be against James Hargest High School in week 4/5. Melanie Sinclair is coaching this team.

If you have any questions or comments or can help in any way please contact David Cooke at Gore High School on 208 9130.

## **GORE HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY CLUB**

The Gore High School Rugby Club wishes to thank everyone who has support our lamb grazing fundraiser.

As we have been unable to obtain anywhere near the number of lambs that we had grazing, we have decided to have a stock drive.

All classes and types of stock will be gratefully received.

Anyone who wishes to donate stock, please contact Gerard Watson on 208 0705 or 027 608 6310.

