



From the Rector's Desk
Greetings everyone to Newsletter 3
Kia ora e hoa mā

The Leadership and Academic Blues ceremony on Monday was a very positive way to start the week. Thank you to those parents and families who supported our students. We are very proud of their achievements and excited about the way so many people have signalled their willingness to provide leadership. At the end of the ceremony, I announced the Athletics House results, which were: Anderson - 1st, Hunter - 2nd, Cargill - 3rd and McNab - 4th. The Academic Blues House results for last year's NCEA are: Hunter - 1st, Anderson - 2nd, Cargill - 3rd and McNab - 4th.

There is a very close range across the houses. The difference in points per person for athletics for example range from 8.4 to 9.2. Because of the different number of students in each House, we are equalising House points on an average per person to determine the placings in each House competition. Keep up the high level of competition! It would be great to see McNab or Cargill clinch Work Day.

Work Day is Monday 15th March. There is no back up day. This happens independent of the weather! This is a special day for us as we ask our community to assist our students in providing work. It is an excellent opportunity for students to participate and contribute to our school community through our major fundraising for the year. Your support for providing work for our students is much appreciated and I hope you will help us in raising funds to improve school facilities for everybody. Unlike other years, this will be a House competition, with House points being awarded on the basis of one point per \$1. Our goal is to raise \$15,000. The priorities for spending this money will be made by students.

One decision yet to be made is what a future Student Council could look like in light of our new Vertical Form Structure and enhanced House leadership. The seniors are well represented across the leadership roles but the juniors are not, except in the role of Deputy House Captain. We could form a Student Council with one person from every House class and try to get an even distribution of seniors to juniors. This would reflect the exact structure that we have had in the past. Alternatively, we could form a Student Council by putting House Captains with a junior representative from each of their core classes. This would give juniors a good representation into decisions made by the Student Council and would give it more of a house flavour. Staff are yet to discuss this and I would appreciate input from students before any decision is made. Please talk to House Captains about this.

On the evening of Work Day, 15th March, the PTA are holding an information evening for parents on NCEA. This qualification is complex and determines the career paths of students in terms of the requirements for trades, universities, etc. Mr. Hutchins, our NCEA Liaison Officer will address this meeting and you are very welcome to ask questions. Please do come along and take this opportunity to increase your understanding of the New Zealand National Certificate of Education Achievement.

Eoin Crosbie
Rector

SENIOR FRENCH CAMP

Last week the Year 12 French students joined with 40 others from four schools in Invercargill and 25 students from Lille (in northern France) on an overnight camp at Bluff. French activities, wonderful French food, a French movie, as well as a Maori Powhiri and everyone sleeping together on mattresses marae-style, made the camp a very cultural experience for everyone. (Je dois dire que tout le monde n'a pas dormi beaucoup, surtout les étudiants français!! Translation - I have to say that no-one slept much, especially the French kids!!)

Gore High won the cake-decorating competition as well (a camp tradition) – Danielle and Maxine made an awesome Arc de Triomphe/Champs-Élysées cake.



C'était une expérience fantastique!

GORE HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB

At the recent AGM of the Netball Club, the following positions were filled:

Present: Faye-Anne Lamb
Secretary/Treasurer: Carolyn Cooke

Netball trials have been advertised on the Sports Noticeboard with Year 9 being held this week.

Any Year 9 and 10 girls unable to attend the trials are to see Mrs. Marshall.

Senior players unable to attend their trials are to speak to Miss Paterson.

The Netball season begins on 1st May, with grading games at the new Stadium - please mark this date on your calendar.

Hilary Marshall - Teacher in Charge of Netball

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: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March.

The Public Health Nurse will be attending the school on Tuesday 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.

TENNIS

Last week three tennis teams went from Gore High to play in the Southland Secondary Schools' competition in Invercargill.

It was a great day with all three teams playing exceptionally well. The Girls' team of Emily Wallace, Rebecca Lamb, Shannon Pay and Pip Standish came second. The Mixed team (Kelly Whitten, Georgie Robertson, Sean Lennon and Tyson Crown) played well, but were unplaced.

The highlight for the day was an extremely close-fought final between us and the Southland Boys' team, with Gore High claiming victory on a count-back. Congratulations to Ben Allan, Logan Allan, Taylor Allan and Aaron Shirley who have now qualified to represent Southland at the South Island competition next week in Timaru.

GORE HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY CLUB MEETING

Tuesday 9th March from
7.30 pm in the Gore High School Staff room

All players, parents and supporters are
welcome to attend

If you would like help to Coach or Manager the U14 or 17 Rugby teams, please contact Dave Bolger on 027 2714110.

The Rugby Club are again selling firewood. If you are interested, please contact Dave Bolger.

**2010 SOUTHLAND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON**



Last Thursday three teams of Gore High Students travelled to Cromwell to compete in the Southland Secondary Schools competition.

We entered a male and female team as well as a mixed team of two. Apart from the mixed team, the other members were all relatively new to Triathlon. Cromwell turned out a fantastic day for us with very warm temperatures. There was a large representation of school teams from Oamaru south. Over 78 teams or individuals competed.

I was impressed by the level of determination of the students from Gore High and all of them took the event seriously and put in a 100% effort into each of their races.

The event consisted of a 600 metre swim, a 22km cycle followed by a 6km run.

The mixed team of two, Lisa and Bradley Catto had a great race with an overall time of 1:05:48, second in their category and 5th overall.

The girls' team: Amanda Clarke, Bethany Jackson and Erin Roy raced a time of 1:18:37, 10th in their category and 42nd overall.

The boys' team: Michael Blondell, Logan McKee and Hayden Stephen raced a time of 1:14:51, 8th in their category and 27th overall.

Congratulations to all of you, a great effort!

Mr S Thomas
Teacher in charge of Triathlon

**GORE HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB
OPEN DAY FOR BOYS/GIRLS AT THE
MATAURA HOCKEY TURF**

Wednesday 10th and 17th March

4.30-6.00 pm - Junior (A, B and C Grade) players
5.30-7.00 pm - Premier and Senior Reserve players

- Coaches and managers needed for all grades.
- Looking for mature older women to start up a social team.
- Looking for younger children that have never played hockey before e.g. 5 year old-10 year old to play in a C Grade competition.

If you would like further information, please contact Emma Ludke Peterson on 203 8633.

**GORE HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS**

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 23rd April 2010 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

A list of the candidate names, will be available as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at noon on Friday 7th May 2010.

Maree Barclay
Returning Officer

**SOUTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
BOWLS COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Sheldon Bagrie-Howley and Cameron Tremaine who successfully competed in the boys singles event last weekend. They were placed 1st and 2nd respectively. Also, well done to all the other students who represented the school at this competition.



GORE HIGH SCHOOL'S ATHLETICS DAY 2010

