



From the Rector's Desk
Greetings everyone to Newsletter 4
Kia ora e hoa mā

Today, the Honourable Nathan Guy, Minister of Internal Affairs and the Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Bill English visited our school to talk to senior students in assembly. We took the opportunity to invite them to the Hostel for lunch and to acquaint them with the challenges that face us in relation to upgrading the facility. I wish to thank the Hostel parents who have returned their surveys to us. We expect the Consultant's report around the disability requirements by the beginning of next term.

The Gore High School café recently received a Bronze Heart Beat Award. To meet this requirement, the school needs to be committed to creating an environment that promotes healthy eating. The involvement students have had in the redevelopment of Kai Pai Kai (our cafeteria) and their willingness to implement a healthier eating regime has been impressive. We no longer sell deep fried foods or high fatty pastry items. I would like to make particular mention of Miss Glover who has been the driving force behind this Award, along with the canteen staff, Gaynor Fox and Frances Neilson, who have dealt with a lot of changes in their canteen and are dedicated to providing tasty affordable food.

You have heard it said that there is no such thing as a "free lunch". An everyday rewards system has been put in place at the café so that for every nine purchases of \$3.00 or more, a student will receive a free healthy lunch.

We are poised to start another winter sports season. Many teams are involved with pre-season trials and practices.

The 'summer' interchange with South Otago High School was a great success, with the overall result being South Otago High School 7.5 and Gore High School 8.5. All games were played in a great spirit.

Athletes braved very cold conditions last weekend to qualify for the South Island Championships. We wish them every success in their upcoming events on Saturday. Similarly, for those competitors in the Gore Equestrian Show Cross tomorrow.

After consultation with staff and students, we have decided that the Student Council for 2010 will be made up of one junior student from each core junior class, the Deputy House Captains and the Academic House Captains. The Board Student Representative will chair the Student Council, which establishes a Council of 20 students. The main purpose of the Council is to be a student voice within the school as well as manage fundraisers such as Work and Mufti days. Between the House Captains, the Prefects and the Student Council there is now a very good network of feedback that I can use to help make decisions that incorporate student views and perspectives. We will induct the Student Council before the end of this term at House Assemblies.

There is a PPTA paid union meeting next Tuesday, 23rd March. Please see overleaf for further details.

Eoin Crosbie
Rector

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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

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES

The AA NZ is holding courses in Gore on 3rd, 6th, 10th and 13th May.

For further information, please call Eldred Wilden on 208 0074 or email: eawilden@callsouth.net.nz

FEDERATED FARMERS FARM DAY SATURDAY 28TH MARCH

23 farms will open their gates for Federated Farmers Farm Day. Farm Day is the perfect opportunity for children to learn about farm animals, take part in a guided farm walk and try their hand at some farm work. For more details, please go to www.farmday.org.nz and do not forget your gumboots.

GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

The following Gore High School students have been selected to represent the Gore District Youth Council. Congratulations to you all on this appointment.



Samantha
Dickie



Nathan
Crawford



Shannon
Pay



Maxine
Vercoe

AUSTRALIAN EXCHANGE TO TAMWORTH

Carrie Lee and Pip Standish have been chosen to go on an extended exchange to Oxley High School in Tamworth next term. This bi-annual exchange is part of the Gore High School-Oxley High School Sister-School relationship. While there, the two girls will spend 16 days on a round Australian trip with a hundred other Oxley High School pupils.

During the trip they will visit places such as Ayers Rock, Great Barrier Reef, Alice Springs and the Gold Coast theme parks. When back in Tamworth, they will attend Oxley High School and will be bulleted with Tamworth families. The whole exchange will last about 6 weeks.

We wish them an enjoyable trip and look forward to hearing about their adventures at an Assembly.

GORE HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY CLUB 1ST XV FUNDRAISER

If you would like to buy some firewood, please contact David Bolger on 027 271 4110.

SPORT STRAPPING COURSE

If you are interested in attending a sport strapping course, please contact David Bolger on the above number.

LAMBS WANTED

500-600 lambs are needed for Crutching course during the April school holidays. If you are able to help, please contact Joy Delahunt on 208 9130 ext. 831.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE –
SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY
TUESDAY 23RD MARCH**

The PPTA (Teachers' Union) has a paid union meeting during the afternoon of Tuesday 23rd March. Accordingly, students will not be required to attend school from the **end** of period 3 (12.30 pm).

For those students wishing to remain at school, supervision will be provided.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this alteration to the normal programme may cause.

GORE HIGH TRAPSHOOTING 2010

An open day will be held for prospective shooters on Saturday 20th March 2010 commencing sharp at 9am at the Mataura Clay Target Club in Mataura (turn right at the Mataura Freezing Works when heading south). All new shooters are invited for an explanation of the requirements of the sport, some gun safety rules and some shooting.

Any queries, please telephone the coach, Mark Paterson 208 0438.

SOUTHLAND PADDLES UP REPORT

Eleven students competed at the Southland Paddles Up Competition held at Mavora from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th March. It was a cold night camping on Friday, but the rain held off on Saturday. After a quick practice for the down river race it was all action. Logan Frieriep powered his way down the course to win the Junior Boys Down River race with Quinton Guise 4th, Scott Welsh 5th and Cameron Tremaine 6th. After a quick lunch, it was into Slalom practice in preparation for Sunday's event.

The Slalom included a compulsory role gate so everyone was guaranteed to get wet. The Mixed Senior team of Scott, Cameron McIntyre and Courtney Guise competed well finishing midfield. Next up was the Junior Boys' team of Logan, Cameron and Quinton who won the event in a time faster than the winning Senior Boys' team. The year 9 team of Tristin Barrie, Hayden Tremaine and Tom Luoni (centre picture) finished mid field showing a lot of promise for next year. Sarah Harness and Lydia Connor combined with a girl from Menzies College. They also did well and gained valuable experience for next year.

Next came the Veterans competition, with Eamon Dakin inspiring his young charges finishing 2nd in field full of much younger and more fancied competitors.

Logan, Quinton and Scott competed in the individual event, with Logan winning the Junior Boys and Quinton achieving 2nd (bottom right picture).

Overall Gore High School finished second equal behind Southland Girls.

Thank you to all the students, we were very proud of the way you represented Gore High. Thank you to the families who came along to give their support as well as Eamon Dakin and Kath Luoni for making it happen.



