



From the Rector's Desk
Greetings everyone to Newsletter 5
Kia ora e hoa mā

This newsletter brings to a close an eventful Term 1 with so many of our students actively participating and contributing to the life of the school.

Preparation for the Prefects' Variety Concert is well under way. It is so pleasing to see so many of our students supporting their house by auditioning. The concert will be held on Sunday 25th and Monday 26th April, starting at 7.30 pm at the St. James Theatre. Tickets are now available from Student Reception - Adults \$12.00/Students \$10.00. Please come along and support this wonderful event which showcases the extraordinary range of talents of our young people.

Congratulations must go to Aaron Barclay who won the U19 National Triathlon Championship at Lake Karapiro. Aaron is away to the World Championships in Hungary. Bradley Catto also won the U14 swimming section, and gained 4th place overall in the same event. Further congratulations to Hamish Cooke who has been named Southland Senior Cricketer of the 2009/2010 season.

Following the school's Work Day on 15th March, some students are still to pass on their monies to the school. If your child stayed away from school on this day, please ensure their money is paid to the school office.

A group of our students travelled to Invercargill on Wednesday night to the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition. They performed scenes from Romeo and Juliet. A great deal of time and effort went into the preparation of this performance. Thank you to Mrs. Richardson for putting this group together.

Mr. Kington is making preparations for the Borland Camps during Weeks 2 and 3 of next term. Parent help is an integral part of the successful running of these camps. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Mr. Kington.

On 22nd April at 2.00 pm, we will be holding our ANZAC ceremony in the hall. Mr. Lindsay Wright will talk about the Waikaia roll of honour.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday break.

Eoin Crosbie
Rector

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

The uniform shop will be open during the school holidays for the purchase of new and second hand uniforms on Wednesday 14th April from 11.00 am - 2.00 pm. All students should be in winter uniform for Terms 2 and 3.

As from the beginning Term 2, the Uniform Shop will be open every Wednesday from 12.00 noon - 1.30 pm.

If you have any queries, please contact Paula Robertson at the school office on 208 9130.

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

GORE HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY CLUB
MEETING

The Club are meeting on Tuesday 13th April at 7.30 pm at the Croydon Lodge. Everyone is welcome to attend.

1ST XV FUNDRAISER

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

GOLF

Congratulations to Sam Brinsdon, Sam Small, Dylan Winsloe and Adam Cumming who achieved 2nd equal at the Southland Golf Championships in Winton recently.



Sam Brinsdon Sam Small Dylan Winsloe Adam Cumming

GORE HIGH SCHOOL
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

On Wednesday last week, we (Gore High School Girls' Softball team) set out on our journey to Dunedin to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools Softball Tournament. A two hour road trip seemed more like a 10 minute hike as Mr. Pewhairangi's many conversations shortened the trip significantly.

With good rest and preparation, we kicked off day one with an eagerly anticipated game against Hillmorton from Christchurch and although a win wasn't to be had we fought hard to fall by only one home run (14 – 13). Our second game would see us match up against a very formidable team in the form of Dunstan from Alexandra; unfortunately we were unable to claim our first victory (19 – 7).

After a night of team bonding with a trip to the Ten Pin Bowling alley and an opportunity to reflect on some close games from day one we pulled away with our first win against Maniatoto (15 – 18). By now the team had really stepped up to the plate as we forced Marian into a tie breaker only to lose by one home run (12 – 11). Feeling the aches and strains of a long, hot day we met Hillmorton in our second match, with our opposition running away with a 6 – 11 final score.

Other scores included a loss to Dunstan (4 – 11), another close loss to Marian (8 – 13) and another fantastic victory over Maniatoto (20 – 0), overall finishing in 4th place.

All in all we had a very enjoyable and memorable time at Tournament. Some memories we wish to share include: Lucy Kingsbury (nominated Most Valuable Player for Gore High School), our rookies and their tenacity exhibited in each and every game (including the rooky challenge), shopping, Time Zone (1147 tickets), Lazer Strike and Moana Pool.

Many thanks to our coaches and manager David, Shaye and Desi as well as Mr. Pewhairangi. Thanks for making such a wonderful time possible.

Ashleigh Sinclair and Casey Donald (Captains)

BOARD NEWS FROM SUSAN DALE, CHAIRPERSON

The Board held its monthly meeting on the 18th March 2010.

Our roll at present is 618 students against our budgeted roll of 621 students.

Student achievement results for 2009 were presented. In the senior school in particular, our Rector, Mr. Crosbie does this through MEGap statistics. This measures the difference between our students and the national data for NCEA Merit and Excellence awards. The Board sets itself targets for each NCEA Level and monitors our results against these targets. Our targets for 2009 were met in Level 3, but unfortunately not in Level 1 and 2. It is always debatable whether to lower our targets or have high expectations of our students. We are mindful of having realistic targets, but do want students to strive for personal excellence, therefore achieving our target at Level 3 is fantastic.

Effectiveness reports were received from the English and Careers departments. The Board is very appreciative of all the hard work staff put in to their departments and this is reflected in these reports to the Board. Within these reports are department achievement statistics, goals and results for the previous year and department goals for the current year.

Mr. Crosbie also regularly reports on the great achievements of our students, whether in the sporting, cultural or academic arena. Often there is a vast list! Students you can be very proud of yourselves and I'm sure there will be some very proud parents out there too!

Board elections are coming up on May 7th. Remember nominations close 23rd April.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to get your name into Maree Barclay, our Returning Officer if you would like to be part of Governing Gore High School. Don't leave it to the last minute. Most of the current Board are stepping down, so we need you to put your names forward. The new school term begins on 19th April – four days before the close of nominations. We are required to let the NZSTA know if we don't have at least 3 nominations by 1st April. Please get your nominations in now. Don't hesitate to ring me if you have any questions or queries regarding the Board. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Gore High School Board. The school has great structure in place and a fantastic Senior Management Team to handle all the day to day management of the school. Put your hand up – it's a rewarding experience!

I wish you all a Happy Easter and hope you have a great holiday break with your families. Our next meeting is on Thursday 29th April 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Gore High School Meetings room.

GORE HIGH SCHOOL CRICKET CLUB - TERM 1 REPORT

It was pleasing to see cricket player numbers increase in 2010. The Club was able to enter teams in three competition grades as well as Boys and Girls teams in the National Knockout competitions. All teams played very well with the Boys and Girls 1st XIs making the Southland finals of their National Competitions (versus Southland Boys and Blue Mountain respectively).

The 1st XI played consistently, winning 2 out of their 4 Saturday competition games. Hayden Potter performed positively with bat and ball, which will place him in good stead to make the Southland U17 team again at the end of the year.

The 2nd XI are a young team who battled well each Saturday. I am sure that we will see much progress in term 4.

The 3rd XI played over and above expectations, winning 4 of their 5 games.

An excellent effort by everyone! Much of the success achieved this term is down to the time and effort put in by the Cricket Committee, parents and coaches. Thanks should go to Mark Paterson (1st XI), Grant McCall (2nd XI) and Phillip King/Bob Vercoe(3rd XI) for their efforts in supporting and encouraging these teams.

