



From the Chairperson's desk

Hello Everybody

The Board held its monthly meeting on 29th April 2010.

Our **Effectiveness Report cycle** continues with Social Science and Science reports being presented to the Board this month. Social Science includes subjects such as Geography, History, Tourism and Classics. This year, Classics is being taught to a group of 7 students on site and over the internet as part of the Southland Interactive Learning Community (SILC) network. By offering a subject on this network, it allows our students to partake in other subjects in this way. This is a first for Gore High School and our Classics teacher Pat Boyer. Thank you Mrs Boyer!

The Science department achieved five scholarships (three Biology, one Chemistry, and one Physics) last year, which was an outstanding achievement. Considerable thought has gone into motivating students in both departments to engage them in their learning which is a great credit to the staff.

The Board approved the **Code of Ethics** agreement, which was drafted from information from SPARC. This document will now be sent out to all Coaches and Managers of our sports teams. The school is particularly grateful to have volunteers so willing to give their time to manage and coach a vast array of sporting codes that our students are involved in. The time has come though to be proactive and follow in other sporting organisations footsteps in relation to what is expected with regard to the safety and well-being of our students. If anyone has any concerns regarding the Code of Ethics, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Eoin Crosbie.

Hostel – as many of you will know the Board has been faced with a potential major upgrade of the Hostel. The Board has been working through this scenario for the last couple of years trying to ascertain exactly what we were going to be faced with. Two Engineers Reports, a Fire Engineers Report, and a Disability Report, have been obtained to ascertain the overall cost. We have sought Gore District Council's advice regarding the Building Act. We have also approached the MOE and other agencies to see whether any financial assistance was available. The whole process has been painfully slow. The Board is aware that a decision needed to be made so that the incoming Board had a direction to follow and not feel they had to revisit issues that this Board had already covered. A decision was made to proceed with this project and invest in the Hostel's future for the benefit of our school and our community. I hope that we can all get behind this commitment and the Hostel. The Hostel needs your support; we need to build on the numbers to ensure its profitability and future. We need to continue to market the Hostel to create additional income to help maintain a maintenance programme that will see the Hostel maintained to a standard that we can be proud of. The Board is very grateful to the Hostel parents for the support conveyed and the ideas put forward from the survey and through telephone calls to us.

The **Board elections** close today. I wish the new Board all the best in their Governance role. I would thank you all for the support you have given me, this Board, and our school over the last 3 years. For me it has been a privilege to be part of Gore High School's Governance and see a school, under solid leadership, heading in the right direction. Our school is in good heart with some exciting initiatives in place. You will be able to see these in full shortly as part of our **Annual Report** due out soon. This has taken a new format, making it more user friendly for our school community. It will be available electronically or by hard copy, so watch out for this.

The Board's next meeting is on Thursday 20th May 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Gore High School Meetings Room.

Susan Dale
Board of Trustees Chairperson

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 12.00 noon - 1.30 pm.

With winter approaching, we have a good supply of reasonably priced second hand blazers, beanies and black tights for sale.

Come along to the Uniform Shop so that we can kit you out with something warm and cosy for the cold months ahead.

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

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please ensure all students are wearing the correct winter uniform consistently including black shoes for all, girls winter blouse and correct tights, as otherwise non-regulation clothing and jewellery may be confiscated. The homework diary, which was given to all students at the beginning of the year has a list of the uniform requirements, if you wish to check on this.

CONGRATULATIONS

Lisa Catto has been named in the New Zealand Development Swimming team.

Given this selection, Lisa will receive a Special Merit Award at this year's Blue ceremony at the end of September.



Paige Croad has been awarded a scholarship to attend the 21 day Outward Bound course, which is based in Anakiwa (near Picton) later this year.

We look forward to hearing about your adventures in the near future.



TRADES DAY

On Wednesday 2nd June from 1.30 – 4.00 pm, there will be a Trades Day for parents/caregivers and students. This is an opportunity for you to meet and speak with Trades providers informally to find out about apprenticeships, training opportunities, etc.

Please contact the Careers Department on 208 9130 ext. 826 with any queries/questions.

GORE HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY CLUB

MEETING

Date: Tuesday 11th May

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Gore High School Staff room

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

SCHOOL HEALTH CLINICS/ HEALTH NURSE

There will be a weekly health clinic provided by GP's and nurses at lunchtime from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm on Wednesdays - 12th, 19th, and 26th May as well as 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th June. These clinics are confidential and free. They are provided by the Hokonui PHO.

The Health Nurse, Trudee Sharp will be visiting the school on Tuesdays - 11th May, 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th June from 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm. Alternatively, you can txt, call or email her on 027 445 2931/trudee.sharp@sdhb.govt.nz.

Please see Mrs. Barclay at Student Reception to make an appointment.

SICKNESS

Students who are sick while at school **must** report to student reception in the first instance. In the event that parents/caregivers need to collect their child, the school will contact them. Students are not permitted to use cellphones to contact their parents/caregivers.

If your child is sick, please telephone the school office by 9.00 am to advise them of your child's absence. If students are absent during form time and period 1, then the school will telephone parents to enquire as to why their child is not at school.

GATEWAY NEWS



Jessica Baxter at Howl at the Moon



Ryan Gilder at Taylors Auto, Matura

The 2010 Gateway class has the usual mix of builders, electricians, mechanics, chefs and early childhood students. This year there is also a number of students taking Agriculture, Equine, Butchery and Media studies.

The students combine theory study in their chosen areas with workplace experience. After a year, Gateway students have a good foundation in their chosen career and some valuable contacts or a year of useful experience and the knowledge that this career may not be for them.

The Gateway programme is totally dependent on the goodwill of our employers, and in this area we are particularly fortunate to have such a supportive business community.

MY TRIP TO PIHMS (PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT SCHOOL)

In the second week of the April holidays I had the privilege of travelling up to New Plymouth for a Hotel Management School Careers Week. Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS) is a tertiary education for young people wanting to enter the world of hotel management. I first heard about this opportunity in class when Nick Williams came and spoke to my Tourism class. I loved the idea of going up north to study and this school sounded just right for me.

My main reason for travelling up there was to see if hotel management was the right career to pursue. I started out by filling out a lot of forms and making telephone calls to the hotel school. In the end I got my flights sorted and all the details set. The day before I left I was so scared because I had never flown. I had never been in the North Island. I packed about 3 days before I was due to leave because I was so excited.



Zoe practising her Flambé

I was taught a large range of skills to use in the workplace when I leave school. I learnt how to make a bed professionally in less than 5 minutes, Flambé, how to serve people in a restaurant while carrying 3 plates at a time as well as silver service (which they use in 5 star restaurants).

The people at PIHMS have a busy social life. They have themed parties once a month. The people up there are really nice and being the only person from the South Island I met a big bunch of new people. At the end of the week, I didn't want to leave, but I also really wanted to come home. I discovered a lot during my week away, but the main thing I learnt was that hotel management was the career that I want to push into. I recommend this career week to anyone wanting to go into this career.

Zoe Muir

