



From the Rector's Desk
Greetings everyone to Newsletter 7
Kia ora e hoa mā

First thing on Monday morning this week we had an assembly with the students to emphasize the importance of wearing the correct uniform properly. Not doing so, not only reflects poorly on the school, but also brings into question the whole issues of respect, pride, managing yourself well and caring. We want our students to look good and we expect them to maintain a high standard of dress. This applies both in and out of school. I firmly believe that getting the small things right often helps taking care of the bigger issues and that this belief translates into lots of areas of our lives, uniform included. As parents, we would really appreciate you ensuring that students do not wear non regulation uniform to school (e.g. hoodies) and that when they leave home that they are dressed correctly.

An international speaker, Reggie Dabbs spoke to the whole school in an assembly during Monday lunchtime. His message was essentially framed around a belief that no matter how difficult life gets, there is a way through. His own personal experience has proven this for Reggie and his purpose in speaking to school students internationally is to help them believe. He is a superb soprano saxophone player and a very funny, entertaining man.

The House Captain badges arrived on Monday morning so Reggie was able to present these to the House Captains. The Student Leadership team decided upon the design of these badges. House badges are available from Student Reception for \$5.00. They are a bar with the house name and colour on it.

One of the advantages of the new House Vertical Form system is a great sense of belonging to a House and competing for your House against the others. We are introducing a positive reward system, which is similar to the reward system at the café. The House coloured reward cards accrue 25 House points (25 stamps). When the card is full, students need to hand the card in to Student Reception. These will then be collated by the House Leaders. Positive rewards are given by the teachers for good behaviour and exhibiting the "The Gore High Way" i.e. displaying respect for ourselves, for others, for the environment, for being honest and responsible, for innovation, for striving to do your personal best and having high expectations for yourself, for participating in and contributing to our school and for being empathetic towards others.

The winter sports season is very successfully underway. Thank you to all teachers, managers, coaches, and parents for giving up significant time to support our students in this way. The Code of Ethics was posted out to all coaches and managers this week.

Last night, the new Board of Trustees met for the first time. The Board members are Stuart Davie, Eoin Crosbie (Rector), Jeff Grant, David Gray, Nicole Johnston (Student Representative), Scherald Nahu (Co-opted), John Watkins (Staff representative) Tracey Watson, and David Wilson.

The Board have co-opted Susan Dale, the previous Board Chairperson to remain on Board for a transition period. We are very grateful that Sue is willing to do this. The new Board Chairperson is Stuart Davie. We wish him well in this role.

Eoin Crosbie, Rector

TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 4TH JUNE

There will be a Teacher Only Day on Friday 4th June. Students are therefore not required to attend school on this day. They are to return to school on Tuesday 8th June as the school is closed on Monday 7th June (Queen's Birthday).

NETBALL NOTICES

Subscriptions are \$55.00 and should be paid by 30th June please.

Stadium rules;

Non-marking shoes only

No chewing gum or glass bottles

Food and hot drinks only in tiered seating. No water on wooden court. Teams to bring a towel when playing on wooden court for quick wipe up of spills.

No prams/buggies past Court 1.

DEFAULT FINES

If your team defaults, you will be fined \$30.00 by Eastern Netball.

UMPIRE FINES

Umpires to check in to control desk 10 minutes before game starts so Controller knows you are there. LATE FINE \$10, NO SHOW FINE \$20.

Fines payable before the next weeks game or fine is doubled.

Pay fines at the control desk (better still don't incur fines)

UNIFORM

The Eastern rules are that no shirts may be worn under the playing uniform. Brief shorts well above the hem line only to be worn. (no long SKINS style shorts).

CONDUCT POINTS

It is expected that each Gore High School team will score maximum conduct points each game with all players in correct uniform (see above), short nails, hair secured, card filled in on time and the game is played in the spirit of fair play with all umpire decisions respected.

UMPIRES

Umpires are volunteers and without them there is no competition. All players need to respect umpire decisions as many of them are gaining experience and mistakes will be made. Player umpires, please take advantage of the umpire help sessions being run at lunchtimes in A14 next week by Mrs Gaylene Ridley (see daily notices for details). All players are encouraged to attend and gain confidence for when that whistle is thrust into your hand and you are pushed on court!

Good luck to all the teams for Saturdays games and to 9A and 10A for their tournaments in Invercargill on Sunday. Play Hard and Fair.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

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

We have a good supply of reasonably priced second hand blazers for sale.

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.

UPCOMING STAR COURSES - TERM 3

Its not too early to be thinking about enrolling for Term 3 STAR courses. We have available: Architectural Technology, Automotive, Electrical/Electronics, Engineering/Plumbing, Childcare, Fashion and Design, Joinery, Practical Care of Animals and Introduction to Nursing

The above courses involve travelling to Invercargill one day a week for 10 weeks.

Also, for those interested in Tourism, we are taking a mini bus to Dunedin in August to attend the Sir George Seymour course in Hotels and Cruising. A great insight for those interested in this area.

Please see Mrs. Delahunt in B10 to enrol or more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ben Turnbull achieved 1st place in the junior open two stroke class for the South Island Cross Country Racing Championships in Cheviot last weekend. Well done Ben.



REMINDER

When visiting the school, can all visitors, including parents, please report to the school office to sign in.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Can you please ensure that you advise the school of any changes to your personal details e.g. telephone numbers, emergency contacts, change of postal/email address so that we can keep our database up to date.

WANTED

We are have a limited supply of second hand ties available. Do you have a second hand tie that you no longer use? If so, would you be willing to donate it to the school so that we can recycle it? All donations would be appreciated. Thank you.

YOUTH WEEK

The Gore & District Youth Council are planning and organising two events to celebrate Youth Week from 21st-30th May.

- Family movie night to be held at the A & P Showgrounds on Friday 28 May starting at 7.00 pm. Bring your blanket and come along and watch a great movie as a family. There will be a sausage sizzle available to purchase food.
- Youth Sports Day on Sunday 30th May at the Stadium.

Both these events are no smoking and non alcohol promoted events and fully supervised.

If you have any queries, please contact Jan Goulding, Youth Coordinator at Community Connections Centre, 28 Mersey Street, Gore.

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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.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION LANGUAGE IMMERSION AWARDS

Ministry of Education language Immersion Awards (administered by AFS Intercultural Programmes Inc) Applications for the LIA Awards for students close on 28 May 2010, information about applying on-line can be found at www.afs.org.nz or by emailing prue.elwood@afs.org if you have any questions about the awards.

If you are currently studying a language at years 11 or 12 then these Awards could give you an opportunity to spend a semester (up to 6 months) in 2011 immersed in the language you are learning. The LIA Awards are fully funded (with exception of personal spending) and a country where the language and culture, you will be hosted by a family and attend school in the host country and be supported by AFS Intercultural Programmes both in New Zealand and in the host country.

In 2011 we will be selecting 15 students for this opportunity from throughout New Zealand schools. Check the website for the criteria and what you need to do to apply.

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