

NEWS SHEET 3—12TH MARCH 2010



From the Board Chairperson's desk

Hello everybody

The Board held its first meeting of the year on Thursday 25th February. By all accounts the year has got off to a great start! We welcome our new staff and hope they enjoy their time at Gore High School.

Our main strategic initiatives for 2010 are outlined as follows:

1. Building Quality Relationships, which involves, Teacher Effectiveness Training, Restorative Practice, Vertical Forms and our MOE Student Engagement Initiative.
2. Implementing the MOE's Revised Curriculum including, giving affect to the Key Competencies, Principles and Values in the document, the Junior Graduation Programme, and re-writing units of work.
3. Maori Consultation and Raising Achievement
Running a series of Hui, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, to look at ways to make learning relevant for all.

Great progress is being made as staff take on Professional Development and delivery of these initiatives. The Board is very appreciative of the willingness of our staff to implement change and improvement as well as manage their workloads.

Our Charter is currently under review. The Board revisits our Charter at the beginning of each year. We look at our goals:

- Contributing to society,
- Learning how to learn,
- Meeting students needs,
- Creating a learning culture.

In addition, we update our measures, along with our targets for 2010.

Our community consultation results were tabled at our last meeting for 2009. Although the response wasn't as high as the Board would have liked there were some very favorable comments. Queries raised during the consultation, such as Restorative Justice Practices, are being addressed in the school newsletters so parents have a better understanding of these.

Board elections are coming up on 7th May. Nominations will be open on 15th March, closing 23rd April. The Board encourages parents that want to be involved in the Governance of their child's education to come along to our next Board meeting – get a feel for our structure – see what being a member entails and consider putting your name forward.

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is on Thursday 18th March, 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Gore High School Meetings Room.

Susan Dale

**WORK DAY -
MONDAY 15TH MARCH**

As you know, Work Day is next Monday, 15th March. Please arrange to complete and return your slips to your House teacher as soon as possible.

Remember each \$1 raised will earn your house one point.

With your help, we hope to raise \$15,000 this year.

**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 PTA
AGM**

The PTA AGM is to be held on Monday 15th March at 7.30 pm in the Gore High School Staff room followed by an NCEA presentation by Clive Hutchins.

Wine and cheese will be served at the end of the meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend to find out more and ask questions about NCEA.

CONGRATULATIONS

Lisa Catto, April Miller and Bradley Catto represented Southland at the New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships in Christchurch.



Lisa achieved one Silver and two Bronze medals and she has made the New Zealand Age Group team.

As Lisa has been selected to represent New Zealand, she will be presented with a Special Merit Award at this year's Blues ceremony at the end of September.



April achieved 8th and 9th position in the 50m and 100m freestyle events.



Bradley achieved 4th place in the 1500m freestyle as well as a personal best time. He also achieved three 5th placings.

NEWS FROM THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT

University visits

Wednesday 17th March - Lincoln University
Liaison from 1.20 pm.

Wednesday 28th April - Otago Polytechnic
Liaison from 11.30 am.

Both these visits will be followed up later in the year with course planning visits for students attending those institutions.

Year 13 students will have the opportunity to visit Dunedin for the Tertiary Open Day on Monday 3rd May. Further information will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to contact the Careers Department at any time. If the office is unattended, please leave a message. Our number is 208 9130 ext 826.

Katrina McDonald/Judy Stewart – Careers Advisors
Lisa Pay – Careers Administration

**LIONS SOUTHERN OUTDOOR
EXPERIENCE YOUTH LEADERSHIP
COURSE**

BORLAND LODGE - 8TH-13TH APRIL

If you are 16-21 years old, why not plan to come on this year's course where you will be able to do:

Kayaking, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Climbing, Tramping, Mountain biking, and many more.

Course instructors this are Bill Roxburgh's Adventure Southland Ltd.

For further information, please contact Sue Johnston on 207 1872 (dsjohnston@woosh.co.nz)

The cost of the course is \$680.00 - some financial support maybe available from local Lions Clubs.

Applications close: 1st April 2010

REAL ART ROADSHOW

The Real Art Roadshow is coming to Gore from 19th-21st April to exhibit the 'Silver Collection' which features sculpture, photography, printmaking, jewellery as well as paintings.

Artworks included have been selected carefully, to challenge, inspire and educate mainly Year 11-13 students, though all viewers will gain from the experience.

Parents are welcome to come along. A Gold coin donation is required.

**GOOD LUCK - OTAGO/SOUTHLAND
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Wishing all those athletes competing in the Otago/Southland Championships in Invercargill this weekend all the very best.

Please go along and give your support to our athletes.

**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.

**PGG WRIGHTSON AND BALLANCE
AGRI-NUTRIENTS**

'GOLD STAR" GIVE BACK PROMOTION

Any farmer who purchases selected Balance Fertiliser from PGG Wrightson between 1st March and 31st May will be able to enter their school of choice in a draw to win one of four HP computers. Also, \$2.00 cash on every tonne sold will go to the school to help with fundraising.

All you need to do is to nominate Gore High School at the time of ordering your goods. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

**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.

