



From the Rector's Desk
Greetings everyone to Newsletter 9
Kia ora e hoa mā

One of the delights of teaching is to watch young people grow. As Year 9 students settle into school, they gradually pick up responsibilities, explore new interests and in time, they become our senior leaders. Young people, as they progress into the senior school, have the challenge of balance thrust upon them and some cope better than others. As a school, we try and balance the extra curricula activities that we offer with the essential learning in the classroom. This is a constant challenge.

Balance. One of the challenges in life is to keep things balanced. Balance confronts you in a variety of ways such as balancing work time with family commitments, balancing your strengths against your weaknesses, balancing rest and recreation and balancing your opinions so as to guard against prejudice.

At the present time, I am particularly concerned about some of our Year 13 students. Last year, some of our Year 13 students did not achieve balance between their school work, other commitments and their social lives. A heavy price was paid in their NCEA qualifications. There are those in this year's cohort who seem to have got things out of kilter. Practice assessments are very important and are not being handed in. Study time could be utilised more productively. Private time beyond the learning school day must be prioritised to achieve a balance that gets the results required at the end of this year. We are half way through this year and if enough ground is lost now, it is very hard to catch it up. A confidence crisis develops and we find that some students give up.

Universities have lifted the entry bar. The minimum requirements around credits and Literacy remain. In addition, individual Universities are now calculating grade point averages on Level 3 results and determining whether or not they will accept students. A grade point average means that quality grades, such as Merits and Excellences are worth more than "Achieved" grades. This means that the Year 13 results are important and cannot be discounted. Every year our Year 12 results are good, not only in terms of pass rates, but in terms of depth with Merit and Excellence endorsements. It is crucial that this achievement standard is maintained at Year 13. Therefore, I challenge all Year 13 students to review their lifestyles so that balance is a priority and so that this year counts as an essential building block in your career. It is tragic at the beginning of a new academic year, to find last year's graduates unable to continue with their plans because they have let themselves down in their qualifications. This need not happen. Balance is the key! Act now!

One of the legal requirements that the school has to meet is to publicise its Complaints procedure, at least once per year. I have included this procedure in this Newsletter for your information and invite you to familiarise yourself with it.

Next week, the junior reports will be completed and distributed to all families on Friday 2nd July. There will be a report evening/option evening for parents on Wednesday 11th August.

The Gore High School Foundation is running a fundraiser using the "Entertainment book". A flyer is enclosed. Books have been distributed today. This is great value and I encourage you to support it.

Lastly, I wish the production team all the very best for "Grease" next week. Thank you to Peter Cairns, Shona Hewlett and Jade McDowall for their professional guidance. I also thank Nicki Cooper, Chris Cheyne and Yvette Davis for their commitment to the practices and supporting the students as they step out on to the stage and entertain us. The show runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Tickets are available from Student Reception or Peter Cairns Music. Do come along to enjoy a great show!

Eoin Crosbie



Complaints Procedure

Gore High School will:

1. Ensure the timely and appropriate investigation of complaints made to the school by parents, staff or other members of the community.
2. Provide a prompt and appropriately detailed response to complainants.
3. Protect and enhance the school's reputation by taking complaints seriously and dealing with them in a fair and open manner.

Guidelines

1. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to raise any issues with the staff member concerned in a reasonable and appropriate manner.
2. The Rector is responsible for ensuring that verbal or written complaints concerning actions of the school's staff or students are investigated. Any such complaints should be addressed to the Rector in the first instance.
3. Complaints regarding the Rector should be addressed to the Board Chairperson for investigation and response.
4. Complaints regarding a Board member are referred to the Rector and Board Chairperson for investigation and response. Complaints regarding the Board Chairperson should be referred to the Rector who will convene a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees.
5. Anonymous complaints are not investigated unless the safety or wellbeing of staff or students is at issue.
6. Complainants are encouraged to make their complaint in writing.
7. Staff who are the subject of complaints will be offered support.
8. A report on or a copy of the complaint is made available to those implicated. In the circumstances it may be appropriate to withhold the identity of the complainant. Those implicated are asked to provide a written report for the Rector, Board Chairperson or Board sub-committee who will subsequently discuss the matter with them.
9. A telephone or written response to the complainant is given as soon as practicable, and the complainant is advised that they have recourse to the Board if they believe the complaint has not been dealt with appropriately.
10. The Rector will advise the Board Chairperson of any serious complaint which may impact on the school's reputation or the welfare of any member of the school community.
11. Disciplinary matters concerning staff or students will be dealt with under the appropriate legal processes. (For example: Section 3.4 of the Secondary Teachers' Collective Agreement October 2007)
12. This Procedure must be displayed and communicated to the school community.

GORE HIGH SCHOOL **TRAPSHOOTING**

Sunday 20 June 2010 turned into a one man benefit day for Gore High shooter and part-time student Michael Sutherland. This shoot confirmed that he is one of the top shooters in the country by winning 4 out of the 5 individual high gun titles on offer at the Dunedin Inter-collegiate.

Michael won shoot offs in skeet and single rise and had the only possible in the single barrel event (15/15). In the other event, the points score he shot 58/60 to be one off shooting for the high gun. There were no possibles in this event which was indicative of the difficult shooting conditions for the day. Naturally enough Michael won the overall high gun title (HOA) for the day over the four disciplines.

Others to stand out were Callum McLeod, Nathan Orr and Bevan (props boy) Ross who shot 14/15 in the single barrel event. Callum eventually finished third in the shoot off. Mark Gow also was in a shoot off for third in the skeet but was beaten after he lost his 11th target. In the teams event, the No. 1 team were 3 points down on the winners.

Mark Paterson
Coach

PLEASE SUPPORT - **AARON BARCLAY**

Aaron has applied for an AMP Scholarship worth \$10,000 but needs loads of votes to help him achieve this.



You can help by logging on to www.doyourthing.co.nz/whos-applying - then search for 'Aaron Barclay', his profile will come up and then you can vote for him. Please tell all your family/friends to vote for him too. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Janelle Gibson has become one of only four New Zealand Pony Club Association riders to receive a Young Achiever of the Year award in Category A. This is an outstanding achievement and wish you all the very best as you pursue your international aspirations. Well done Janelle.



GORE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

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Book, Music and Lyrics by
Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

Director – Shona Hewlett
Musical Director – Peter Cairns
Choreographer – Jade McDowall

ST. JAMES THEATRE
Tuesday 29th June from 7.00 pm
Wednesday 30th June from 7.00 pm
Thursday 1st July from 7.00 pm

Adult - \$15
Students/Child - \$12

Tickets available from Gore High
School on 208 9130 and Peter Cairns
Music Ltd on 208 5062

UNIFORM SHOP

We have a good supply of new and
second hand vests, jerseys, blazers
and zipped jumpers. The shop is
open every Wednesday from 12.00
noon to 1.30 pm.

BILLETS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR OXLEY HIGH STUDENTS

Gore High School is again hosting Oxley High School as part of the Sister City relationship. A tour party of 5 adults, 27 girls and 9 boys will be arriving on 12th July to experience many of Southland's attractions. We urgently need billets. If you are able to help, please contact Terry McNamara on 208 9130.

Date	Details	Accommodation
Monday 12 th July	Oxley High School students arrive at Gore High School (Approximately 6.00 pm)	Gore High School Hostel
Tuesday 13 th July	Oxley students on Gore tour, with Mayoral reception, then back to Gore High School Hostel	Gore High School Hostel
Wednesday 14 th July	Queenstown tour	Gore High School Hostel
Thursday 15 th July	Milford Sound tour	Gore High School Hostel
Friday 16 th July	Dunedin tour/Cadbury/Albatross	Gore High School Hostel
Saturday 17 th July	Southland tour	Gore High School Hostel
Sunday 18 th July	In Gore – transfer to billets (mid morning)	Billets
Monday 19 th July	Sports Exchange with Gore High School	Billets
Tuesday 20 th July	Ski day at the Remarkables	Billets
Wednesday 21 st July	Oxley High School leaves GHS to travel to Christchurch to fly home to Tamworth.	

HPV IMMUNISATION 2010 *(Human Papillomavirus)*

FREE DROP-IN CLINICS DURING JULY AT PHO HOUSE, 40 CLYDE STREET, INVERCARGILL

Please note this is the last year the HPV immunisation will be offered to girls in year 9 and above **in the schools**. From 2011 it will be a year 8 programme only. Older eligible girls will still be able to receive the free vaccine but will need to visit their GP or similar health clinic to do so.

The HPV immunisation team is offering **FREE drop-in clinics** each Tuesday and Wednesday in July, starting on Tuesday 6th July, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. No appointment needed.

Outside of these times, you can make an appointment - please phone us on 03 214 6436 or 0800 800 249 - or you can just drop-in to see us at PHO House, 40 Clyde Street, Invercargill. The HPV team is more than happy to answer any questions you may have and welcomes your calls.

Joan Fredericks-Rizzi
HPV Project Coordinator

TOOLBOX PARENTING GROUPS - TWEENS AND TEENS

A six week Teenage Toolbox workshop is to be held on Monday 26th July from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm at 24 Koa Street, Gore. The cost is \$30.00 (single) and \$45.00 (couple).

Topics covered: Atmosphere, Boundaries, Communication, Discipline, Self Esteem and Future Pathways.

Please contact Mark/June Dean on 208 7563 or 027 248 7563 for further information

