



NEWS SHEET 9 - 2ND JULY 2010

From the Chairperson's desk

Hello everyone

Our monthly Board of Trustees meeting was held on 17th June.

Three curriculum reports were presented, namely Mathematics, Technology (Hard materials - Wood, Metal and Graphics) and Accounting/Economics. These areas, while they all have their own challenges, are generally running very well. As a Board, we appreciate the dedication of the staff in continually striving to improve the outcomes for our students. The Board is impressed by the amount of personal time the staff put into running tutorials to provide additional help for their students.

The technologies (Wood, Metal and Graphics) are always well supported by students and continue to be well taught, with good results being achieved. The new Technology block has created a really positive environment for teaching and learning and is the envy of other schools in the area.

Accounting and Economics are seen as an important part of the mix of subjects available. The staff have a strong emphasis on developing practical applications, so that there is a real relevance to the learning. The Board will continue to support the good work being done in these subjects.

Mathematics is obviously a vital curriculum area and faces some unique challenges. One of the issues that staff encounter is students using a calculator rather than putting the time in to learn the concepts. My feeling is, as parents, we can probably help greatly by reinforcing how vital Mathematics is in everyday life. Learning the basics is time well spent. Having said that, all Mathematics is being taught to a high standard. Good results are being achieved. The 'Numeracy project' is currently being implemented throughout the Mathematics Department to further develop learning in this area.

In order to assist us with upcoming capital property projects, we have appointed Arrow International as our Project Managers. We look forward to working with them. Preparation work for the Hostel improvements is continuing, with plans for the consent process being drawn up at the moment.

On a personal note, I was pleased to be invited to attend the Hangi last month. I was impressed with the passion and discipline of the Kapa Haka group. Piripi Gage is a vital part of what is happening with our Maori students, along with Jana Pewhairangi and Sonny Ruru. The students who willingly helped, made it a day to remember. Keep up the good work. We look forward to seeing more of your performances in the future.

The school production 'Grease' was a tremendous show. It was great to see young talent being nurtured, strong male voices and a very polished enjoyable show.

Stuart Davie

NZQA FEES

All students in Year 11, 12 and 13 should have received details of their national student number and details of how to log onto the NZQA website to see their own private records page.

Also, the school accounts will soon be sent out, which includes a list of the standards that your child has been entered for. Please ask your child to read through the list of standards with you so that they can check the entries are correct and explain what qualifications they are working towards. If you have any queries, please contact Mr. Hutchins.

Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees to National Secondary Schools Qualifications. To be eligible to apply you must be the fee payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- o Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit.
- o Have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card
- o Have more than one child undertaking these qualifications in the same year, irrespective of income.

You cannot claim financial assistance for foreign fee paying students.

Application forms for financial assistance are available from either <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/acrp/secondary/forms.html> (the form is called Application For Financial Assistance) or collect the form from student reception.

Financial Assistance applications and all fees must be paid by Friday 27th August 2010.

CAREGIVER WANTED

Child Youth and Family Wishes to find a caregiver for a 16 year old boy in the Gore area. He has some mild intellectual challenges but he is very settled and is doing well at school.

If you would like more information, please contact Sandra Hastie on 948 4423 or 0508 326 459.

CONGRATULATIONS



Anna Smith recently passed her Grade 8 Flute exam with a high Merit. This is a fantastic result for Anna, and is a reflection of her talent and perseverance throughout many years of hard work.



Emily Smith and Lang Inder have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award.



Georgina Robertson has achieved a Silver medal in the 15-16 years Synchronised Trampoline event so far at the Indo-Pacific Championships in Japan. Good luck for the remainder of this competition Georgina.



Logan Frieriep has been selected to represent the Southern Ice Hockey League in the Southern Nights U16 team. He will compete in the New Zealand Ice Hockey Junior Elite League for 2010, travelling to Auckland and Christchurch.

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.

GORE HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY CLUB

MEETING

Date: Wednesday 7th July

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: MLT Board room

All welcome



GORE HIGH SCHOOL'S 2010 PRODUCTION OF



