



NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2011

From the Acting Rector's Desk
Greetings everyone
Kia ora e hoa mā

This will be the final newsletter of the year. 2011 has been an action packed year, which will be most notable for the arrival of our new Rector John McKinlay. We very much value the leadership that Mr McKinlay has provided the school to date.

On the 5 December all senior students are required to return to school in uniform to perform a number of tasks. These tasks include returning books, formalising the leaving process for our Year 13's and other leavers, collecting the school magazine and a farewell afternoon for leaving staff. Our Senior Prize giving will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 6 December. This is an important event on our calendar. The ceremony is not just for prize winners, but for us all to acknowledge excellence and diligence in a range of endeavours. Please take the time to join us.

As our Year 13 students move onto bigger and better things I want to thank them for the contribution they have made to the school over their five years at Gore High School. We say good bye to one group and this week we welcome our new Year 8 students. They will attend an orientation and academic testing day with us this Friday.

Our Year 9 and 10's start their formal end of year examinations on Tuesday of next week. These examinations set the foundation habits of senior school NCEA. Most junior classes have started a revision programme. This means the priority for all students over the coming weeks at home is revision. Palma Non Sine Pulvere – No reward without effort.

I thank all our staff for the extra time and effort they have put into offering lunchtime and after school tutoring to prepare our students for the weeks ahead.

The weather was well and truly against us last weekend with our Fireworks having to be postponed until this Friday with gates opening at 8.00 pm. Please do support our PTA by attending this family evening, and I look forward to seeing you there.

A reminder that Monday, 14 November will be a teacher only day.

Ka kite ano

Mel Hamilton
Acting Rector



Friday 11 November 2011
Gore High PTA Fireworks Extravaganza

A & P Showgrounds
Gates open at 8.00 pm
Foot Traffic only
\$5 per person
\$15 per family (2 adults and up to 3 children under 16)
Food & Drinks
NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED
ROAR



KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Seniors leave - 9 November
NCEA Externals start - 10 November
Orientation Day Year 8 Students - 11 November
Teacher Only Day - 14 November
Junior Exams - 15, 16, 17, (and maybe 18) November
NCEA Externals finish - 30 November
Seniors return to check out - 5 December
Senior Prize Giving - Tuesday 6 December 7 pm
Teacher Only Day - 8 December
JGP and Junior Prize Giving Ceremony - Wednesday 7 December commencing at 1.30 pm (**Please note change of date**)
Graduation Ceremony - Thursday 8 December 5.30 pm **Note: Change of start time**

2012

Friday, 27 January - Senior Students Interviews
Monday, 30 January - Teachers Only
Tuesday, 31 January - Year 9's start
Wednesday, 1 February - All students start

Adventure & Education at Stewart Island

School Holidays! **Adventure for Year 6-9 students** **23-27 January 2012**

Live on board a 14 metre yacht
Sail - Snorkel - Kayak - Trek
- EXPERIENCE -

Five day adventure of discovery
at Stewart Island.

'Live in', tailor-made adventure,
school holiday experience.

**Only 10 bunks available
on this voyage and these are filling up fast!**

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REMINDER

Teacher Only Day - 14 November

STATIONERY PURCHASE 2012

Note to all parents: When purchasing stationery for students in January for 2012, the list of subject requirements will be available as usual from Paper Plus in January. However, from this year orders can be made online by going to the Paper Plus website and placing your order. These will then be available to collect already made up from Paper Plus.

SPORTS NEXT YEAR

Are you interested in Coaching or Managing a Gore High School sports team next year.

Please contact: Dawn Ross on 208 9130 Ext 4

OR

Email: dross@gore-high.school.nz



Kia ora tātou katoa. We've got lots to tell you this month. *Whakatipu* - a new and exciting resource for whānau

The SKIP and the Āhuru Mōwai teams are excited to have *Whakatipu* blessed and ready for communities to use to support whānau in parenting. It includes information on brain and child development, activities, pakiwaitara (stories) and tikanga-based learnings. The first four booklets and web-based resource cover conception through to eighteen months. The final five booklets, covering the next stages of development to five years old, will be available shortly. If you like to host a *Whakatipu* workshop in your community let us know.

For more *Whakatipu* activities, go to www.skip.org.nz. Don't forget to order some booklets

Website: We're busy updating the SKIP website. You'll start to see changes over the next few weeks. Every week we've been posting new activities on the *Whakatipu* pages. We have a mixture of stories of change and videos to keep you informed and inspired.

A new order form is being developed, to make ordering easier. Keep an eye out for some new resources on the form. We've been reviewing all of the resources and some will become web-based only. Our list has grown, as we've developed more resources and we want to make sure we keep the most useful and popular ones available for everyone.

SKIP Mum: SKIP is now on Facebook. SKIP Mum is a busy mum of two young girls and keeping a day-to-day parenting diary, hosting links to interesting news, articles and updates.



BASKETBALL

Hamish Watson (on the left) and Braden Oliver (on the right) have been selected for Basketball Pacific South Tour of Australia in 2012. They will be in the South Island U15 Team, both boys will participate in a development programme at the Central Coast Academy of Sport in Sydney, Australia. They will then travel to Port Macquarie for the Pacific Coast Slam Tournament. Hamish and Braden are proud to represent the Eastern Southland Basketball U15 and Gore High School. We congratulate them and wish them every success.

TARGET SHOOTING

Congratulations to Nick Goodwin (on the left), Josh Mowat (in the middle) and Hamish Norton (on the far right) on receiving certificates for their excellence in shooting at the recently held ELEY/TSNZ Challenge Match. Nick also won 1st in C Grade.



UNIFORM SHOP

All Year 10 students should now be thinking about their senior uniform for next year.

Year 10 Girls

If you require a new senior summer skirt for next year please call at the uniform shop and pre-order.

The Uniform Shop will be open every Wednesday 12.00 - 1.30 pm until the end of term.

YEAR 13 STUDENTS

If you no longer require your senior uniform next year please bring it into the uniform shop or drop at the office so we can resell on your behalf. **Remember you will need your uniform up until Graduation.** Put your items in a bag with your name and contact details. Items we particularly require are ties, new style blazers, girls summer skirts (please make sure they have no highlighted areas on the white flowers) and good condition white blouses (with the labels on the sleeves).

HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be open during January before the start of school on the following days:

Tuesday, 17 Jan	-	11.00 - 3.00 pm
Wednesday, 18 Jan	-	11.00 - 3.00 pm
Thursday, 19 Jan	-	11.00 - 3.00 pm
Wednesday, 25 Jan	-	12.00 - 2.00 pm
Thursday 26, Jan	-	12.00 - 2.00 pm

PRE-ORDERED UNIFORM FOR 2012

If you have pre-ordered uniform for your Year 9 student for next year you will soon be receiving a phone call or email to discuss pickup and payment.

SCHOOL MEMORABILIA

The school is currently collating school memorabilia and wondered if anyone has any of the old school magazines or any other items that they would like to donate?



Any queries, please contact Mrs Hutchins 208 9130 ext. 850 or email: jhutchins@gore-high.school.nz