



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

FOOTLOOSE

In the last Newsletter, you will have seen some photographs of the school production "Footloose", which obviously took place in the last week of last term. Congratulations to all who took part in this wonderful event and to Shona Hewlett, Peter Cairns and Jade McDowall for bringing it altogether.

There were about 60 of our students on stage and many more helping backstage. Everyone put in a lot of effort into rehearsal over many hours and the results were plain to see. For some students, the production provides an opportunity to expand their horizons and do things that they have never done before. It is in this kind of setting that some very valuable learning occurs and hence the production is an integral part of our school year. My congratulations to all those who took part. We look forward to another Gore High School production next year.

SCHOOL BALL

Congratulations also to our senior students for their organisation of the Ball, held last Friday. All the arrangements went off very smoothly for this gala event and it was great to see our young people enjoying themselves in this way. Thank you to Rachel Ferguson for her dance tuition. The students certainly benefit from learning the ballroom dancing and really enjoyed practising these new skills.

TEENAGE DRIVING

This week the New Zealand Transport Agency wrote to me advising me of a new website resource for parents and caregivers. This website and associated programme has been developed by experts in driving psychology and has been released so that parents can guide their children through the new aspects of the graduated driver licence system. There are very practical guidelines and tools which parents can use in order to prepare their children for driving. Just a couple of points to note:

- Young drivers are most at risk during the first 6-12 months of driving solo.
- If a teenager has friends in the car with them, then they are 10 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash.

I encourage you to visit www.safeteedriver.co.nz, to use the tools and to help your teenager become a safer driver. If you do not have the internet, you can order hard copy resources by telephoning 0800 772284 for the learner phase or 0800 882422 for the restricted phase. I hope you find this resource useful.

Yours sincerely

John McKinlay
Rector

MEASLES ALERT

The Ministry of Health is advising the public to watch out for the symptoms of measles in light of the current outbreaks in Auckland and the Waikato.

Measles is a serious illness, and one in ten people will need to be hospitalised.

SYMPTOMS

Children and adults with measles often feel very sick. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and runny nose, and then a rash, which develops after about three days. Complications can include middle ear infections, pneumonia, and more rarely, encephalitis or brain inflammation.

WAYS TO PREVENT MEASLES SPREADING

Any student or teacher with measles must stay away from school for seven days from the appearance of the rash and until recovery, depending on the advice of their GP or health advisor.

Parents and caregivers must ensure that the children's immunisations are up to date.

Unimmunised students, or those with no immunity to measles, who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages should stage away from school for 14 days from their last contact. This requirement is under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966 (Regulation 14).

TOURNAMENT WEEK

For school teams attending Tournament Week (22-26 August). All students and adults attending should check their measles immunisation status. If they are not fully vaccinated i.e. two MMR vaccinations, and are born after 1969, they should see their doctor or nurse to get immunised as soon as possible before the event. Unimmunised students who were exposed to measles in the two weeks prior to the event should not attend.

For more information, please visit Ministry of Health website www.moh.govt.nz or contact your local Medical Centre or Health Nurse who will be able to assist you.

GORE HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB

Subscriptions are overdue. These must be paid by the beginning of term 3 to ensure that you are eligible to play in the Saturday competition.

ANNUAL BALL GOWN PARADE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Ball Gown Parade at the Calvin Church last Friday. With the increased number of Year 13 students this year, there were glamorous outfits for you see. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and look forward to meeting you again next year.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST AT 1.15PM?



Representing my house in the Cross Country of course!!



On Wednesday 17th August, at 1.15 pm you need to meet at the Athletics field (Coutts Road paddock) for a roll call

Dress up in your house colours

Spot prizes up for grabs

House points will be rewarded

It is compulsory!!

Not so into running??

No need to worry there is a non-competitive race as well as a competitive one.

Come along and support not only your house, but also the two year 11 P.E classes who have worked hard to make this a great day for everyone.

SPORTS TEAMS PHOTOGRAPHS

If you would like to order photographs, please obtain an envelope from Student Reception. All photographs cost \$12.00 each. Completed orders must be received, with payment, at Student Reception by 16th September.

Any queries, please contact Dawn Ross on 208 9130.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following students have been selected to represent Southland and Eastern Southland.

SOUTHLAND UNDER 17 NETBALL

Lucy Kingsbury, Rebecca Lamb and Hannah Cooke

EASTERN U17 NETBALL

Morgan Fallowfield, Krista Marsh and Leiana Hayward

EASTERN U15 NETBALL

Aleisha Hattrill, Matelita Cokoibusa, Karlana Lawrence, Dailey Christie, Leisa Johnston, Laura Moyles, Nicole Kennedy, Livia Qasevakatini, Shanley Bruce, Eilish Fallowfield, Jessica Popham, Madeline Hunt and April Miller.

SOUTH ISLAND PREMIER U15 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Braden Oliver, Kelson Sadlier and Hamish Watson have been selected to play in the South Island Premier U15 Basketball Tournament in Dunedin this weekend.

SOUTHLAND U16 RUGBY

Taylor Allan, Matt Collins, Riley McDowall and Zed Robertson have been selected to represent the above team.

TRAMPOLINING

Georgina Robertson won Gold in both the Junior International Synchronised Trampoline event (with her partner Sarah Reiher from Christchurch) and the Individual Trampoline event.

Georgina will now represent New Zealand team in the Australian Nationals at the end of September.

SMALLBORE RIFLE

On Monday evening (8th August), the Gore High school Smallbore Rifle team consisting of Joshua Mowat (Captain), Nick Goodwin, Hamish Norton, Charlie Pollard and Blake Ridley achieved second place against Southland Boys' High School in the Southland Secondary Schools final.

Blake achieved a personal best of 91.1. Nick accomplished the third best score of the night.

These are all fantastic achievements, well done to you all.

UNIFORM SHOP

SECOND HAND KILTS/BLAZERS WANTED

If you have a second hand kilt or second hand blazer (new style) that you no longer require, please contact the school urgently.

WINTER UNIFORM

Reminder – All students should now be wearing the full winter uniform. This includes girls wearing long sleeved white shirts not the summer short sleeved blouse and the senior boys wearing long grey pants **not** the summer navy blue shorts and white socks.

MCKINLAYS SHOES

The Uniform Shop now has a limited stock of McKinlays shoes. These will be compulsory for Year 9 students in 2012. All shoes can be viewed at the Uniform Shop.

GIRLS WINTER TIGHTS

The Uniform Shop now has in stock, girls Columbine 70 denier black tights for the winter. These are excellent quality at \$16.50 per pair.

For all queries, please contact Paula Robertson on 208 9130 ext. 866 or via email: probertson@gore-high.school.nz.

NEW ALCOHOL LIMIT FOR YOUNG DRIVERS

As from 7th August, it is illegal for drivers under 20 years old to drive after drinking any alcohol. The limit is now zero.

Further details are available via www.nzta.govt.nz/ www.transport.govt.nz.

NZQA FEES

All students in Year 11, 12 and 13 will have received details of their National Student Number (NSN) and details of how to log onto the NZQA website soon to see their own private records page.

Also, the school accounts will be sent out soon, which will include 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. All fees must be paid by Friday 26th August.