

## NEWSLETTER - 18TH MARCH 2011



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

This newsletter will be my last as Acting Rector. We are currently preparing to welcome our new Rector, John McKinlay to the school next Monday, 21st March.

On Monday morning, we will hold a Pōwhiri (Welcome) for Mr. McKinlay. All of our students will play an active part in the welcome, together with our local Kaumatua Taare Bradshaw, our Kapa Haka tutor Piripi Gage and many others. The Southland Boys Kaumatua representative, Mr. Ian Baldwin, Rector of Southland Boys High School and a group of students from Southland Boys will officially hand over Mr. McKinlay to our care. Our Kapa Haka group, together with the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and the U15 Rugby boys will perform a Haka. The full school will sing a Waitia (Song) and a traditional Gore High School hymn. We are all looking forward to the Pōwhiri as it represents Mr. McKinlay's arrival. I would like to thank Piripi Gage and Taare Bradshaw in advance for their advice and flexibility during the planning. In next week's News sheet, we will include some pictures of our Pōwhiri.

In Term 4 2010, the Education Review Office (ERO) visited us as part of their normal review cycle. In this Newsletter, I have inserted a copy the Review office's report to parents for your perusal. If you would like a copy of the full report, please contact the school or go to ERO's website, [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz). This is a very positive report and lays testament to the relentless commitment of the staff to our vision of "*Learning to Make a Difference*". The report acknowledges our high calibre students and makes reference to how they embody the "Gore High School Way" in so many ways.

Our students continue to participate and contribute to the school in a variety of ways. I congratulate Hamish Cooke on his selection to the Governor General's XI team. Hamish will play with/against some of New Zealand's cricket legends. This is a tremendous achievement and we are all very proud of the fact that Hamish comes from Gore High School. I know he will represent the school with pride.

Congratulations to Lisa and Bradley Catto following their recent success at the New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships. Lisa and Bradley are terrific examples of the Gore High School motto "No reward without effort". I wish them both the best of luck for the Australian Age Group Championships.

Congratulations also to those students who competed in the Southland Athletics Championships in Invercargill last Friday. Good luck to those who are travelling to Dunedin to represent Gore High School at the Otago/Southland Championships this weekend.

There is so much happening at the moment. Our Prefects have started the auditions for their Variety Concert. Auditions for this year's school production of Footloose begin shortly. Our Year 13 Physical Education students are away in Te Anau as part of an assessment. The annual sports exchange with South Otago High School is to be held next Wednesday, 23rd March. The junior students will travel to Balclutha, whilst the seniors stay at Gore High School. Thank you to Dawn Ross for co-ordinating this event and to all staff who are taking each event.

Gore High School is certainly "Learning to make a difference".

Kind regards

Mel Hamilton

## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2011**

Last year, the Gore High School Foundation benefited from the efforts in selling Entertainment Books. Surplus funds from the Foundation are given to students at the end of each year in the form of scholarships.

These books are valid for 12 months and come with many discounts to various outlets. Those that have purchased them say they recouped their outlay in just two uses of the book!!

Cost: \$50 for book.

Any enquiries, please call Trish Morris on 208 5360 (Evenings).

## **REPORT EVENING - TIME CHANGES**

Due to the continuing PPTA action (With teachers not permitted to work after 5.00 pm), the senior/junior report evening will now be held during the afternoon of 30th March. Therefore, the school will close at 12.30 pm. For those students wishing to remain at school, supervision will be provided. We apologise for any inconvenience that this change may cause.

Students with a surname beginning A-L are asked to make appointments from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm and M-Z from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm. Interview slips will be handed to the students on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March to bring home for them to arrange an interview their teachers.

## **GORE HIGH SCHOOL TRAPSHOOTING**

All new and interested students who wish to try trapshooting this year are invited to attend an Open Day on Saturday 26th March at the grounds in Matura, starting promptly at 9.00 am. Turn right at Glendhu Road by the Matura Freezing works. Please call Matt Paterson on 03 208 0438 or 027 431 8141 if you have queries.

## **NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP**

If you/your business is interested in sponsoring the school's Newsletter, which is sent home to 670 students each week, please contact Rob Barr on 208 9130 ext. 849.

## **JUNIOR WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

If any boys or girls born between the years of 1995 - 1998 are interested in playing Saturday Football and have not already registered, can you please telephone John Henry on 208 0894 to register your details or to find out more information.

## **PTA MEETING**

Come along on Monday 21st March at 7.30 pm to meet the new Rector John McKinlay in the Gore High School Staff room.

Following the meeting, supper will be provided.

Please put this date and time in your diaries.

## **CAREERS CATCH UP**

The Otago Liaison visit by Steve Walker went very well. He spoke to around 50 students who are interested in attending Otago University next year.

Unfortunately, the Canterbury Liaison visit has had to be cancelled due to the Earthquake; they expect to reschedule this visit during Term 2.

Otago Polytechnic and Lincoln University are coming next week to talk to prospective students; students need to register at the Careers office if they wish to attend these seminars.

Interviews with the Year 13 students are continuing with the Careers Advisors to discuss their plans for next year.

The Careers Department is to start working with the Year 9 English classes. The purpose is to introduce careers ideas; e.g. interest and skills and how these fit into their future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Careers Office on 208 9130 ext. 826.

Careers Advisors: Katrina McDonald/  
Judy Stewart

Careers Administration: Joy Delahunt

## **SPORTS COACHES WANTED - VARIOUS CODES**

If you would like to coach a sports team, in particular, a girls Soccer team, please contact Dawn Ross urgently on 208 9130.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Hamish Cooke has been selected to play for the Governor Generals XI team against a former Black Caps XI on 27th March in Loburn, North Canterbury. The team has been selected from schools that compete against the Willows Cricket Club.



Lisa and Bradley Catto were very successful at the New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships recently.



Lisa won the 800m freestyle event, with a new personal best time of 9.05.10. This was a 12 second personal best. She also finished runner up in the 400m freestyle and 4th place in the 200m freestyle and the individual medley.

Bradley achieved his first New Zealand Long Course medal with a creditable 3rd place in a very strong field of the 400m freestyle event. He also achieved 4th place in the 1500m freestyle, with a 13 second personal best time.



On 3rd April, Lisa will be competing in the NZ Open Championships, which doubles as a qualifying event for the FINA World Championships in Auckland.

During the holidays, Lisa and Bradley will be attending the Australian Age Group Championships. Lisa will be representing New Zealand, whilst Bradley as a member of the Hokonui Aquatics (Gore) Club.

## **SCHOOL PRODUCTION AUDITIONS - FOOTLOOSE**

Do you want to be involved with this year's school production? If so, please collect an audition form from Student Reception or the Library.

Auditions will take place on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th April from 7.00 pm.

If you have any queries, please see Mrs. Davis in the Library.

## **GORE ICE HOCKEY**

The 2011 season has now started with practices at Gore Multi Sports Complex on Tuesday nights.

5.00 pm - 6.00 pm - Under 13s

6.00 pm - 7.00 pm - Under 16s

7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Over 16s

Any enquiries to Lyn Roughan (Secretary, Gore Ice Hockey) on 03 203 8890 or 027 425 4853.

## **TRACKSUIT AMNESTY - LONGFORD INTERMEDIATE**

Longford Intermediate is missing a number of tracksuits and T shirts from former students who may have borrowed them and forgotten to return them.

Please have a look around at home to see if you have any of these missing items. The school would really appreciate you returning them as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **NCEA RESULTS**

A reminder that this year, unlike previous years, NZQA certificates and other documents will not be sent out in April. If you want to have documents dispatched, you will need to order these through your learner login.

## **NCEA ENDORSEMENTS**

For the first time this year, NZQA will be offering Course Endorsements. These will be in addition to Level Endorsements.

Students will gain an endorsement for a course where they achieve:

- (1) 14 or more credits at Merit or Excellence at the lower level that supports the endorsement.
- (2) At least 3 credits from externally assessed standards and 3 credits from internally assessed standards.
- (3) Sufficient credits in a single school year.

**Please note:** Physical Education, Religious Studies and Level 3 Visual Arts will be exempt from (2) above.

If you have any queries, please contact Clive Hutchins on 208 9130.