

## NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2011



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

Last Monday's Powhiri to welcome me to Gore High School was a humbling experience. I would like to thank the Gore High School community for their encouragement and words of support. The whole event had a great sense of occasion about it. This is the first time that a new Rector to Gore High School has been welcomed in this way. I have no doubt that the occasion will be written into the history books at some future point. I was very proud to stand in front of my new school and am pleased that the waiting is now over. My wife, Marilyn and I will be shifting to Gore permanently in the next fortnight and we look forward to becoming involved in our new community.

At lunchtime on the first day here, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Hanna had arranged for me to hand out ice blocks to all students. This was a wonderful idea as it enabled me to meet the students in a very practical way, albeit briefly. I do not think that I have ever received celebrity status in such a short time. One student even asked me if I was Father Christmas!

During the first week, I busied myself with meeting many of the students, staff and parents. I have been in and out of classrooms, toured the Hostel and was very pleased to attend the PTA meeting. I was also able to watch and support many of the teams at our traditional inter-school exchange with South Otago High School.

The students have been very open and engaging. I have enjoyed being able to talk to them about the school and their studies.

I have also enjoyed meeting many parents at the Parents' afternoon on Wednesday this week. I look forward to meeting more parents at future events associated with the school. Please come and make yourselves known and have a chat whenever you can.

Sadly, a much loved student/teacher and friend of the school, Karen Wright passed away last week. Our Prefects and many of our staff attended her funeral to acknowledge the significant contribution that she made to Gore High School. Our condolences go to her son, Aaron and her extended family.

The Prefects are busy organising the Variety Concert for 2011. The concert will be held at the St. James Theatre on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Please come along to see staff and students perform. This concert is a special feature of Gore High School.

Thank you everyone for the way you have welcomed Marilyn and I to this school. I look forward to working with you in the best interests of our students.

Kind regards  
John McKinlay

## TRIATHLON

A cold and blustery Monday morning saw the Southland Secondary Schools Triathlon take place at Winton.

The Gore High School team consisted of some experienced triathletes who had competed at Winton last year. We also had a new Year 9 boys team, which was great to see.

All team members competed to the best of their ability at both events and gave 100% in their races. It was pleasing to see a number of new students to the sport getting involved and having a go as well as the more experienced members.

Bradley Catto performed very well competing in the U15 boys' individual race in a time of 37 minutes, 29 seconds. This involved a 250 metre swim, a 15 km cycle and a 5km run. Bradley took home a well deserved 1<sup>st</sup> place. Well done Bradley.

The U15 girls' team of April Miller (swim), Sophie McKenzie-Collins (bike) and Hannah Cooke (run) ran a strong race, giving their respective events 100% against some tough competition.

The U15 boys' team consisting of Kyle Wills (swim), Braden Oliver (bike) and Gareth Pike (run) also had a strong race in the team event. They achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their category and 6<sup>th</sup> overall. A great result and an improvement on their time and last year's placing.

The Year 9 boys' team managed a very good 4<sup>th</sup> category place and 8<sup>th</sup> overall for their first attempt at this event. Caleb Stevenson 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the water in the swim, Jeremy Milne 9<sup>th</sup> home on the bike and Joe Kerse 4<sup>th</sup> home in the run.

Thanks to all the students for getting involved and having a go. Great work all.

Simon Thomas, TIC Triathlon

### **MAORI CAREERS DAY**

On 14th April, Gore High School and Career Services will be hosting a Maori Careers Day and whanau evening.

Career Services will work with Maori students during the day and parents will be invited to an evening session, details will be posted in next week's News sheet.

### **QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER -**

### **YEAR 12/13 BIOLOGY TRIP TO AUSTRALIA**

Date: 7th April

Venue: Gore High School Hall

Time: 7.00 pm

Come along at 7.00 pm for a fun filled night.  
Sausage sizzle and raffle.

See you there.

### **CAREERS CATCH UP**

During the last week we have had visits from Otago Polytechnic and Lincoln University, with approximately 25 students attending each presentation.

We are beginning to place students on work experience in industries that they may be interested in working in the future. If students are interested in gaining work experience in a particular field, please contact the Careers Department.

Upcoming events include:

#### **SIT Open Day: 8<sup>th</sup> April:**

We have limited spaces for those students interested in attending SIT in the future.

#### **Dunedin Tertiary Day: 4<sup>th</sup> May:**

Permission slips have been given to students to attend this informative day in Dunedin.

## **GORE HIGH SCHOOL - PTA COMMITTEE**

The PTA are to farewell four long term committee members: Sue Johnston (Chairperson for the last four years), Sheryl Croad, Alexa Wallace and Diane Chittock (Treasurer for the last four years). In total, they have provided over 30 years of service between them on the PTA.

The PTA would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone who would like to attend the meal to thank them for all they have done for GHS PTA.

Date: Sunday 10th April  
Venue: Heartland Hotel Croydon  
Time: 6.30 pm

RSVP by 6th April to:  
Maureen Barclay - 203 8770  
Claire Taylor - 208 4494  
Susan Clutterbuck (Chairperson) - 208 0671

## **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CONDITIONS FOR NCEA ASSESSMENTS**

Any senior students who believe they are eligible for extra time, a private room, reader/writer assistance or enlarged text, etc to achieve an assessment grade that truly reflects their learning in a particular subject, they need to contact Mrs. Andrew in the Learning Support Centre. If you are unable to do this, you could ask your House Teacher or Dean to pass your name onto Mrs Andrew, who will get in touch with you.

Such students may have severe dyslexia, very poor eye sight, chronic fatigue or anxiety disorders, diabetes, etc.

This is particularly important for new students to this school, or those who have developed any of these conditions since their enrolment here. Eligibility for this assistance needs to be applied for by 13<sup>th</sup> April.

## **NEWSLETTER**

If you would like a copy of this Newsletter emailed through to you each week, please contact [jhutchins@gore-high.school](mailto:jhutchins@gore-high.school). Our newsletters are also available on our website <http://www.gore-high.school.nz>

## **CRICKET - MATCH REPORT**

The Governor Generals XI batted first and made 225. In reply, the Ex-Blackcaps made 170. Hamish took 3 for 30 off 10 overs and was awarded "Player of the day". For this, he received a tie from the Governor General. It was a great experience for Hamish that hopefully others from the school may be given in the future.

## **SICKNESS REMINDER**

Students who are sick while at school **must** report to student reception in the first instance. In the event that parents/caregivers need to collect their child, the school will contact them. Students are not permitted to use cellphones to contact their parents/caregivers.

If your child is sick, please telephone the school office by 9.00 am to advise them of your child's absence. If students are absent during form time and period 1, then the school will telephone parents to enquire as to why their child is not at school.

## **TRAPSHOOTING**

On 23rd March, eight GHS shooters travelled to Balclutha as part of the South Otago High School exchange. Gore High School retained the trophy, winning 365 - 274.

The team scores were as follows:

Matt Paterson 10/10, 50/60; Mark Gow 9/10, 58/60; Reagan Dodd 9/10, 56/60; Sam Dickie 5/10, 39/60; Bevan Ross 3/10, 43/60; Chris McIntyre 7/10, 43/60; Andrew Jackson 7/10, 36/60; and Lachlan Johnstone 5/10, 39/60.

Congratulations go to Matt Paterson for his 30th appearance (cap) for the No. 1 team over the last 5 years and to Mark Gow who gained his 10th cap.

The new season is under way with three new shooters joining. New members welcome. Please contact Mark Paterson on 208 0438 if you would like more information.