



NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2011

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

I was lucky enough to be able to attend the Youthmark awards in Invercargill on Wednesday night where Lisa Catto, Aaron Shirley, Hamish Cooke, Janelle Gibson and Maxine Vercoe received their Youthmark awards this week at a formal ceremony in Invercargill. I was in awe of the many and varied achievements of all of these young people. These photo boards are displayed in the school hall or foyer and represent the top achievers in Year 13. This is a Southland Initiative and we are grateful to the Invercargill Licensing Trust for their sponsorship. Well done to these outstanding students. Please take the time to come and view these boards.

The PTA's annual fundraiser, the fireworks display at the A & P Showgrounds, will be held on Friday 4th November. This is a community family night. If you are able to support the PTA in any way this would be much appreciated. Please contact Claire Taylor on 208 4494. In past years we have had some difficulties with a small group of our students consuming alcohol before the event resulting in inappropriate behaviours at a family event. I would ask parents and caregivers, to support us by attending this event and ensuring that your children are supervised appropriately prior to and during the event.

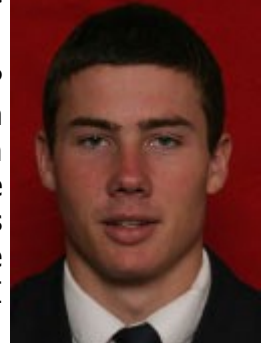
Congratulations must go to the school trap shooting team who did so well at the National tournament. A big thank you to Mark Paterson who has managed this team for a number of years. Thank you for organising fund raising, coaching and transporting our teams to their events.

Over the next few weeks, the school is totally focused on examinations. I remind senior students that their NCEA external examinations lead to valuable qualifications. Employers and tertiary institutions are very interested in academic results. Endorsements of Excellence and Merit are not just about credits, but rather they highlight the quality of the grades achieved. One of our school values in the "Gore High Way" is to "strive for personal excellence". It is imperative that you give your very best during this time.

The Ministry of Education have, rather belatedly, given schools planning days for the considerable changes made to NCEA this year at Level One and for next Year at Level Two. We have therefore decided to have a teacher only day on Monday 14 November. Junior students are not expected to attend their classes, but NCEA examinations will continue to take place. Please encourage your child to make school work their highest priority as they prepare for their examinations.

Ka Kite ano

Acting Rector
Mel Hamilton



Kia ora and welcome to EPIC.

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Through EPIC schools can access databases containing thousands of international and New Zealand magazines, newspapers, biographies, substantial reference works, and images. EPIC lets you access up-to-date full text articles covering a huge range of subjects.

What is available?

EPIC resources are purchased on a subscription basis on behalf of all New Zealand schools. Visit the Databases page for descriptions of the resources, and to filter by learning area and school level. The 2010/11 subscriptions are:

Gale Cengage

- Biography In Context
- Books & Authors
- Business Reference Suite
- Contemporary Women's Issues
- Discovering Collection
- Educator's Reference Complete
- General OneFile
- Global Issues In Context
- Health and Wellness Resource Centre
- Literature Resource Centre
- Opposing Viewpoints In Context
- Science In Context
- Student Resources In Context

- Virtual Reference Library
- World History In Context

EBSCO

- Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre
- MasterFILE Premier
- EBSCO mobile interface

Encyclopaedia Britannica

- Britannica Online School Edition PreK-12
- Britannica Online School Edition PreK-8
- World Data Analyst

Oxford University Press

- Oxford Art Online
- Oxford English Dictionary Online
- Oxford Music Online

ProQuest

- Science Journals



FRIDAY NIGHTS

What do you do on Fridays? If you are keen for good times, hang out with your mates, come to Calvin Youth at Calvin Church on Fridays during Term 4.

Year 9 - 10, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Year 11 - 13, 7:30pm - 9:30pm.

This Friday year 9 - 10 are going bowling in Invercargill, \$20 meet at Calvin Church at 5:50, return 9:30pm. Year 11 - 13 are watching Indescribable with presenter Louie Giglio. You got to see this! You will be wowed.

Term activities are available on www.calvin.org.nz under youth.



Friday 4 November

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

Cancellation date Saturday, 5 November

ROAR



PRACTICE—cut a young driver's chance of crashing by 40 percent

We've all seen the terrible headlines when young drivers are involved in road crashes. The hard fact is that during their first year behind the wheel, a young driver is more likely than at any other time to be involved in a road crash resulting in injury.

Practice is a programme created for learner drivers aged 15-19 to help them learn the skills they need to pass their Restricted Licence Practical Driving Test—a test that is about to get harder. When a young driver passes their learner licence, they are automatically sent an information pack about joining *Practice* at www.practice.co.nz. But that's only half the equation—they also need the help of an adult who's an experienced driver to become their "guide" as they practise, practise, practise their driving.

The free, on-line programme, which was created by the New Zealand Transport Agency and ACC, provides a framework to support young drivers to get as much good quality, supervised driving experience as possible before they drive on their own. We know from overseas research that a key factor in young driver crashes is inexperience.

Once a learner and their guide (as they are known in *Practice*) sign up, they can access a raft of information, tips, and videos on the *Practice* website that shows the learner what they need to know, and the guide how to teach. Plus the learner gets free access to 'eDrive', the new online interactive driving simulation programme. Another resource, www.safeteedriver.co.nz, encourages parents to stay involved with teens who are on their restricted licence. If you have a learner driver in your family, and they haven't talked to you about *Practice*, how about you talk to them?

For more information, visit www.practice.co.nz

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Seniors leave - 9 November

NCEA Externals start - 10 November

Orientation Day Year 8 Students - 11 November

Teacher Only Days - 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

SHELLY MILLER HEALTH TRUST

The trust is fundraising to support the family of Mackenzie McLeod. Mackenzie is from Pukerau and at the tender age of six has relapsed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. This bright bubbly girl is now in Auckland Starship Hospital having a Bone Marrow transplant.

The trust is asking for donations to support her family as her parents Michael McLeod and Dale Oliver are unable to work as they understandably wish to be at her side. It is important that Michael and Dale are able to give Mackenzie as much time and energy as possible and if we can relieve their financial pressures so that they personally are no worse off for making her their priority.

Donations can be made at Pukerau School or the ANZ - Gore branch by direct credit: Shelly Miller Health Trust, ANZ Gore 010926-0043530-00

Reference: Mackenzie

Defensive Driving Courses

Theory & Driving Lessons

Lessons are available for learner, restricted and full licences in Gore or wherever it suits you.

Change in date Defensive Driving Course

The dates of the November course are now:

7, 10, 21 and 24th.

The December course dates are unchanged.

(5, 8, 12 and 15th)

Inquiries to: Eldred Wilden (Comand Driving School) ph 208 0074, or [www:Comand.co.nz](http://www.Comand.co.nz), or eawilden@callsouth.net.nz

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that students need to wear their full summer uniform for Term 4.

The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 12 -1.30pm during term time.

Socks

The Uniform Shop now has in stock:

Girls white ankle socks – 3 pair pack \$13.00

Senior boys white socks - \$12.00 per pair

For Sale

Boys fully lined woollen blazer. Size 108cm. Excellent condition. Please enquire at the Uniform Shop.

WEEKLY HEALTH NURSE VISIT

The Public Health Nurse attends the school every Tuesday from 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm.

If you have a medical query that you would like to discuss, please see Mrs Barclay to make an appointment.