

## NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2011

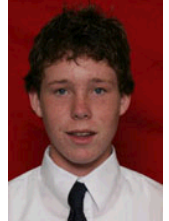
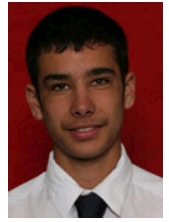
### National Indoors Bowls Tournament Final Placings

In the Pairs Sheldon Bagrie-Howley (top right) and Cameron Tremaine (bottom right) won the National Pairs title for the 2nd year in a row.

In the singles Sheldon was placed 3rd and Cameron was placed in the top 8.



Sheldon was also awarded the Most Valuable Player Award for the tournament. Laura Horton (left) also competed in the singles on the Sunday. She won one out of the four games she played. Well done.



### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

<b>GIRLS HOCKEY 3rd GRADE</b>	<b>BOYS HOCKEY 3rd GRADE</b>	<b>NETBALL A GRADE</b>	<b>U15 RUGBY</b>
vs Trident Lost 2 - 1	vs Greymouth Won 2—0 vs Verdon Won 3 - 2	vs Motueka Won 42—17 vs James Hargest Won 29 - 23	vs John McGlashon Won 24 - 5 vs Ashburton Lost 8 - 5
vs St Peters Won 2 - 1 vs Ashburton Draw 1 - 1	vs Ashburton Won 7 - 0	vs St Margarets Lost 43 - 21 vs Columba Lost 42 - 16	vs Lincoln Won 10 - 7 vs Burnside Lost 15 - 3
vs St Andrews Won 1 - 0	vs Mountainview Lost 2 - 0	vs Waimea College Lost 60 - 16	<b>Semi Final</b> vs Dunstan Lost 12 -10
vs Paraparaumu Won 3 - 0	vs John McGlashon Lost 2 - 1	vs Roncall College Won 23 - 21 vs SGHS Lost 36 - 21	
vs Trident Lost 3 - 0	vs Papanui Won 6 - 1	Overall placings for the tournament week were: Girls Hockey 3rd Grade - 2nd Boys Hockey 3rd Grade - 7th Netball A Grade - 10th U15 Rugby - 3rd	

### MOTORCROSS

Ben Turnbull, Andrew Jackson and Kieran Davie competed on a brand new track at Washdyke on Saturday 20 September. The team placed 25th overall.

A big **Thank You** to all the Coaches, Managers and Parent Helpers over the season.

## **ABSENCES**

The text system for absences is only to be used for informing you of a child's absence and is not intended for everyday use. When being texted you can only reply to the text received.

## **NETBALL**

Netball has finished for another year. Well done to the following teams who gained success in the final games.

Gore High School A - Runner Up MLT Premier Grade.

Senior Blue - Winner of second grade.

9A - Winner of 2nd Reserve.

Senior Orange - Winner of 3rd Reserve.

9Blue - Winner of 5th Grade.

The Netball Club thanks all players, coaches and managers for their commitment to the game and look forward to another season in 2012.

REMINDER - all uniforms must be returned this week. Please leave at the Sports Coordinator's office with your name and team.

## **USEFUL WEBSITE FOR PARENTS**

### **CAREGIVERS**

[www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz)

On the home page go to the tab "Education and Training". And go to the part of the page that says "still in school?".

Great information on:

- Choosing school subjects
- Understanding NCEA

The above website has some great tools for both parents and students. Whether you are getting a job, going onto tertiary training or staying at school this website will be invaluable. Check it out!

## **NCEA ALGEBRA EXAM**

On Thursday 22 September nearly all Year 11 students will be sitting an NCEA Algebra Mathematics examination. This is worth 4 credits. This examination is the only NCEA assessment for this Algebra Achievement Standard and will be reported on in January 2012 along with the students' other NCEA results. Nearer the time, students will be working closely with their Mathematics teachers to find what exactly to revise.

## **CHANGE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR SENIOR REPORTS AND THE LAST DAY OF TERM 3 (7 OCTOBER 2011)**

As you may well be aware the school term lengths have been altered to accommodate the Rugby World Cup. This has left Term 3 to be very short.

After much discussion, we have decided we can improve our reporting to parents by cancelling the planned senior written reports that were due to be issued on Friday 16 September and adding instead a simplified report giving the results of the internal school exams and a parent interview to be held on the last afternoon of school in Term 3.

The benefits we believe are that:

- 1 Reporting to parents is more evenly distributed throughout the year (i.e. 16 September as too close to the last set of reports),
- 2 Parents will get feed back before the upcoming holiday giving students time to put a revision plan in place, and
- 3 Parents will be given feedback quickly after the practice examinations.

Please note that school will finish at the end of period 3 (i.e. 12.30 pm) on the last day of Term 3 (7 October).

## **BASKETBALL**

The D graders did well this year both boys and girls. D grade Gold Girls won the main round as well as the handicap round.

The D Grade Boys Blue won the main round. The boys had to play extra games to decide the winner of the grade. Games were played between St Peters, Fiordland College and Gore High School on Friday night.



*Braden Oliver taking a shot at goal during the game against Fiordland College*



*Photo shows Ben Turnbull in the Foreground during the game against Ashburton College*

## **NZQA FEES**

All students in Year 11, 12 and 13 should have now received details of their national student number and details of how to log onto the NZQA website to see their own private records page.

Also, the school accounts have recently been sent out, which includes 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 to assist with the payment of entry fees to National Secondary Schools Qualifications. To be eligible to apply you must be the fee payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be receiving a Work and Income of Study Link benefit OR
- Have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card OR
- Have more than one child undertaking these qualifications in the same year, irrespective of income.

You cannot claim financial assistance for foreign fee paying students.

Application forms for financial assistance are available from either <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/acrp/secondary/forms.html> (the form is called Application for Financial Assistance) or collect the form from student reception.

**NOTE:** Our fees are now due to be paid to NZQA. If your fees are not paid to us immediately this will result in your having to pay NZQA direct once our bulk payment has gone through and you will have to pay a \$50.00 late fee to them on top of the \$76.70 normal fee.

## **ON THE BUSES**

Ineligible children who wish to ride on Ritchies school buses need to ring Ritchies depot on 208 9902 and make arrangement before hand.

There will be a charge of \$1.00 per trip.

This is for Health and Safety reasons, we need to know who is on the bus to prevent overloading and in case of an emergency. Any body who has not made prior arrangements will be refused.

Murray Thompson  
Operations Manager  
Ritchies



## **SPEECH COMPETITION**

Thursday 18 August saw three of our Year 12 students, Jamie Shanks, A J Birse and Thomas Cairncross at the Heartland Hotel, along with parents and teachers, to compete against St Peter's College in the Sister City Student Speech Competition. We were joined by Maxine Vercoe, last year's winner, who entertained us with a PowerPoint of her prize - a trip to Tamworth last July - while the judges made their decision. Our students displayed great skill in their speeches but in the end, Veronica MacKenzie of St Peter's won. Our congratulations to her.



*From left to right - A J Birse, Maxine Vercoe, Jamie Shanks and Thomas Cairncross.*

## **PTA MEETING**

The PTA are meeting in the Gore High School Meetings room on 7 September at 7.30 pm.

## **QUIZ INVITE - WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BROADCASTING STANDARDS IN NEW ZEALAND**

If you would like to take part in a short quiz about broadcasting standards in New Zealand please visit [www.bsaquiz.net.nz](http://www.bsaquiz.net.nz).

The quiz is fun and informative. It will test your knowledge of, and also let you know more about, broadcasting standards in New Zealand.

The quiz is being run on behalf of the Broadcasting Standards Authority.

We hope that you get lots of answers right and also learn more about broadcasting standards in New Zealand.