



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

Team Participation – Lessons for Life

I was privileged to attend the break-up of the Gore High School rugby club last week and it reminded me about the value of being part of a **team**.

The address I gave on this occasion was to do with team sport, obviously Rugby. But the ideas transfer well to any structured activity where groups of people work together to perform in some kind of way. This could be the rugby team on the sports field, the netball team on the court, the rowing eight on the water, the drama society on the theatre stage, the kapahaka group at the likes of Te Hautonga or the jazz group in the auditorium.

Team activities (done correctly) are a valuable way for young people to gain life-skills that they may not get through other avenues. It is here where they learn:

- How to be a good winner
- How to be a good loser
- How everything improves through practice
- How to give their best and work hard
and
- How to work toward personal goals.

When espousing these views, Australian researcher into Boys' Education Ian Lillico goes so far as saying:

“When picking a sport for your son – you should actually pick the coach!

Coaches transform boys from isolated competitors into bonded teammates.”
(see www.boysforward.com)

Our Teams

There have been many recent examples of great team spirit here at Gore High.

- Our 1st XV who came 3rd in the Highlanders competition.
- Our Netball team who came 2nd in the Premier Division and 9th best at tournament.
- Our U15 Rugby team who were outstanding ambassadors in Alexandra.
- Our Hockey girls who gave us all something to celebrate as they progressed through to the final of their tournament here in Gore.
- The Kapahaka group performing in Te Hautonga recently.
- The senior Drama students who presented 'The Passengers' this week.

The coaches and managers of these teams have done an outstanding job of mentoring these groups and helping them to learn from the experience. There are many other teams and groups at school who could just as easily have been mentioned above.

In Summary

We can all get sharply focused on just one game or judge a whole season on our final place. And yes, in any competitive event, the aim is to win. However from time to time we should also be able to step back and consider the greater gain. I can't think of anything more important than guiding and encouraging young people as they build up their experiences of what it means to take an active part in society.

When we see them transferring some of the above attributes (learned through team participation) across into other parts of their lives, then we can be well satisfied that we have lent a helping hand.

Thank you to the coaches, managers, parents and teachers who support our students in this way.

Kind regards

John McKinlay

DRAMA

On Monday evening an appreciative audience was treated to an excellent performance of

Passengers, written by Fiona Farrell, from the Level 2 & 3 drama class. The students and their teacher, Mrs Jennifer Richardson, have worked many hours on this production, which is used to gain credits for the performers. The credits are well deserved.

Not only is the acting important, but backstage work comes into it, as well. The stage in the school hall was transformed into part of a ship's deck, with sleeping quarters built at floor level at the front.



The plot is built around a group of young women who are journeying to New Zealand in the 1850's to 60's to a supposedly better life. Each has a tale to tell, and we

learned the individual stories as the play progressed.

Thanks to the drama students for a most enjoyable insight into the lives of those who came so far for a new start.



ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

If you have anything that you would like included in the newsletter please send to:

chood@gore-high.school.nz

TRAPSHOOTING

Medals were a scarcity at the Alexandra inter-collegiate tournament on Sunday 4th September.

Weather was cool but calm so there weren't too many excuses, although Matt lost his breakfast after shooting the high tower in the Skeet and finished with an out of character 20. Mark Gow was the highlight of this discipline after shooting 23/25 in the regulation round and shooting a further 11 targets in the shoot off to finish a very creditable 3rd.



In the Down the Line competition Sam Dickie shot off for 3rd in the Ladies Single Barrell after posting an 8/10. Three of the boys shot well enough to make the Southland Down the Line Team, Matt Paterson for the 3rd year running, Bevan Ross and Chris McIntyre. Matt shot 24/25 in the triples event against Otago, Bevan shot 22/25 and Chris shot 23/25, but unfortunately they finished just behind the Otago team. Mark Gow was selected for the Southland Skeet team and they fared much better in beating Otago by 2 targets. Mark shot a 20/25.

Last chance to get the batteries into the boys before the Nationals in October. The team shoots next at Wanaka on the 18th September.

SAILING AWAY

Elwing Discoveries in association with Coastguard Boating Education are offering Year 13 students the opportunity to take part in a Leadership Voyage 13 - 17 February 2012 . A Stewart Island boating education and sailing adventure. A wilderness oriented approach to developing young leaders for our future.

For more details phone 027 276 8817

OR

Email: elwing@clear.net.nz

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.

UMPIRING ACHIEVEMENTS

During the season the following people passed their Umpiring tests:

Morgan Fallowfield and Krista Marsh - New Zealand Regional Theory in May.

Tessa Black and Ashleigh Sinclair - Centre Practical Badge.

Tarryn Ramage, Tyla Touthan, Leisa Johnson and Kalena Lawrence - Centre Test Banks.

Thank you to all coaches, managers and umpires.



Please make sure **all** sports gear and uniforms have been returned.

Dawn Ross
Sports Coordinator

YEAR 12 PE - SNOW CAMP 30 August - 2nd September

Leaving Gore was a rush of excitement. The much anticipated snow camp had finally arrived! 4 fun-filled days in the snow lay ahead....

Everything began on our journey up to Frankton. We were frantically waved down by a pair of distraught tourists in need of our help to save a sheep, stuck in a waterfall. Once the sheep was returned to the safety of the tourists car boot we continued on. After a quick lunch stop we began the uphill climb to Snow farm. Half way up, we quickly learned that our trailer door had come open, leaving a trail of food down the road. When we finally arrived at the lodge, we got kitted out ready for a Cross Country Ski lesson. After this, we headed off with our backpacks for a 5km ski into Meadow Lea Hut, our home for the next three nights.



Day 2 brought plenty of laughs, as a group we ventured off to Bob Lee hut, learning how to correctly execute skills we required for skiing. After several crashes, pile-ups and bruises we had skied back down to Meadow Lea Hut where we began to prepare our Snow cave.

Day 3 was the business time of the trip, assessment day.

After a long uphill climb we started practising the techniques that we would be assessed on. We all did well enough to pass, some better than others. Once our assessment was finished we took on some of the big hills. Some spectacular crashes were seen, including a great fall of Mrs. Clarke, resulting in a traumatic brain injury!!!. We skied back to Meadow Lea Hut and some worked on the Snow cave which a daring students spent the ENTIRE night in, while the others went tubing. Of course, we would finish the night of with a few rounds of mafia...

By the time day 4 came around, everyone was exhausted and ready for home. A slow and relaxed ski out to the lodge was followed by a race, then a Skate Ski lesson before a long trip home. Cheers to

Mr Kington and Blake Hanna for being terrific instructors and to Mrs Clarke for ensuring everyone behaved and the camp went well!! Also for providing great entertainment, hope the heads okay!

