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From the Rector

Greetings everyone
Kia ora e hoa mā



Welcome to the new school year. A special welcome to new students and staff, and parents who are new to our school as well. We all enjoyed the powhiri on Tuesday 2nd February. It was especially nice to have quite a few parents join us for this occasion and to share a 'cup of tea' with us afterwards.

At that powhiri I spoke once again about what is required for students to make a success of their time at high school. I do this every year, and the message is the same, though sometimes the examples are refreshed. For the benefit of those who were unable to be there, it goes something like this:

"When you come to our school today as Y9 students you are likely to be both anxious and excited. It is a big day for you, and it is a big day for us too as we welcome you all here. This school is a bit unlike your previous schools, in that when you leave here in 5 years time you will be young adults. You may well be getting a job, you may be leaving home, you will almost certainly be driving a car and you will be able to vote.

So you will be wanting to be successful in your time here. How do you succeed at high school? Well, the instructions are on the gate. The recipe for success is Courtesy, Effort and Responsibility. You may be thinking it is about Mathematics and English and Science and all of the subjects that you will study. But success is not about subjects.

Courtesy means being nice to people. People come first. It's easy to be nice to your friends. But what about being nice to a stranger. Better yet, how about being nice to someone you don't like; just imagine how much better the world would be if we could all adopt this approach. Looking after your relationships with people is one of the key ingredients to success.

Effort means being engaged in your education. It means being enthusiastic about learning, taking part in your classes and taking part in other opportunities around the school. You don't have to take part in everything; otherwise you might become too busy and even exhausted. And, there will be some things which are just not you. But to be successful at school you need to be a participant, not a bystander.

Responsibility means taking care of yourself, taking care of others and taking care of your environment. Taking care of yourself means things like getting plenty of sleep, eating well, getting some exercise and allowing for some rest time as well. It is about both your physical and spiritual health. Being part of the school community by looking out for others and caring for the buildings and resources is part of Responsibility as well.

And don't forget that when it comes to travelling along this road, you are in the driver's seat. You are in charge of all of the controls; the accelerator, the brakes and the steering wheel. Your teachers are there to guide you, sitting alongside in the passenger seat, helping you to navigate. Your parents are there to encourage you and cheer you along. They are in the back seat looking over your shoulder! But you are the one making the calls. So the way to succeed is to consistently work away at Courtesy, Effort and Responsibility."

So as we begin this new school year I extend our best wishes to you all. We look forward to working with you throughout the year; to the fun and enjoyment it will bring as well to the challenges we will need to overcome too. May they be few and far between!

Warm Regards,
Nga mihi,
John McKinlay



Key Dates - Term 1 2021

<p>16 February 23 February 01 March 02-05 March 16 March 31 March 01 April 02 April 05 April 06 April 14-15 April 19 April 03 May</p>	<p>Year 9 Meet the Teachers Evening Athletics Day Academic Blues and Prefects Y9 Camp Week Work Day/Teachers Only Day Academic Counselling Academic Counselling Good Friday Easter Monday Southland Anniversary Day Prefects Variety Concert Last Day - Term 1 First Day - Term 2</p>
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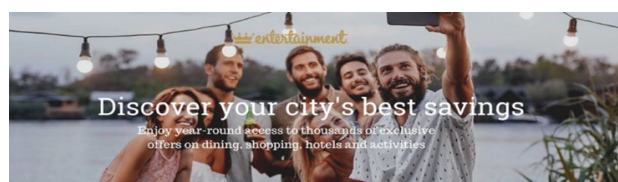
Year 9 Meet the Teacher Evening Tuesday 16 February 2021 6.30 pm-7.50 pm

We warmly invite parents of Year 9 students to meet your student's teachers. It would be beneficial, but not essential, if your student came with you to show you around.

Format of evening:

6.30 pm	Reception in the school hall and talk from the Rector (John McKinlay), Board of Trustees (BOT) Chairperson (Brendon Harrex) and PTA Chairperson (Joanne Whyte) as well as meet Mrs Sarah le Roux, the Year 9 Dean.				
6.50 pm	Meet your child's Hauora Teacher				
7.00 pm	Mrs Lou Dickson will be available in the Learning Hub for Learning Hub students.				
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7.00 pm	English Mrs Drummond	English Miss Loram A13	Science and Maths Integrated	Science and Maths Integrated	Maths Mr Cooke A4
7.10 pm	B1 Maths Miss Parks	Science Mr Crazy Wolf	Ms Fletcher and Mr Germishuys A3	Ms Fletcher and Mr Germishuys A3	Social Studies Miss Vickery C12
7.20 pm	Science Mrs Christie D13	Maths Miss Parks A16	Health and Physical Education Miss Cowan A18	English Mrs Drummond B1	Health and Physical Education Mr Hadfield Music Room
7.30 pm	Social Studies Miss Vickery C12	Social Studies Miss Robertson D5	Social Studies Miss Terry C6	Health and Physical Education Mr Hadfield Music Room	English Miss Loram A13
7.40 pm	Health and Physical Education Mr Hadfield Music Room	Health and Physical Education Miss Vickery C12	English Mrs le Roux A11	Social Studies Miss Hazlett C14	Science Mrs Dickson D14
7.50 pm	Parents are invited back to the school hall for refreshments (kindly provided by the PTA).				

Entertainment Booklet Fundraiser



Kia ora whānau, If you are interested in getting discount rates at many local and regional establishments, please consider buying an Entertainment Book this year. By following the link below a small commission is given support the Gore High School Foundation.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/2605o57>

Thankyou in advance for your ongoing support.

GHS Rugby Club

The Gore High School Rugby Club is looking for Managers for the 1st XV and U14 boys, also a Coach and Manager for the U14 boys. Anyone interested in these positions please contact Jane Duthie, ajrobbie@outlook.com or 027 475 5470.

Follow Gore High School Rugby on our Facebook page to keep up with all the latest news and draws.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/324349862247945>

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop is open every Wednesday between 12-30 and 2.00pm - the shop is located in Lower D block. You can contact Mrs Wallis on 2089130 Ext 234 for any further enquires.

2020 School Magazine

Any student that has paid for but didn't receive their magazine at the end of last year please see student reception to get your copy.

ESBA Representative Trails for 2020

Trials on 14th February at the following times:

- U15 Boys - 10.00-11.15 am
- U15 Girls - 11.30 am - 12.45 pm
- U17 Girls - 1.00-2.15 pm
- U17 Boys - 2.30 - 3.45 pm
- U19 Boys - 4 - 5.15 ppm

Trials are at Archer Stadium, for further information please contact Colleen on 027 00 ESBA.

