



31 JANUARY 2023 **NEWSLETTER**

Gore High School

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From the Rector

Tēnā koutou ki ngā whānau o te kura
Hello to the families of the school

Dear Parents

Nau mai, haere mai ki te tau 2023. Nau mai ki ngā whānau hou u ki tā tātou whānau kura. Welcome to 2023. Welcome to the new families to our school family.

I hope you all found some time to enjoy the glorious weather over the summer break.

To those of you who are new to Gore High School our newsletters are sent out fortnightly by email. Our Facebook page is a great place for the latest news and events.

I warmly welcome Mr Pierre Lubbe to our Mathematics Department. Pierre comes to us from working in Dubai but hails from South Africa originally. He has moved to Gore with his wife Sonja and son Marcus.

Staff are getting up and ready for the start of the year. Monika Du Plessis our timetabler has been very busy over the past week. Balancing the needs of every student individual subject choice with staff availability makes for a complex task. The start of the year always has a settling in period with students returning back to school with changes in plans and some students moving on to other opportunities. I really do encourage you to contact us and talk things over if you have any concerns. We have included some key contacts for you in this newsletter.

I am pleased to say we are almost fully staffed. We do have several part-time staff who cleverly balance other commitments with their teaching. Therefore your students benefit from their specialist skills 3-4 days per week. I am incredibly grateful for the contribution they make to our students learning.

I am sure some of you will have some nervous and at the same time excited students waiting to start their first day of high school tomorrow. To welcome our new students to the Gore High School whānau we will be having a mihi whakatau, welcome, on Wednesday 1st February at 9am. Students and families meet at the front of the school, near the flagpole. At the conclusion of the ceremony families are invited to join us for a drink and biscuit. I would love to catch up with you.

You may have noticed that we have had a tidy up and clear out of some trees. Things had got a little untidy and overgrown. We will replant as part of the new build landscaping.

We understand that there is a significant financial outlay starting at a new school with uniform, stationary and a laptop. We have many ways that can help, please ask. Give Kirsty Bell, our Business Manager a ring or email her on kbell@gore-high.school.nz.

Noho ora mai,
Stay well,
Mel Hamilton



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UPCOMING KEY DATES

TERM 1

6th February:	Waitangi Day - school closed
14th February:	Year 9 Whanau welcome hui
16th February:	School Photo Day
28th February:	Athletics Day
2nd - 3rd March:	Kapa Haka Wānanga
15th March:	Learning Pathways Meetings
23rd March:	Junior Variety Concert
3rd April:	Blues ceremony
5th April:	Prefects Variety Concert
6th April:	Last day of Term 1

Year 9 Whanau welcome hui

We invite parents to meet their child's teacher on Tuesday 14th February from 5pm - 7pm.

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Year 13 Dean - Nicki Cooper

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Staff contact details

Absences information

Please notify the school of your child's absences using your preferred method from our below options:

- Phone the school 208 9130 press 1 for absences and leave a voice message
- Text 021 027 51518 with your child's name and reason for absence
- Submit your child's absence via the Edge app
- Email absentees@gore-high.school.nz with your child's name and reason for absence