



## Principal Report

Kia ora,

Preparations are well underway for our Pet Day on November 16. Today our Year 7 & 8 students are meeting with the Year 7 & 8 students at Knapdale to further plan the day. This is a great leadership opportunity for these students and we are looking forward to supporting the day.

Last night, the Board of Trustees discussed our student learning and achievement data and talked about targets for this term and next term. If you'd like any more information about this, please let me know. You are always welcome to attend our meetings.

We also discussed how we can best attract new students to Otama School and continue to provide excellent opportunities for our current students. The Board has some plans in place to grow our school, and I am looking forward to sharing these ideas with the community. For the foreseeable future, I will be actively seeking new enrolments. The Board of Trustees is committed to allocating resourcing to facilitate roll growth.

If you know of any students who may be preparing to begin school, or who may wish to attend our school, please let me know. I would like to be able to show new families what Otama School and the Board has to offer.

We were planning to attend the Science Roadshow at Longford Intermediate on November 15, but recently it has been resolved that there will be teacher strikes on this day. Although Otama School will remain open on strike days, we are at this stage unsure whether the Science Roadshow will still be available. Fingers crossed!

I hope everyone had a good school break.

Have a great weekend.

Samuel Smith

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| <b>Events Calendar</b>  | <b>Friday 2 November</b><br><b>School Photos (afternoon)</b> |
| <b>Tuesday 30 October</b><br><b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Technology</b> | <b>Friday 16 November</b><br><b>Pet Day</b>                  |



# Community Events

**The Waikaka Arts & Crafts 42nd Annual Exhibition opens on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Waikaka Centennial Hall with guest speaker Jasmine Keir from No 8 Gallery, Centre Bush in attendance. Tickets only \$15 – available at the door. The Exhibition runs from Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1 pm – 5 pm with Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> being our late night ( 1pm – 8.30 pm.) Admittance only \$5, hope you can make it!**

## ATHLETICS GORE



Opening night for the new season begins on the first Tuesday in Term 4, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at Newman Park. Looking forward to seeing everyone again, new members most welcome! Any queries please contact Vicky Muir 021 265 5712.

After School Art - Riversdale Art Rooms  
Creativity with Christine OConnor - Term 4  
8years+

3.15pm-4.45pm 4 weeks \$80 all materials supplied

Monday 15,29 October, 5,19 November

Wednesday 17,24,31 October,7 November

Contact Christine

0272010375/[christineoc22@gmail.com](mailto:christineoc22@gmail.com)

### EASTERN SOUTHLAND SOFTBALL ASSN.

Welcome to the 2018 2019 Primary School Season.  
Pre-Christmas Entries.  
All Games played at the Gore Show Grounds.

Games commence Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and run through for 6 weeks 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Junior games played at 4pm and Senior games at 5pm.

Junior Teams ages 5 to 7 year olds. Play 3 full innings  
Senior Teams. 8 to 10 year olds Play 4 full innings.  
Approx. 9-10 players per team.  
All equipment supplied.

Entries in by 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018  
Grades will depend on ages, abilities and number of teams.  
We can make up composite teams from smaller schools or individual children.

We would plan another Town - Eastern T Ball game 7<sup>th</sup> December. Played in Gore.

Fees. 3 children playing per family \$30.00  
Fees. 2 Children playing per family \$25.00  
Fees. 1 Child per family playing. \$15.00.

Please email teams to me, Through Messenger,  
Email. [heatherhetaraka@gmail.com](mailto:heatherhetaraka@gmail.com). Text 0272334748.  
Thank you. Heather Hetaraka. Coordinator. ESSA.

CALVIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

# ANGELS & HEROES

LIGHT PARTY

**FUN, GAMES, FOOD, PRIZES**

FREE FUN ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UP TO YEAR 6. COME DRESSED AS AN ANGEL OR A HERO (BUT NO HALLOWEEN COSTUMES PLEASE)

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are free, but limited, so collect yours from Manna Bookstore or CrossRoads Cycles from 1st October

**4.30PM & 6.30PM SESSIONS WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER**

Bring colouring competitions with you on the day

With Anna Gorham

## PŪAWAITANGA RARANGA - PIKAU Backpack weaving

Learn further techniques of Raranga - Maori weaving with Anna Gorham, making your own Pika (backpack) after this weekend workshop

You will learn how to identify materials for weaving backpacks and baskets and the process of preparation for raranga.

You will also learn basic Te Reo around weaving, a karakia and waiata.

Please bring your own tools, a sharp knife, a haka knife and 10 challenges. You will also need your own supplies. Please bring a bag for the tools of the Pika. Please don't drink.

Please bring to stay at the Home in Māori or Saturday night. \$100.00 includes material. Please don't drink.

Fri 9 NOV 7pm - 9pm  
Sat 10 NOV 9am - 12pm  
Sun 11 NOV 9am - 12pm

\$10 for the material (you get material for 12 per night workshop or more)

Go To The Home in Māori, 112 (aka) Street Gore

The more interested in Te Reo in this class please phone 0609 111 117 or email [anna@reap.org.nz](mailto:anna@reap.org.nz)

Eastern REAP Inc

LEAPING FROGS SWIM SCHOOL presents

# THE GUARDS

Swim to survive

Term 1 | Term 4

Extend your child's swim to survive skills. Learning to swim confidently is key to your child's safety in, on and around water.

The Guards' exciting programme features: the following areas of water safety and survival

**Surf safety | River safety | Boat safety  
Pool safety | Safe rescue  
Land based training**

LEAPING FROGS SWIM SCHOOLS  
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GO RURAL CITY READING

Off Robertson Street, Gore Phone 03 203 9128 www.goredc.govt.nz

St Peter's College PTFA

# Car Boot & Bake Sale

COFFEE BAKING MUSIC DRINKS

4 November 2018, 11 am to 2 pm  
St Peter's College carpark - Robertson & Kakapo Streets, Gore

SPRING CLEANING OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS? GET RID OF YOUR PRE-LOVED ITEMS AT OUR SPRING FLING CAR BOOT & BAKE SALE!

Entry \$10 per car. Spaces Limited.  
Book your space before Friday, 2 November 2018 by phone or text to Lisa South on 027 414 3328 with your Name and Car Registration Number.