

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Swimming for years 4 - 6 students (year 3 will be swimming the same week as the juniors 1 - 5th March) will run from Monday 8th March - Friday 12th March this year. Students will be bused to the pool and back to school each day. There is no cost for this activity thanks to the generosity of the Matura Licensing Trust, Gore Pakeke Lions and the Gore District Council - how lucky are we to live in this little town? Below is the timetable for each class just in case you are keen to call into the pool and watch at some stage.

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| 10.30am - 11.15am | Piwakawaka |
| 11.15am - 12.00pm | Moa        |
| 12.00pm - 12.45pm | Takahe     |
| 12.45pm - 1.30pm  | Kiwi       |

Please ensure your child has everything they need each day:

*Togs*

*Towel*

*Goggles and swim cap (optional)*

Children will still be able to wear their correct uniform to school and girls will be able to leave their pinafore in their classroom for safe keeping.

This year the staff at the pool will be running a new and exciting programme called the Gore Aquatic Programme which will focus less on learning to swim and more on being safe in and around the water including:

*Water safety and awareness, hypothermia and lifejacket education*

*Submersion: including getting in and out of the water safely*

*Propulsion and orientation*

*Personal buoyancy*

*Rescues*

We're looking forward to taking part in this new initiative. If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to call in and see me or email me: [mallory.hood@stmarys.school.nz](mailto:mallory.hood@stmarys.school.nz)

Thanks for your continued support and encouragement,

Mallory Hood  
Deputy Principal

