

Coming Events

JULY

Mon 24th - Term 3 Starts

Wed/Thurs 26th/27th - School Photo Days

AUGUST

Thurs 3rd - Junior Report Evening

Tues 8th - Pay it Forward Day

Wed 9th - Yr 10 Hinetu Evening

Thurs 24th - Yr10,11 & 12 Subject selection evening

SEPTEMBER

Mon 4th - Winter Tournament week

Deans and Form Teachers

These people play a critical role in your daughter's success. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call her form teacher in the first instance. To arrange this please call the school office (06) 8686092

The Deans for this year are:

Justine Ward	Year 9
Ingrid Meister	Year 10
Chrissy Bevan- Hutana	Year 11
Hana Crawford-Bowden	Year 12
Debbie Tallott	Year 13
Wendy Kirkwood	International Students

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1. Upcoming sports events:

Cycling - NZSS Nationals - Cambridge - 8-10 July
 Ngata 7's Netball for years 9 and 10 - Ruatoria - Wed July 5th
 Squash Nationals - Palmerston North - 4-6 Aug
 NZSS Surfing Nationals - Raglan - 13-18 Aug
 Hockey 1st XI - Bethlehem Trip - 17-18 Aug
 Winter Tournament involving Football; Hockey 1st and 2nd XI; and Netball - 4-8 Sept.



2. Rugby - This year we have grown our 7's team to a 12 aside team who have travelled to a competition in Wairoa every week of term two. We are very lucky to have a new coach in Chris Neill who coached the Brazilian women's 7's team at the last Olympics. The girls have put a lot of effort into training and games and as we go to print they have just won their semi final against Karamu High School 42-19. They then met the might of Hasting Girls' High in the final...and won that in a close battle 19-15.

3. Netball - This year we again have a great number of girls playing netball. There are 13 GGHS teams including 7 junior teams and 6 senior teams. There have been mixed results to date but hopefully the season is enjoyable for all. The juniors are off to Ruatoria on July 5th for the annual Ngata 7's tournament and the Senior A are travelling to New Plymouth in September for Lower North Island Champs.



Learning Support Bowls:

Anne Day from Gisborne East Coast Bowls Club came to the Learning Support to help students strengthen their Bowl skills. We had great weather for bowls. We also had a glorious day at Eastwoodhill Arboretum.



Newsletter

JULY 2017



Te Kura Tuarua o Tūranga Wāhine Gisborne Girls' High School

Dear students, parents and caregivers,
 He kura ao, He ao kura ko Turanga Wahine. Nga mihi aroha ki nga kaiiaki a o tatou rangatira.

This term has flown by as usual. We seem to have had so much happening at the school it's hard to know where to highlight first. The photos inside will give you some idea of the variety of activities our students have been involved in. Of course we still have all the classroom learning occurring as well although nowadays there is always a great deal happening beyond the classrooms.

Term Two is always our Music Term with Rockquest, Pasifika Beats, Chamber Music and Choir competitions all on within the term. Head of Music Jane Egan and our other Music staff have had a very full on time and I want to thank them all on behalf of our students. A very large proportion of our student population has been involved in one or many of these different competitions with excellent talent on display. I am looking forward to our end of term assembly which will be a showcase of the various groups.

Late in May we also had the Nga Manu Korero Speech and Kapa Haka competitions. Our students did us proud in both aspects with three of our speakers placing second in their categories. Then Turanga Wahine Turanga Tane maintained the result with second overall in the Kapa Haka competition. This qualifies them for the national finals in 2018 which is very exciting. Well done to everyone as I know the hours of practice and hard work that went into that result. The roopu are very lucky to have outstanding support from their tutors and whanau.

A few weeks ago we ran a national survey for all Year 9 and 10 students entitled Me and My School. There was a lot of information to evaluate but I thought whanau would be very pleased to hear that 84% of Year 9s and 79% of Year 10s said that they take school seriously. The national figures for these statistics were 74% and 73% respectively. Another positive result was that 87% of Year 9s and 84% of Year 10s said that at school they really care that they do their best work compared to 75% and 72% nationally. These are great results and really show that our students understand the importance of their education and that they want to succeed. There were a lot of other types of questions about how our students feel about their school that we will examine more closely over the next weeks and these will help inform our future decisions. Thank you to all the juniors who took the survey seriously and gave us their opinions.

Next term we start to look towards 2018 with enrolment and subject selection. These both involve very important decisions and there will be opportunities to come in and have discussions about the various choices involved. We will have Open Days and events for potential students to come in and have a look at what we offer across the school. Our students are our best ambassadors as they fully participate in the life of the school.

I hope all students have a safe and restful holiday when we finish this term on July 7th.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.
 Jan Kumar

In special memory of....

The loss of a student is always very sad and makes us realise how fragile and precious life is.

Hine Potiki Ryland was a vivacious Year 13 student who will be missed.

We pass on our sincere condolences to her whanau in this very difficult time.





Speech



A GLORIOUS NIGHT OF SPEECH

The 2017 Gisborne Girls' High School Speech Finals was a truly outstanding evening! We were delighted to have lawyer Ms Vicki Thorpe, as adjudicator – a most enjoyable but highly challenging task as our most gifted speakers took to the floor.

The Year 9 winner was Emily Horne, who gave an entertaining speech on 'Past, Present and Future Careers,' narrowly ahead of fine speeches from Hattie Kemp with a powerful discussion on 'Children in Syria,' and Sophie Akroyd challenging us to 'Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover' in what was a fantastic start to the evening.

Stirling Maxwell won a very high quality Year 10 competition with her thought provoking speech, 'What Am I? – Mental Illness' just ahead of Tessa Hall's highly persuasive topic of 'Animal Cruelty' and Danielle Bell's inspiring speech on 'Motivation.'

All our Year 11 speakers were thoughtful and exceptional, with Christy Tate asking everyone to consider 'Humanity' as the winner, with Lucy Coulston discussing 'The Environment,' while Taeliah Ngaira delivered an insightful speech on 'Ignorance.'

Sam Booth took the honours in a truly outstanding Year 12 competition talking about 'Insecurities' with Kate Falloon's 'Beauty' making all think deeply about our views on the topic, while Elise Sadlier spoke passionately in discussing 'Feelings.'

The highlight of the evening is always the Year 13 Impromptu Speeches, where our brave volunteers are assigned a topic at random, and have only sixty minutes to prepare a four minute presentation. This year, it was all about the song titles from the greatest band of them all, The Beatles. As always, the girls delivered – even if none of them were fans of the Fab Four, and our four speakers of the highest quality saw Lucy Anderson entertainingly discussing 'Yesterday,' Paula Jeune speaking with great hilarity yet insight about 'Let It Be,' Laurel Mitchell tackling the topic of 'Money Can't Buy Me Love,' while Tahua Pihema looked to the future with 'Here Comes The Sun.' Laurel narrowly emerged victorious from the four fantastic speakers, all of whom have shown their exceptional talents through their years at high school in these finals.

Thanks also go to Blaise Hubbard and Belle Mitford for their competence as MCs for the evening.

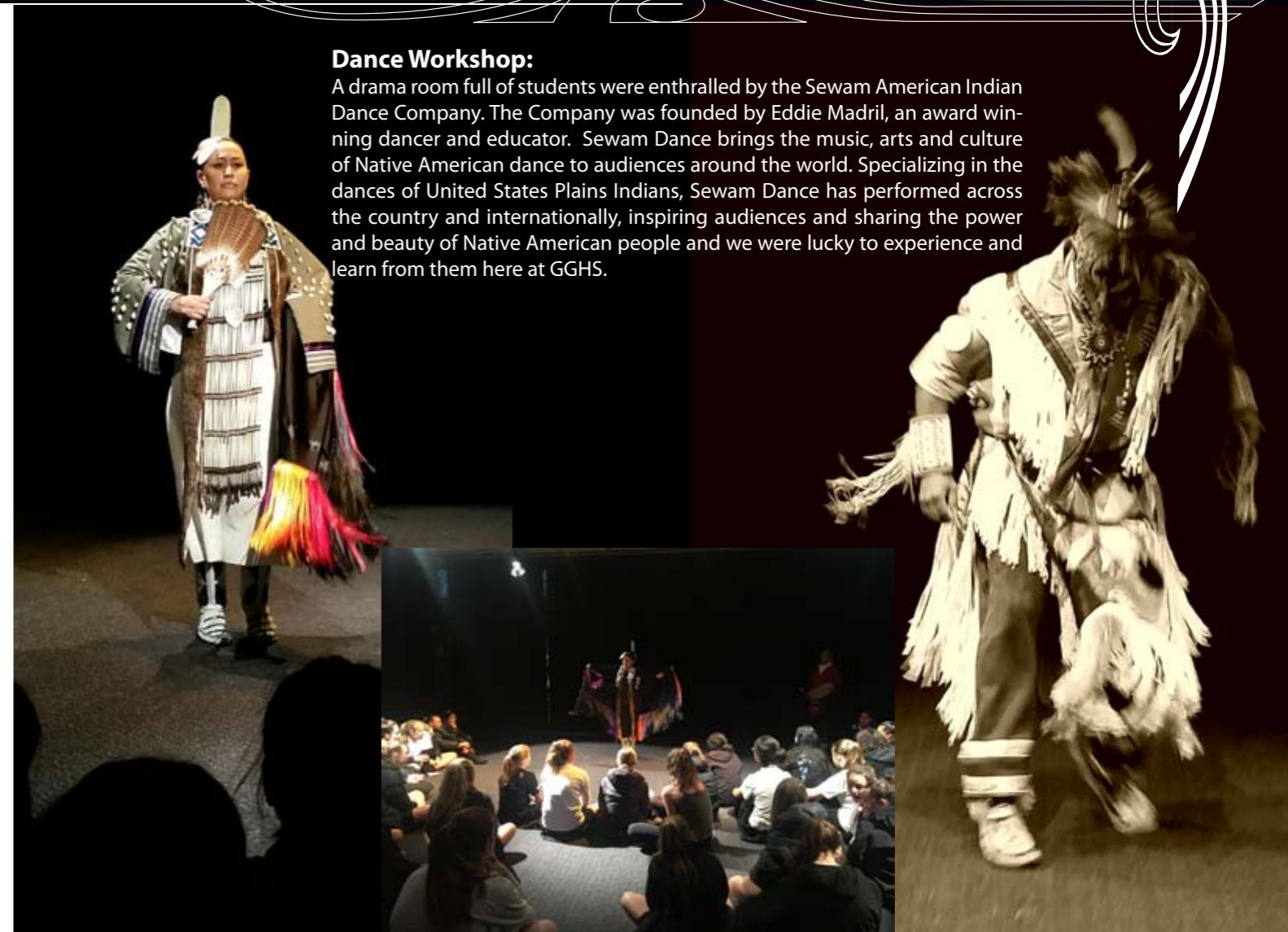
If you missed out this year, there is always 2018 – start planning your speech now, (even if a very high bar has been set!) and we look forward to seeing more of our wonderful young women as they entertain and inform us with their speeches of the highest standard.



International

Dance Workshop:

A drama room full of students were enthralled by the Sewam American Indian Dance Company. The Company was founded by Eddie Madril, an award winning dancer and educator. Sewam Dance brings the music, arts and culture of Native American dance to audiences around the world. Specializing in the dances of United States Plains Indians, Sewam Dance has performed across the country and internationally, inspiring audiences and sharing the power and beauty of Native American people and we were lucky to experience and learn from them here at GGHS.



Auf wiedersehen

We, the international students from Germany, have really enjoyed our time at Gisborne Girls' High School. We have experienced so many new and exciting things, and learned so much about a different culture. Our time here in Gisborne was so amazing, and we are really sad that we have to leave soon. Attending school in another country is such an awesome experience and we would recommend it to everyone who has the opportunity to do it. We thank our homestay families, and teachers and new friends for making this time so special.

Naomi, Alexa, and Dorina. xxx





Community...

Packed senior quiz night in the library.



On the 18th - 21st of May I attended the **C.O.A.C.H programme** for year 13's (Creating Opportunities for a Career in Health) based at the Waipapa Marae on the University of Auckland campus. This programme was set by the Whakapiki Ake or WAP initiative which strives to see more maori pursuing careers in health.

The trip was a continuation of the year 12 M.A.S.H trip, though it was more focused on becoming an Auckland uni student next year. This included applying for uni courses, scoping out scholarships and hall options, thinking of careers, checking out the uni system e.g G.P.A, papers you'll sit, what lectures are like, how many people will be there, different courses and degrees you can do, job options e.t.c. But of course we had fun; ice skating and maccas runs! It was really eye opening (and a tad scary) but all of us there were on the same boat and though it's slightly daunting it did motivate me to do the mahi and get the treats.

From the **M.A.S.H (Maori Achieving Success in Health)** trip last year I was really inspired to do well in school and aim for a health career. Any year 11 girls who are maori in any way and even remotely interested in studying health or science at Auckland University and are currently take at least 2 sciences, maths and english I would definitely recommend you putting in an application to attend the M.A.S.H trip next year. You will meet so many awesome students just like you and they will quickly become friends. For me going back to Auckland is an exciting prospect and I think having the WAP (Whakapiki Ake) team as support and of course the incredible friends I have made will make uni a lot less scary and a lot more bearable.

So give it a go it's a great opportunity even if you don't carry on to attend COACH next year or onto MAPAS (Maori and Pacific Admissions Scheme) it's really cool, you become part of the whanau and it's free!

Year 12's, applications have already closed but the study wananga is still available at the end of the year for you!

Ask the careers team or hit me up on my email if you want more info:

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Hannah Overbye



CAREERS



Gymnastics & XC



This year GGHS had 45 students participate in the 2017 Gisborne Gymnastics Festival as both competitors and volunteers.

A Competitive:

- 1st- Hannah Scholefield
- 2nd- Eireann Hudner
- 3rd- Fern Stuart

A Grade:

- 1st Giorgia Hart
- 2nd Jaime De Costa
- 3rd Nicki Graham

A Reserve:

- 1st Le'Sharn Anderson
- 2nd Molly Lankshear

B Grade:

- 1st Danielle Bell
- 2nd Jess Davies
- 3rd Caitlin Raklander

Rythmical:

- 1st- GGHS 1- Mixed Year 9 and 10s. Coached by Kendall Croker, Alex Udall and Tyla Bermingham
- 2nd- GGHS 3- Seniors coached by Fern Stuart
- 3rd- GGHS 2- Mixed Years 9 and 10s. Coached by Elisabeth Missen and Chello Ngata



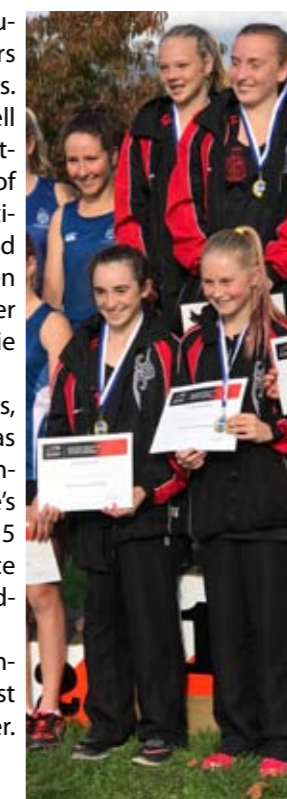
Cross Country Report

East Coast North Island Cross Country Champs, Gisborne Showgrounds, 7th June. Athletes from Ruatoria to Waipukurau competed in the annual ECNI CC. Hawke's Bay runners dominated but Gisborne Girls' High had its share of success. In the Year Nine Girls' race Le'Sharn Anderson ran a well judged race pulling away, with a lap to go, to win comfortably. Haylee Law ran a steady race for sixth place. The race of the day was the Junior Girls' three kilometres. The competition was very strong with Briana Irving running head to head with Napier Girls' Brianna Lee. There was nothing between the two until the last 300 metres when the Napier runner pulled ahead. In the team's race Briana plus Emma Brownlie and Jerrica Larby finished second.

New Zealand Secondary School's Cross Country Champs, Christchurch, 17th and 18th June. Girls' High sole entry was Briana Irving who finished a creditable sixth out of 93 competitors. The next day Briana teamed up with four Hawke's Bay runners to form the East Coast North Island team in the 5 x 2 kilometer relay. In what was an outstanding performance the team place second, beating much larger centres including Auckland, Waikato and Canterbury.

Well done and thank you to all those athletes who have competed this year. There is one regional event left, the East Coast North Island Road Champs to be held in Hastings in October. Runners will be selected from our Beach Run.

Graham Lawson





Music.....



NZ Music Commission Mentoring in Schools

Our year 12 and 13 classes recently had the pleasure of having two days mentoring from the amazing Annie Crummer. This is the "fifth" year we have had the amazing "Aunty Annie" who worked with eight bands preparing them for the regional Smokefree Rockquest heats. She was incredibly inspiring and all the bands made huge improvements and learned lots of music industry tips and tricks.

Rockquest

We had 13 bands and 9 solo/duo acts entered in this year's event. The Heats for the bands took place on Sunday the 21st of May. It was a fantastic afternoon's entertainment with 44 acts taking the stage. At the end of the event 12 bands were named to play at the finals on the 9th of June. Six of those were from Girls' High. Congratulations to Axiom, Grey Nebula, Fuzion, 1702, Common Divide and Mellow. At the finals Mellow took out the best vocal award, Bianca Byrne from Grey Nebula took the award for outstanding lyrics and Axiom were awarded the best song award for their song "Anticoagulant" (the mouse song).

Solo/ Duo

This year we hosted a new event for Solo and Duo acts. We had 9 acts enter in this. They performed in the Drama room and their live performances have been uploaded to youtube as part of the solo/duo section of Rockquest. Each solo/duo performed 1 item. We were joined by a number of acts from other schools. It was awesome having a supportive audience and all the acts were amazing. Check them out on the Gisborne Girls' High School Music facebook or our youtube channel GizzyGirlsHSMusic. Finalists will be announced on the Smokefree Rockquest website on the 30th of June - Good luck everyone.



Chamber

Gisborne Girls' High School hosted the Regional Chamber Music Competition this year in the Drama Theatre. We had 8 groups entered, 2 junior groups and 6 senior groups. Pieces ranged from 'Pink Panther' to 'Viva La Vida' and a fun percussion piece which won the judges adjudicators award. 'Fauntastic Trio', made up of Gisborne Boys' High students Joshua Reedy (piano) and Micah Russell (clarinet), and Gisborne Girls' High student Rebekah Hakiwai (flute), performed Debussy's Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun and won the competition and a place in the central regional finals. They performed their beautiful piece again in Napier on the 24th of June. Highly Commended was awarded to: The Pirates of Girls' High (Gisborne Girls' High), Acht Hande, Vierzig Finger (Gisborne Girls' High), Indizi Blues (Gisborne Girls' High, Gisborne Boys' High, Campion College) (who also won the KBB Music award).



Hook, Line and Sing-Along

Congratulations to J'Reiy Taare and Alysha Ngaira who have won a Songwriting award for Outstanding Composition and Outstanding arrangement in the Hook Line and Sing-A-Long song writing competition. This is a Nationwide competition run by the NZ Music Commission. The girls will receive a certificate of merit and a NZ music month prizepack.



Pacifica Beats

The Smokefree Pacifica Beats Competition was held on the 29th and 30th of June in the Girls' High Music room. Students received mentoring from Priya Sami. Priya performs along side her sisters in "the Sami Sisters" and as a soloist artist under the name "Trip pony". Check her out on youtube. Priya has an abundance of industry knowledge and musical skill to share with the students. On Friday the mentoring concluded with a concert where all the bands showcased their 2 song set to be considered for selection to the National Finals in September.

Choir

This year we have expanded our choral singing and now have two groups. One is an all comers choir open to anyone with a passion for singing. There are 85 members of this choir. The other is an auditioned choir called Manu Tangi Ata (the morning birds or dawn chorus). This choir has 23 members. Both choirs travelled recently to Napier for the Choral Federation's Big Sing Competition. We had an excellent trip and the students represented our school with awesome performances. You can find these performances on our youtube channel. Although we did not gain a placing this year the judges comments were very favourable. Choir continues for the rest of the year with all comers practice on a Thursday lunchtime in the music room. If students who are not already members are interested in joining either group they are most welcome to come along. Manu Tangi Ata practice on a Wednesday after school and we will be holding another round of auditions shortly so we can start on next year's Big Sing items.

Music Assembly

We will be holding a school assembly in the Gym on the last day of term and will be showcasing our musicians. There will be performances from the choirs and bands. Parents are welcome. The assembly will start at 12.00.

