

Coming Events

Year 13 Eastwood Hill Day - 18th March

Ki o Rahi Regionals - 22nd March

Summer Tournament week
25th - 29th March

Gumboot Friday - 5th April

Careers Expo - 9th April

EC Regional Shakespeare Festival
10th April

Race Unity Speech Regionals
11th April

End of Term 1 - Friday 12th April

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:

Grace Davidson	Year 9
Rita Halley	Year 10
Justine Ward	Year 11
Ingrid Meister	Year 12
Chrissy Bevan-Hutana	Year 13
Wendy Kirkwood	International Students

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Year 9 Hinetu Evening



Celebrating Success



Te Kura Tuarua o Tūranga Wāhine Gisborne Girls' High School Newsletter March 2019

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

The term is progressing quickly with our Athletic and Swimming sports all completed. Both of these were successful days full of colour, participation and talented sportswomen. Well done to all those who took part.

Thank you to all the year 9 students and whanau who attended our Hinetu evening last week. The hall was full and it was excellent to see how well supported our students are. I hope everyone who came enjoyed the opportunity to meet both the school staff and other whanau. The five year journey ahead is so much easier if we work together - students, whanau and school. Good communication is vital.

As we move into the second half of the term we start to think about reports. This year our seniors will receive an Interim Report that will be emailed home on Friday 5th April. These reports are to give an indication of how well students have settled into, and are progressing in, each of their subjects.

Our junior students will receive their Term One JCEA report that will be emailed home on Friday 12th April. This report will show credits earned for attendance as well as for participation in both form and subject classes. There are no assessment credits in Term One. In each case, whanau without email will have a copy handed to their students in form class.

We will be holding student - whanau - form teacher conferences next term on May 8-9. Each student and their whanau will have a 15-minute interview with their form teacher to review their goals and progress so far. As this is the only formal interview that we hold we hope that every student will have a whanau member who is able to attend. More details will be given out closer to the time.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.
Jan Kumar

ROWING

Congratulations to the Rowing team that competed at Karapiro Secondary School Champs. The Bronze medal for Girls' Novice U18 Coxed Quad went to: Jemma Honey, Sabine Lapointe, Caitlin Bregmen, Leah Scholefield and Jessica Wright, coach Alex Hyland.



Out and About

2019 Prefects



Deputy and Head Prefects: Mackenzie Mitchell, Maddie Wilson and Maia Ingoe.



Back : Breeann Cairns, Georgia Shanks, Christy Tate, Jayde Neal, Waimarie Peters, Kaila Tawera, Mihingarangi Tamihana-Brown, Zoe Van Wijk, Eve Mulligan

Front : Grace McKibbin, Amanda Graham, Rosa Hyland, Mackenzie Mitchell (Deputy), Maddie Wilson (Head Prefect), Maia Ingoe (Deputy) , Scania Coffey, Phoenix Burrows-Kirikiri

CAREERS
Teen Ag group visited Ovation Gisborne to gain a better understanding of the operation of a meatworks.



Year 9 Art





Kate Falloon- Prefect 2018

Athletic Sports



In 2018, during my final year of high school, I decided to apply for a trip run by UN Youth New Zealand, called the Global Development Tour. This educational tour traveled through 7 countries over the course of a month, attending a Model UN event (called CMUNCE) at the prestigious Columbia University in New York, meeting with important organisations (many UN-affiliated), who operate with a strong focus on the UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, which were the educational purpose of the trip. These 17 goals were introduced by the UN in 2015, and they set an objective for the ideal version of our world, with the goal of reaching this by 2030. This trip immediately caught my eye, as it was much of what I'm passionate about - learning, helping people and the world, and travel - so I was very privileged and beyond excited to be one of the 22 delegates from across our country selected. After months of researching, homework, and preparation (plus a 10-hour flight delay), we finally departed Auckland airport for New York on the 12th of January this year. And so ensued quite possibly the most incredible month of my life. Our journey began in New York, where we attended CMUNCE, a four day Model UN event. The other three days in New York were filled with exploring the incredible city, touring the UN Headquarters and meeting with the Under Secretary-General of the UN, an incredible Kiwi woman named Jan Beagle (definitely one of my highlights), and much more. From there we flew to London, where we met with members of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (or Chatham House), one of the most prestigious non-profit international relations organisations in the world. This was another highlight of mine, it was a fascinating meeting where we learnt a great amount about how Chatham House approaches international issues and works to resolve them, and were challenged to apply this during a workshop.



From London we took a break from flying and trained to Paris. Paris is an incredible city that I enjoyed visiting, the Louvre and the Palace of Versailles being two of my standout experiences of the entire trip. If you are ever in Paris I strongly recommend you visit these! Here we also had meetings with UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation), and the New Zealand Embassy, which were both highly engaging. It was so fascinating to meet with Kiwis working abroad and hear about how they got to their position and their roles in the world.

We spent four days in Berlin before heading to Vienna, the capital of Austria. It is a beautiful city, and one I would love to return to. Our second night was spent ice skating underneath a gorgeous lit cathedral, and was my favourite evening of the entire month. We met with three Kiwis at the New Zealand Embassy in Vienna, one of whom was born on the East Coast - it really shows that even if you begin your life in a small town, you can still find yourself ending up in some incredible places.

We then flew to Rome, our final overnight stop on the Tour. As a Classics enthusiast, Rome was beyond fascinating, and visiting places like the Colosseum, the Pantheon, and the Vatican City were amazing beyond words. Our final meeting was the one I was charged with researching and briefing our team on, and it was with the World Food Programme. This meeting was possibly my favourite, as the team was so engaging and offered us advice on working in international relations, which I am very interested in.

After a day long layover in Hong Kong Disneyland (truly the happiest place on Earth), we finally arrived home in Auckland airport, still buzzing from the incredible experiences we'd shared, the amount we'd learnt and grown over the course of the tour. This trip was one of the most incredible experiences of my life for so many reasons, but mainly because I was learning so much about world issues that I am extremely passionate about, and with a group of like-minded people who became family over the course of the month.

UN Youth runs events all throughout New Zealand during the year, and if you are interested in politics, how New Zealand works, and how the world works, I strongly recommend you get in involved! They have a Facebook page and a website which tell you everything you need to know. Put yourself forward with confidence, you never know how far you'll end up going.





Sport



Sydney International Judo Competition.

Congratulations to Ella Kelso who won Gold in her Under 63kg Weight range at the Sydney International Judo Competition. Ella has continued to excel in her sport within New Zealand and abroad. To achieve Gold is a major achievement after gaining a silver last year in. Ella will travel to China later in the year with fellow GGHS student Sydnee Andrews.

2019 Kayaking Nationals at Karapiro.

17 current and past GGHS students competed for Poverty Bay Kayaking club at Nationals in Karapiro, with many of them stepping up onto the podium. An awesome effort.



Debating



At 7.15 am on Saturday the 2nd of March, the Gisborne Girls' High School debating team assembled at Gisborne Boys' High to board the van to Napier. We were nervous and still a bit sleepy but excited about the trip to come. It was the first time debating in the Hawkes Bay regional competition for two of us. The competition was an amazing opportunity to debate against many other teams from Hawkes Bay schools. After a short detour to recover a forgotten handbag in Wairoa and a brief stop at our accommodation for the boys to get changed, we arrived at Havelock North High School where the competition was being held. Our ties were tied and our blazers buttoned, and we were ready to debate. We had three debates on Saturday. The first we lost, but we listened to all of the adjudicator's feedback and talked about what we could improve on, so went into our second debate fierce and ready to do our best. We won our second debate and our third. Needless to say, by the end we were both buzzing with adrenaline and absolutely starving.

On Sunday morning we returned to Havelock North High School for the final round of debates, after which the semi-finals and finals would begin. We debated well and won our final debate. We found we were one of six teams in the competition who had won three out of four debates. We didn't gather enough points to get into the semi-finals, but we were very proud of our performance regardless. We stayed to watch a semi-final debate and then got on our way home. In the Hawkes Bay competition we all improved so much in our individual positions as well as growing together as a team and making friendships with the other Gisborne debaters from Boys' High and Campion College, who we stayed with at Kennedy Park. As the only Year 13 debater from Gisborne Girls' High, I am extremely proud of how well my team did in the competition and grateful that I got to debate in my last regional Hawkes Bay competition with such awesome people. But now, we are ready and rearing to hone our skills working with the other GGHS debaters and by debating against the other Gisborne schools!

By Maia Ingoe



Year 11 HISTORY

Our Year 11 History class was visited by Jean Johnstone. Jean conducted research into the backgrounds of the Gisborne women who signed the 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition and her work was recently exhibited at the Tairāwhiti Museum. Jean spoke about the struggles the women faced and their "connection" with the Temperance Movements. Standing with Jean, who is a former GGHS Art Teacher, are Sumita Singh, Jessica Hirini, Beth Whitley and Sabine Lapointe.

