

# Coming Events

- Pay It Forward Day: 14 August
- Senior Drama Fright Night: 14 August
- Year 8 Whanau Open Day: 18 August
- Year 12 Geography Trip: 21 - 23 August
- Year 10 Hinetu Evening: NCEA 28 August
- Winter Tournament Week : 2-6 September
- Year 13 Drama Production: 9-10 September
- Senior Benchmark Exams: 19 - 24 September
- End of Term 3: 27 September

## 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 cross-curricular water inquiry project-based learning.

The group went to Waihiere and then the Waikanae stream by the airport. You can see a lot of the planting that was done last year for Pay It Forward day which was great to see. This project is a collaboration between Technology, Science, Maths and Hauora; starting with a water quality inquiry, identifying real world problems and how they affect our local communities, then designing and developing solutions that address these problems in different ways.



### Peace Song Competition

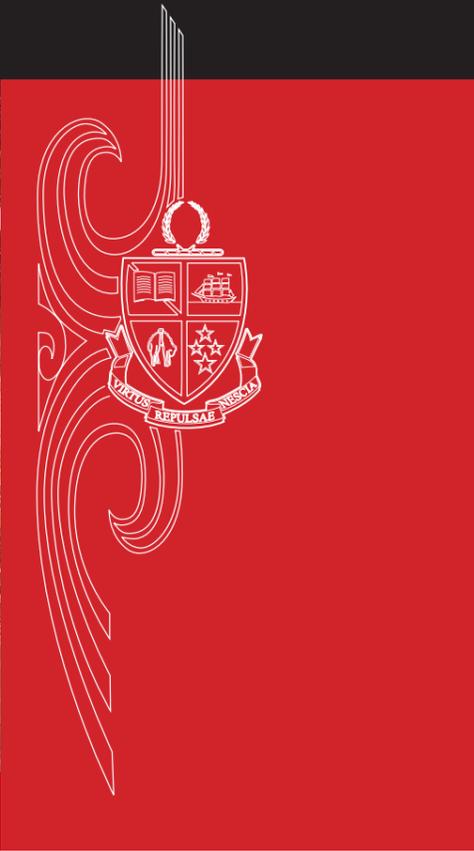
First Place in the 2019 Peace Song Competition is Paris Maxwell from Gisborne Girls' High School with her song 'Life Boat'. This year all FIVE song finalists will go on to record their songs in a professional recording studio to go on the 2019 Peace Song Album.

The Peace Song Competition embraces the theme of peace and non-violence and may be interpreted broadly from inner personal peace, peace in the home and among families to peace between people of the world.

### JUDO

Sydnee Andrews and Ella Kelso have returned from a successful Judo championship in Macau and Hong Kong. Sydnee won medals of every colour — a gold, silver and two bronze medals. Her goal was to be on the podium and she did that 4 times. Ella Kelso also won a silver. and placed 5th twice. The events were all world ranking and olympic qualification competitions allowing both to gain points and go up in the world rankings.

The two 16-year-olds were part of a New Zealand squad on a two-week tour. Well done for your amazing results.



## Celebrating Success



Year 9 Visual Art

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

Term Three has started in a very positive way with continued success for our students. Our school was named the School of the Year with seven songs as finalists in the Play It Strange Lion Foundation Songwriting Competition. As well as this great result, Paris Maxwell has won the Top Prize for the Peace Song Composition for her song 'Lifeboat'. Well done to all our music students and their teachers. All eight songs will now be professionally recorded.

This term is when we start to look ahead and plan for 2020. We have sent out the enrolment information to all Year 8 girls and on Sunday 18th August we will have our Open Afternoon where all students and their whanau can come in to meet with us and have a look around our school. Of course, we think Gisborne Girls' High School is the only choice and our students are our best adverts with their success across academic, cultural and sporting activities. Our students are friendly, motivated and prepared to give back to their communities.

Later this term, Year 10 - 12 students will select their subjects for next year. Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers and whanau to ensure they make the best choices for their futures. There will be a Hinetu event for Year 10 students and their whanau focussed on NCEA and subject selection for Senior School. I encourage all students and whanau to attend this important event.

In week one of the term, we had our Year 13 Ball. This was a truly lovely event and all students who attended, along with their partners, are to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour. Well done to the students on the Events Council who planned this very successful night. This is a huge undertaking and, along with your Dean, you did a great job. The students all looked amazing - as you can see in the photos included inside. As with any event there are many more photos on our Facebook Page - check them out.

Next week we have our Pay It Forward Day when our students give back to our community. Students are involved in many different activities and I thank all those who are ready to show that young people understand the importance of being a contributing member of society. This is always a very positive day.

Senior Benchmark Examinations start in Week 9 and students are reminded of the importance of these. If a student is absent from the final examinations in November due to illness or some other unforeseen circumstance, then their benchmark results may be used for compassionate consideration. Students, therefore, need the best results possible from benchmarks. All the best to those sitting examinations.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.  
Jan Kumar

Year 11 Visual Art





# ROCKQUEST FINALS



# SPEECH FINALS

## A GLORIOUS NIGHT OF SPEECH

The 2019 Gisborne Girls' High School Speech Finals was a truly outstanding evening! We were delighted to have Ms Lucy Rishworth, a solicitor at Rishworth Wall and Mathieson, as our adjudicator – an enjoyable but highly challenging task as our most gifted speakers took to the floor. The Year 9 competition was possibly the strongest we have ever had, with Sarai Gerrard as the winner, who gave a powerful speech on 'Racial Discrimination,' narrowly ahead of fine speeches from Ruby Aitkenhead with a thought provoking discussion on our addiction to 'Sugar,' Oro Webster challenging us to think about discrimination with her topic 'Sweet As Chocolate,' and Ella Whibley's funny but highly perceptive speech on 'Whales' in what was a fantastic start to the evening.

Keira Cairns won a very high quality Year 10 competition with her hilarious speech on 'Procrastination,' just ahead of Rylee Haughey speaking of the philosophy of 'Wabi Sabi,' and Claudia Shank's highly persuasive discussion of 'Happiness.'

Our Year 11 speakers were all thoughtful and exceptional, with Emily Horne asking everyone to think about the planet in her 'Letter to the World' as the winner, with Sophie Akroyd discussing 'The Importance of Maori Culture,' while Sabine Lapointe delivered a passionate speech on 'Racism.' Stirling Maxwell took the honours in a truly outstanding Year 12 competition talking about 'Teenagers,' with Tessa Hall's speech on 'What's for Dinner' making everyone think deeply about what food we consume, while Hannah Veitch spoke with real maturity about the importance of our 'Decisions.'

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 the topics were a selection of quotes from famous films and as always, the girls delivered. Our four speakers of the highest quality saw Lucy Coulston discussing 'Today is a Gift,' from the deeply philosophical Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, while Maia Ingoe channelled Jerry Maguire with 'Show Me the Money,' Oceane Jones became Shrek as she asked us to consider the ogre in a different light, and Paris Maxwell told us to 'Just Keep Swimming,' as Dory instructed Nemo to do. Oceane 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 Eve Mulligan for her competence as MC for the evening. If you missed out this year, there is always 2020, and a new decade – 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.



The finalists in each year group.





# Out and About



# Year 13 Ball

### TANGATA BEATS

GGHS hosted the Smokefree Tangata Beats East Coast studio day. Seven bands from Girls' High, Boys' High, Tolaga Bay Area School and Hawaiki Hou took the stage. They received amazing mentoring from Tama Waipara which saw all the bands grow before they put on their afternoon performance. The Tangata Beats National finalists are announced Friday 9th August so fingers crossed one of our talented East Coast bands makes it to the top 6. Good luck everyone.



### GGHS Rugby 2019 By Maddison Reid (Captain of GGHS Rugby Team)

This year for rugby we were fortunate to have Brendon Hart volunteer to coach our school sevens and rugby team. He provided us with weekly skills trainings and some games and tournaments. We are a relatively young group of players, with a lot of new players. This year, we have been working on building up a strong team culture and gaining experience.

In March we traveled to our first tournament in Hastings where we played sevens; we placed third in the tournament. Then we played Champion Boys U15's in a game of makeshift 15's to practice playing as a team. This prepared us for the Condors Sevens qualifiers against Lytton High School. We did not come out on top in this tournament as Lytton was too strong this time. The experience was valuable though, as the girls now know what to do next year to be able to qualify.

For 15s we played against the Lytton U15's for both games. The scores were very close, with Lytton just coming out on top both times. Finally, for the last game of Term Two, we travelled to Hawkes Bay to play Fielding. This was a very tough game, for both teams involved. We not only surprised the other team with how we played, but ourselves as well. Even though we didn't win, we played a really good game and are going into Term Three trainings with hope and excitement for what this term is going to bring. Big thanks to Mr Hart for all of the time and effort he has put into our rugby teams this year.





# Kapa Haka winners of regional competition Tūranga Wahine Tūranga Tane



# School Activities



Year 11 students created amazing vision boards as a new way of goal setting.

Joanne Maynard, Michaela Hammond, Alyssa Ruruku, Faytel Pepere, Mellissa Down-Campbell, Samara Gordon, Kahliah Tihore, Georgia Richardson, Veyga Hovell, Paige Hovell, Jazmin Luafalealo, Rose Te Rangī.



**Licence to Work**

Cj is completing her Licence to Work programme this year. This involves learning and putting into practice the 7 employability skills of positive attitude, team work, self-management, willingness to learn, thinking, communication and resiliency. Students must complete 10 + hours of community work followed by 80 hours in the workplace. Their supervisors will provide evidence that the student is competent in the above skills. Cj completed her community work with Hospice and is now doing her workplace with our Learning Support unit.



The Mandarin classes had an exciting term with their teacher Sixin Hu learning many different activities such as as Drama play about a Chinese wedding, Chinese Calligraphy Writing, Chinese Painting and Chinese Knot bracelet Class. They also learnt about the differences between western and Chinese cultures and also practiced Tai Chi. The girls put together a Han Chinese clothing fashion show to celebrate the end of their course. Thank you Sixin Hu for teaching our students.

