

# Coming Events

NCEA Exams begin - Nov 8th

Leavers Dinner - Nov 28th

EOY Activities - Dec 2nd-4th

End of Term 4 - Dec 6th

# 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:

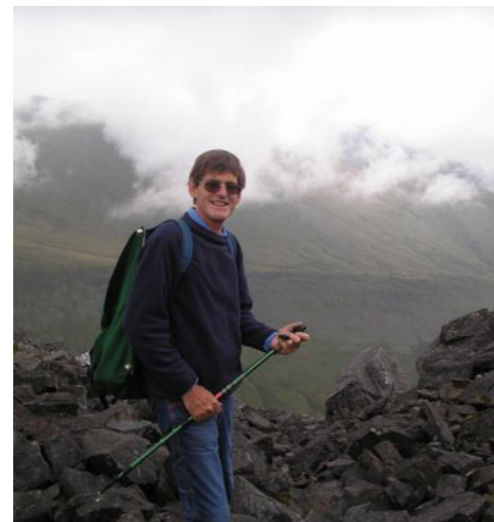
Grace Davidson	Year 9
Rita Halley	Year 10
Justine Ward	Year 11
Ingrid Meister	Year 12
Chrissy Bevan- Hutana	Year 13
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Rick Langridge

" The extended school community of Gisborne Girls' High School will be saddened to hear of the passing of Rick Langridge. Rick taught science at Girls' High from the late 1970s to the late 80s. He also taught at Gisborne Boys' and Campion College. This is a photo of Rick in North Wales in 2006. The school extends its condolences to Mary and Steve. A service for Rick was recently held in Chiddingstone, Kent."



It was a real pleasure to have our first ever Head Girl, Diane Maloy, who started here in 1956, back at Gisborne Girls' High School last term and welcome her back to our school.

In the 1950s Gisborne High School (co-ed) was separated into two separate sites- GGHS and GBHS. When Diane started here all the form 3 to 6 (year 9-12) girls moved over together in one group. The school was officially opened by the Chief Inspector of Primary Schools Mr Aitken. Also present was the mayor Harry Barker, parents and the Anglican Archdeacon Mr Morris. The Lord's Prayer was recited and we all sang the National Anthem. Miss Duff was our first principal.

Diane was in Form 6a (the equivalent of Year 13) -there were only six girls - contrast this to today where we have over 100. Girls taking Science had to go back to Gisborne Boys' High School and some of the Gisborne Boys' came over to Gisborne Girls' for English.

One of the highlights of the year was the school production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore" that was staged at the Opera House. It was really amazing to have Diane here and hopefully, her brief visit has revived some happy memories.



# Celebrating Success



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

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

Last week we celebrated our Senior Prize Giving - what a lovely evening this was. Congratulations to all those who received awards with a special mention to our Dux, Maddie Wilson, and Runner-up Priscilla Foale. Also announced were the student leaders for 2020 with Sterling Maxwell as Head Prefect and Isla Batten-Coogan and Hannah Veitch named as her deputies. I am sure that these fine young women will lead our students well next year.

The week earlier, we celebrated our Young Achievers' event where we recognised those students who have been selected to represent New Zealand or have won a New Zealand Title. There were 24 students in these categories - amazing for a school of our size. We also thanked and recognised those students who gained Colours for their contribution and participation in their sport or cultural activity and/or their student council. Our school is richly served by these students who offer their time and skills to give back. The Principal's Awards are the highest award for this ceremony and these are presented to students for outstanding contribution and skill in their chosen activity or sport as well as for being an all-round excellent role model. These were awarded to Amanda Graham, Maia Ingoe, MacKenzie Mitchell, Brooke Willock, and Maddie Wilson.

Our senior students are now off on examination study leave. I wish you all well in these exams - stay calm and do your best. Students are also encouraged to continue working on any internal assessments still available. Work with your teachers if you need assistance.

This last weekend we welcomed Fa'arua College from Tahiti to our kura. They are visiting Aotearoa for Tuia 250 as descendants of Tupaia. A wonderful concert was held on Saturday night - check out the photos on our Facebook page if you missed it. Another concert was held on Monday afternoon that was well-received by our students along with students from Whangara School. Interactions such as these add so much to the cultural experiences for our students.

We look forward to the remainder of the term where we can focus on our junior students as well as welcome our Year 9 2020 students to our school on Orientation Day on November 26th. We have already met with many of our new students in individual interviews with their whanau to establish the important relationships that will continue over their next five years. This is both a sad and exciting time as we farewell our Year 13 leavers and welcome our Year 8s.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.  
Jan Kumar



# Out and About

I recently went down to Hawkes Bay for the Woodford House and the Havelock North High School inter-schools equestrian competitions. Woodford was the first day and my pony and I competed in dressage and did a good test. We then did 3 rounds of showjumping. The next day we were put in a mixed havelock team. It was a great experience because I got to go out and compete against people that I didn't know. I also enjoyed going somewhere different where the classes were bigger ( there were 40 people in them!!) and the competition is a lot tougher. In the end, I came first in one of my classes and got 6th in the rest of them. It was the first competition with my new pony and I had a blast. Overall it was a fun and great experience.  
Ella Watson



**Have an International Experience-  
Without leaving the country!  
Host an International Student!**

We are looking for new Host Families for January 2020 for students coming from Switzerland, Germany, and Austria. Most are staying for two terms.

The students require their own room, need to be close to school, or have acceptable transport, and have a caring and supportive environment. They will sometimes need transport to attend their sporting and/or cultural events.

In return, the students pay board and will join in with family events, and activities. GGHS offers information and support to assist you.

For more information  
Please contact WENDY KIRKWOOD-International Director  
international@gghs.school.nz



# Senior Prizegiving



# Hillary Outdoors trip

On the 20th of October, 20 year 10 GGHS students embarked on a trip to Great Barrier Island, an experience packed with many new, exciting and challenging activities. What lay ahead of us was a solid 5 days of action-packed adventure, team bonding and leadership opportunities that developed our personal and interpersonal skills. Over the course of 5 days, we had to quickly adapt to the new environment; weather changes, people from other groups, sewage smells, intense activities, food complications, sleeping bags as bedding and let's not forget- our precious phones. Being pushed so far out of our comfort zones, we built new leadership qualities that we know will benefit us in the future, for instance, the upcoming year 10 camp where we will proceed to lead team-building activities.

Although living without phones wasn't at all easy, the lovely rookie instructors played a big role in helping us achieve the goals we set for ourselves and brought all of us, as a whole, closer together. In the beginning, our mixed teams were reluctant towards each other and weren't much of a team but by the second day, all of our personal and interpersonal skills had clearly advanced and as a whole, we were no longer apprehensive. Throughout the week we climbed up rugged cliff faces, paddled our tandem kayaks along the stunningly secluded Orama beach fronts, camped overnight in one of the island's beautiful forests right by the coastline and participated in the iron chain, also known as the via ferrata; a first time for the majority of us. We took this trip as a rare opportunity to get to know New Zealand's unique landscapes better as a group, the gorgeous views of the rocky bay with the golden sun setting over the neighboring islands will definitely be an aspect to remember.

All the good and the bad, the wonderful people we met, the almost excruciatingly early mornings and awfully early bedtimes are what made our unforgettable trip to Great Barrier Island complete. We are exceedingly thankful for this opportunity that was generously opened up to us and are eager for the adventures we will embark on in the future.

Gabby and Amy





# Young Achievers

# Learning Support



## Careers Faculty

Once again many thanks to our local businesses and charity organisations for generously supporting our senior students with work experience. This enables the students to gain valuable employability skills and a sound knowledge of the world of work. Many of our Licence to Work and Gateway students on completion of their programmes, have the confidence to apply for part time work, apprenticeships or enrol in tertiary studies to further their learning.

Thanks must also go to our tertiary providers, Activate Tairāwhiti and First Choice Agency for their tireless work they do to support our students with their transitions through and from school. A true team effort.

Congratulations to all students who have completed one or more of the following: EIT Trades Academy, work experience, driving licence, First Aid, barista training, Health & Safety and the tertiary trips.

For further information and career guidance, please don't hesitate to contact the careers team. We are here to support both current and past GGHS students and their whānau.

On October 22nd we celebrated our Young Achievers' Awards.

At this event we acknowledge those students who have earned Colours for their contribution to their sport, cultural group or student council and to our students who have either represented Aotearoa New Zealand or earned a national title. Students must complete 3 years of service to be considered for a Colours award. Once again we had an amazing group of students across a wide range of sports and cultural activities.

Thank you to ex-student Maika Akroyd for your personal story encouraging our students to be resilient and set goals. You really inspired us all.

Our final awards are the Principal's Awards for outstanding skill, outstanding contribution to the school team or group and for being an outstanding all-round school role model. Congratulations to Maia, Maddie, Brooke, Amanda and McKenzie.

Well done to all our Young Achievers. We are very proud of you all.



Jolt Dance, Christchurch Symphony Orchestra and Gisborne Girls' High School Music, Dance and Learning Support students performed at the Lawson Field Theatre as part of the Arts Festival.

What an amazing performance after two days of mahi!

## MANU AUTE KITE DAY

So proud of all of our students who performed at Manu Aute Kite Day, as part of the Tairāwhiti Arts Festival. You guys were super polished and professional and did our school proud. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.





# TSA

CENTRAL SERVICES ACADEMIES  
ADVENTURE CHALLENGE WEEK 23 - 27 SEPTEMBER 2019,  
WAIOURU MILITARY CAMP

Central Services Academies from Schools based in Wairoa, Palmerston North, Murupara, Whakatane and Gisborne mustered together at Waiouru Military Camp to contest for the Adventure Challenge Trophy under the supervision of the Youth Development Unit of the NZDF.

The climatic conditions experienced during the week were the worst it had been for that Month with heavy rain, intermittent sleet, periods of hail, strong southerly winds and a sprinkling of blue sky amongst the predominant grey clouds. Daily temperatures registered at a conservative sub-zero during the night and increasing to 5 - 10 during the day, however, this is what you expect when in the Waiouru / Tongariro area furthermore, the austere conditions laid the equaliser for the challenge,

Here are a few comments from TSA students about the experience;  
NH: Fine weather we are having on a Monday looking like a brief interlude before another round of cold blustery winds sweep to take the sparkle out of a week that is supposed to be fun and exciting and adventurous, NH.

ZM: One memorable thing that I won't forget was during our first task (Going into a pool + a tramp through the swamp while holding a casualty) everyone had almost died from hypothermia.

SB: The hardest challenge I faced during the course was going for a 17K hike and pushing myself to do it as well as my team, I personally got to the point where my encouragement started to become yelling at my section.

FT: It was very cold and most of us on the second day couldn't move because we were really cold. I enjoyed meeting new people and getting the opportunity to be apart of this.



# Surf Life Saving



South Africa

"The opportunity to go to South Africa for Surf Life Saving was absolutely amazing. It was a great experience to go over there and interact with other athletes from different countries. On our days off we went out and did some team activities like swimming with sharks and going to an aquarium. A highlight of my trip was meeting people from other countries and getting to know them. I am so grateful to have had this opportunity along with some of my friends".

Georgie Pitkethley



"Overall, South Africa was a very successful trip for my first time representing NZ, it came with a few scares but I loved every minute of it. Before racing began, adrenalin was high when the team was driving through the streets of Durban. We had stopped at an intersection and a guy walked in front of our two vans waving his gun at us, then in a panic our manager stalled the van. I don't think I have ever been that scared, but we all got away unscathed. We also got the opportunity to swim with sharks in the ocean which was an amazing and breathtaking experience. Overall the racing went really well with our youth team coming home in second place behind a strong Australian team, I also managed to place second in my individual ski race. The competition consisted of three tests over three days, between Australia, Spain, USA, South Africa and New Zealand".

Christy Tate

## Titirangi History walk

"The Junior Social Sciences classes have been following the recently installed Tupapa Trail korero to assist with study about our history. 9L2 and Whitoria are pictured here at the Te Maro Pou on Titirangi. All of the additional korero that has been installed through the Tupapa pou korero have been hugely beneficial for our Social Sciences students. We started our walk at "The Cut" and finished at the top of Titirangi. We were able to access the Tupapa app in order to enhance our learning about our navigational stories. Nga mihi nui ki a Ngati One One ki te whakapakari nga rauemi hei piki ake te matauranga a o tatou taurira."

