

# Coming Events

- Athletics Day - 27th February
- Year 9 Hinetu Evening - 26th February
- Swimming Sports - 5th March
- Year 9 Noho Marae - 11th-13th March
- Services Academy Induction  
16 - 27 March
- Summer Tournament week  
30 March - 3 April
- End of Term 1- 9th 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:

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| Debbie Tallott | Year 9                 |
| Grace Davidson | Year 10                |
| Rita Halley    | Year 11                |
| Justine Ward   | Year 12                |
| Bindy Hannah   | Year 13                |
| Wendy Kirkwood | International Students |

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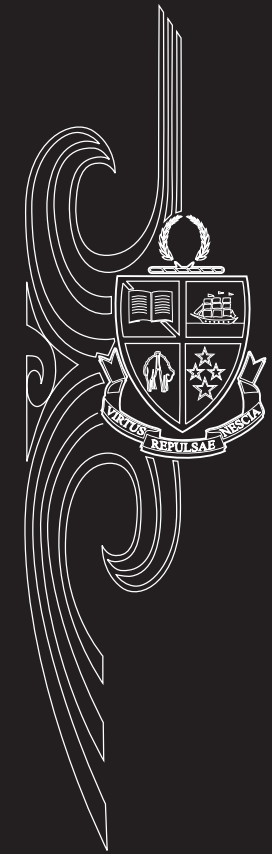
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## Congratulations Christy!



Christy Tate's Level 3 Sculpture folio was selected to tour Aotearoa in the Top Art exhibition. Her work was based on the theme, "Read Between the Lines." Students and whanau will be able to view her work alongside other Sculpture, Photography, Painting, Design and Printmaking folios when the Top Art Exhibition comes to school on Monday 31st August from 9:40-2.30pm. The first week it will be displayed at the Museum, in the Education Discovery room from Tuesday 25th Aug- Friday 29th August.

A Year 9 Art class began the year by weaving together the strands of humanity in a putiputi workshop.



## Celebrating Success

NCEA Level:	Merit %	Excellence %	GGHS Passed %	National Passed %
1	47.3	12.7	70.5	69.3
2	18.5	22.2	82.4	76.6
3	25.3	15.2	68.7	66.2
UE			50.4	47.8



# Te Kura Tuarua o Tūranga Wāhine

## Gisborne Girls' High School

### Newsletter February 2020

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

Welcome to all our new students and their whanau and welcome back to our returning school community. We have had a very positive start to the year with enthusiastic students. Our powhiri on the first evening was a lovely way to start our year with warm welcomes and an excellent turnout.

Our students have settled quickly into their timetables and learning. Our new students, especially at Year 9, have started to find their way around and I have been very impressed with their confidence and friendly manner. We are especially challenged this year as we are crammed into the main block due to the reconstruction work on our Technology, Art, Music, PE and Library Block - commonly called Block ZD. This block will be out of action for the whole year and so we have been very busy over the holiday break moving the various subject areas to new parts of the school. This has been a huge job especially for the Music and Art staff. They have done an amazing job in setting up their new rooms. One of the consequences of this building work is that many students and teachers are moving to many different rooms across the week - much more than normal. We will all need to show patience and resilience over the year but it will be well worth it when we can have our building back finally all repaired.

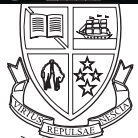
Over the holidays we redecorated the English/Maths corridor as well as the connector corridor. This is all looking very smart now as you can see in the photos. The best part is that the unpleasant smell of the connector corridor has now gone!

We were again pleased with the NCEA results that our students achieved last year. In the table you can see our preliminary results including the percentage of students who gained their certificate with either a Merit or Excellence endorsement which is a very worthwhile achievement. Congratulations to all those who completed their qualifications. An extra special congratulations to our successful Scholarship candidate. Maia Ingoe gained a scholarship in English - not a surprise for this very talented student who had won international writing awards whilst still at school. I have included the preliminary National figures where you can see that our students are doing well when compared to students across New Zealand. In the next couple of weeks we will have our traditional school events of Athletics and Swimming Sports. These are always fun occasions with a chance to dress up and have a go. I urge all students, especially our new ones, to get involved. Our Year 9s can also look forward to their upcoming marae noho which is an excellent way to cement relationships across their core class and wider year group.

I wish everyone a really positive term.  
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.  
Jan Kumar







# Welcome to Gisborne Girl's High school



# Out and About



Mary has come to the LSC from Sonrise School, she comes from a large family and enjoys singing, dancing and being social.



Brianna joins the LSC this year and her older sister came to Girl's High. She has 2 sisters and 2 brothers and is passionate about looking after the planet and treating people with kindness.



Year 12 Bio classes using macroinvertebrates as bioindicators of stream health (comparing Waihirere Domain Stream with the Waikanae Stream)







# EIT Trades Academy and Careers



EIT Trades Academy 2020 commenced Friday 14th February where GGHS has 18 Y12 and Y13 students enrolled in various courses: Automotive, Hospitality, Hair and Beauty, Engineering and Police/Services Preparation. Although students may feel nervous and apprehensive about attending trades, these feelings are soon replaced with excitement with what EIT Trades has to offer and the many new connections and relationships they will make. One of our students on the Automotive course shared:

My experience today as a first time EIT trades student for automotive was excellent. My tutors, Shawn and Garth, are funny, welcoming and motivational. We did a quick campus tour, then PPE fittings and straight into emergency booklet procedures, safety guidelines and emergency switches. It was a super fun day and definitely excited to carry on meeting my class members more and get into the work next Friday. (Katrina Tantau, Y12)



Ebony, Aaliyah, Saffron and Kim planning a Trades Expo with Campion College, Trust Tairawhiti and The Chamber of Commerce.

“As students, we would like to have an interactive Expo where we will connect with local employers, apprentices and businesses”



# Powhiri for new students







# Upcoming event



**Turanganui a Kiwa  
Gisborne Kāhui Ako**

Family Planning and the Turanganui a Kiwa Kahui Ako invite all parents, whanau, teachers and people from the community to an evening to learn: **WHAT IS SEXUALITY EDUCATION in 2020.**

As a teacher of Hauora people often ask:  
Why would we want Years 1-2 learning about sexuality?  
Why can't they just have the puberty talk like we did?  
Do they learn about relationships or just about sex?

Family Planning have been the providers of quality education material in NZ for many years and in 2019 a new resource - **NAVIGATING THE JOURNEY**- was published. It is a fabulous resource. It provides excellent age appropriate lessons for all students.

The Turanganui a Kiwa Kahui Ako believes that many parents, teachers and whanau are unaware of what has changed in Sexuality Education since their time at school. Therefore we have organised an interactive evening so those attending can explore a selection of the activities. You will experience the activities as if you were the child, along with discussing the learning outcomes. The evening is open to all parents/caregivers/teachers. Tables are organised that relate to your child's year grouping, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9, 10. Special needs. You can try a range of activities within or across the ages. Each table will be led by a facilitator who is familiar with the activities they are leading. It will be fun and informative and many of the assumptions people have about Sexuality Education will be challenged.

This free event is being held at the GGHS Hall, Gladstone Road, Gisborne, 24th March from 7pm till 8.30pm.

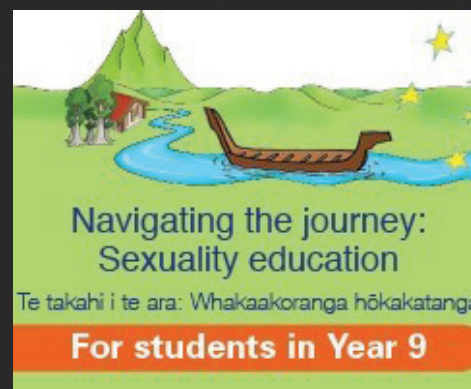
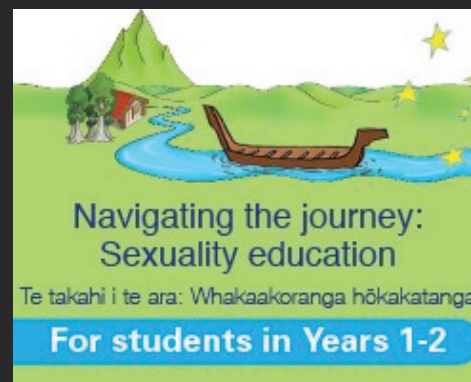
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If you have any questions or to let us know you are coming so we can get a gauge on attendance.



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# Around the school



All the Year Nines are introduced to our Hinetu programme. Part of their learning is understanding the history of our kura. Ms Duff was our first principal from 1956 to 1973 and a distinctive aspect of her tenure was her flowing academic gown. It was described by the students as being "so familiar and permanent that the students were convinced she wore it to bed"! In 1970 Karen Johansen (an ex GGHS student) returned to work as a teacher at GGHS and Ms Duff mentioned to her that she would have "an illustrious teaching career." In 1973 Ms Duff retired and sadly three months later she passed away. A package then arrived at Karen's residence from a Hawke's Bay solicitor. It contained Ms Duff's academic gown. Karen later became principal of Gisborne Girls' from 1996 to 2008. Karen gifted the gown to our school and it is now exhibited in a glass case in the hallway entrance. He tino taonga tera korowai.

