

# Coming Events

Please continue to check on the GGHS calendar.

# 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

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Rita Halley	Year 11
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## Congratulations



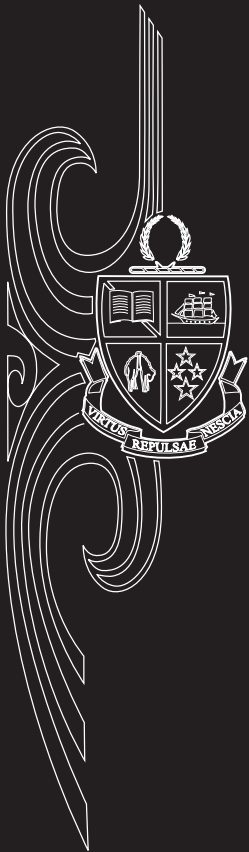
During a recent senior assembly Trista and Mellissa received certificates for their Gateway work placement in 2019. A significant achievement. Early 2019, Mellissa and Trista expressed an interest in the Transport industry. After going for a ride in the truck at the Careers Expo, they were convinced that they wanted to complete a Gateway work placement where they could be learning about more about trucks. Every Monday they attended Williams-Wilshier where they would spend the day in the trucks. To support their learning, they completed 20 Level 2 transport units with MITO. There to present their certificates were Joe from MITO and Dave from Williams-Wilshier. This year Mellissa is continuing her learning in the workshop at WW and Trista is in a quarry where she will learn how to drive the big machines. Both girls are working towards gaining their drivers licence.

## Regional Debating Competition



On the last weekend of February, four senior students: Haylee Law, Riley Hoet, Keira Batten-Coogan and Myah Houthuijzen competed at the Hawkes' Bay Regional Debating Competition. It was a tough weekend with many strong debaters and difficult moots, but despite the challenge all four students came back very proud of themselves and each other. On the first day, the team consisting of Myah, Keira and Haylee managed to win all three debates, doing well enough to earn themselves a space in the semi-final the next day. Riley, challenged with a team of two Gisborne Boys’ High members, managed to win against the Gisborne Boys’ High debate team on the second day. In the semi-final, Myah, Keira and Haylee won against a team from Woodford House to earn their spot in the final. This led them to a grueling last debate against the top team from Karamu High School, and coming runners up in a close and clever debate. This turned out to be GGHS’ best result at this competition to date. These were not the only successes however, with Myah being awarded most promising debater at the competition and Haylee being picked as a reserve for the team to go away to the national debate competition in May. This is not to mention the individual growth and amazing experience that this trip offered. After this very successful weekend, the teams look forward to developing their skills and are hopeful to attend the Impromptu Cup later in the year. The debating team would like to thank Ms Kennedy and Mrs Davidson for their help in transport and organisation of the debate trip, it wouldn’t be possible without their support!

Written by Halee Law



# Te Kura Tuarua o Tūranga Wāhine

## Gisborne Girls’ High School

### Newsletter

### March 2020

Dear students, parents and caregivers,

He kura ao, He ao kura ko Turanga Wahine. Nga mihi aroha ki nga kaitiaki a o tatou rangatira.

Well, this term has not progressed as we had planned - how things can change. We are now closed for the rest of the term. As we said goodbye to our students after school yesterday it was certainly a strange feeling however I have been impressed with the responsibility and positivity they have shown.

Our junior students have been sent home with a pack of learning activities for each of their subjects. These have been prepared by their teachers to ensure that they are able to continue to learn and also to keep their minds engaged. I encourage them to complete this work however it is important to know that if the whānau needs them to help with the care of either younger siblings or older relations then that is the priority. Their teachers will likely keep in touch with them by using either their school email or Google Classroom so I encourage students to check regularly. Our GGHS Website and Facebook page will also have regular updates.

The senior students have co-constructed their learning plans with their individual subject teachers and many will be using Google Classroom and emails to maintain contact. Please be reassured that NZQA will have students' best interest at heart and will manage assessment to support everyone.

Our school values of Manaakitanga, Whanaungatange and Resilience are most important at this time. Please look after yourself and support each other - even if it must be from a distance. This is one time where social media can be used for a positive purpose.

Closing schools is a serious decision that the Government has made. It is really important that everyone follows instructions and stays at home as much as possible to reduce the spread of this virus.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.  
Jan Kumar







# Year 9 Camp

# Sports



The weather did not play its part for our school swimming sports day. We had to cancel the full school event but we still held the competitive competition in the morning. Ava Smith broke two records, Emily Horne broke one record. The overall champions were Jodi Kirkpatrick, Junior Champion., Emily Horne, Intermediate Champion and Ava Smith, Senior Champion.



**Special Olympics**



Special Olympics at Campion College. On Thursday we went to Special Olympics. I did the long jump and I did the relay race and the 100 and 200 metres running races. I represented GGHS and we competed against Wairoa College, Campion College and Lytton High School. It was a good day. I came 1st in the running race and 1st in the long jump and 3rd in the relay race. We had ice blocks at the end of the day. I met this girl from Wairoa called Diamond she was a fast runner and nice girl. Oceana Takurua Yr12 LSC



Swim Comp 2020

Scoreboard

Duff	Lynar	Williams
210	217	113

Tournament Event Results

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Junior Girls Freestyle	Williams, Jodi	Williams, Jodi	Williams, Jodi
Intermediate Girls Freestyle	Horne, Emily	Horne, Emily	Horne, Emily
Senior Girls Freestyle	Smith, Ava	Smith, Ava	Smith, Ava

The House points were Lynar 217, Duff 210 and Williams 113.

## ECNI Athletics

A very successful day in Hawkes Bay. The junior girls won the 100m relay and Sharon Swart came second in shotput and was selected for North Island Championships.







# Rowing



## North Island Secondary Schools' Rowing Championships at Lake Karapiro

Lake Karapiro provided amazing racing conditions for, unbeknownst to us, our last school regatta of the season, North Island Secondary Schools Rowing Championships (NISS). NISS had over 1800 competitors, all with 15+ hours of training each week under their belts, ready to take on the 2km race course in their respective boats.

With talk of cancellation of the biggest secondary school sporting event in the southern hemisphere, known as the Maadi Cup, the GGHS rowing team left it all out on the course. We had 15 girls competing across four age group categories. The squad made four A finals and three finals, thus finishing in the top rankings in their fields. It was a hugely successful regatta, that as a collective we are beyond proud of. A standout result was a silver medal in the girls exhibition U17 coxless pair oars achieved by Hannah Veitch and Phoebe Naske, the first school medal for the existing crew over the past four years. The pair race was introduced for the first time in secondary school racing for the U17 age category, making it a worthwhile sacrifice of their existing double sculls.

Sabine Lapointe performed an exceptional race in her heat and semi final for her first time racing a single scull, qualifying for the A final, which is an outstanding achievement in a field of 40+ rowers. The girls crew as a whole were exceptionally pleased with the outcome of the weekend, especially the U18 crew who closed their high school chapter on four years of perseverance and love for the sport. But most of all we value the company of every girl in the club, and North Island Secondary School Rowing Championships was another yet amazing experience representing Gisborne Girls' High School. Excitement and anticipation remains for the younger talent coming through who consistently continue to display excellent talent and ability to mesh with club spirit. We cannot wait for the rowing season to begin again in August. For the past four years we have had the most amazing support and guidance from our coaches: Lewis Green and Alex Hyland. On behalf of the GGHS rowing team, we cannot thank you enough.

Results: Girls Exhibition U17 Coxless Pair Oars - A Final 2nd (Hannah Veitch, Phoebe Starr-Naske) Girls U17 Coxed Quad Sculls - A Final 6th (Phoebe Starr-Naske, Hannah Veitch, Sabine Lapointe, Leah Scholfield + Pippa Jones) Girls U16 Single Sculls - A Final 8th (Sabine Lapointe) Girls U18 Coxed Four - A Final 8th (Phoebe Starr-Naske, Hannah Veitch, Eva Mirko, Vita Anderson + Pippa Jones) Girls U18 Coxed Quad Sculls - B Final 4th (Eva Mirko, Presley Gibson, Leah Scholfield, Vita Anderson + Pippa Jones) Girls U18 Double Sculls - B Final 6th (Eva Mirko, Vita Anderson) Girls U15 Coxed Quad Sculls - B Final 8th (Sophie Lapointe, Pippa Jones, Pippa Rogers, Tessa Lapointe + Claudia Shanks)

By Eva Mirko and Hannah Veitch



# Visitors to GGHS



In week 7 the Year 10 Hauora classes were lucky enough to meet and hear inspirational words from ex GGHS student and current Black Fern player of the year, Charmaine Mcmenamin. This was organised by PBRU as part of their Rugby week promotion. The ever humble Charmaine enjoyed coming back to her old school and sharing her journey with the students.



Two Gisborne Girls' High School old girls, Bess Halley and Darnelle Timbs, are pictured talking with the current school's rowing students. Bess and Darnelle were part of the winning women's eight at the 2007 NZ National Rowing Championships in Twizel in 2007. Their Gisborne Rowing Club was part of the Auckland Rowing Club's Performance Centre. When winning a national title the participants are awarded a prestigious 'red coat'. Bess and Darnelle imparted some valuable knowledge to our current crop of enthusiastic rowers.



## International Students.

Gisborne Boys' and Girls' High Schools had a combined BBQ at Gisborne Boys' High School pools on Thursday 13th February. International students from both schools and their homestay families were invited to attend. It was a lovely evening for everyone to meet our big international family. Our schools are hosting students from Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, Japan, Denmark and China. Many Thanks to Julie Hansen, the Homestay Coordinator, for the organisation and Dave Hansen for his expert BBQ skills.







# Athletics day



Tournament Champion  
1st Equal -Le'Sharn Anderson /  
Myah Houthuijzen  
3rd - Briana Irving

Junior Champion  
Evelyn Busher

Intermediate Champion Myah  
Houthuijzen

Senior Champion  
Le'Sharn Anderson



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