

Coming Events

Please continue to refer to the school's calendar at this time. Thank you.

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 |
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Celebrating Success

National songwriting honours to 'magical combination'

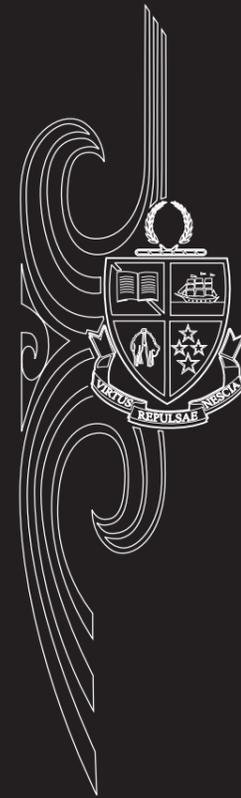


AWESOME NEWS EVERYBODY

We won the NATIONAL PEACE SONG COMPETITION!!!!
3rd year in a row and with the most entries ever into the competition. Congratulations to Keira Batten-Coogan and Malia Suluka who tied with a Hamilton student for first place. They will have their song professionally recorded and will also go to Auckland at the end of the year, all going well, to perform at the Play It Strange Prizegiving.

BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE We also have another pair who are finalists (of which there are only 4 spots Nationwide). Congratulations to Lela Vaomotou and Summer Koia. They will also have their song professionally recorded later in the year.

So proud of these students - all year 11s - your hard work paid off.



Te Kura Tuarua o Tūranga Wāhine Gisborne Girls' High School Newsletter May 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.

What a very strange time we have just come through. It is so good to be welcoming our students back to school this week after seven weeks of lockdown. Our students and teachers have had to completely change how they worked together and I have been very impressed at how everyone has coped so well. Our school value of resilience has certainly had a workout.

Over the next weeks we will all have to get used to our new normal which will include the increased health and safety routines of regular hand washing, use of hand sanitiser and maintaining physical distancing. The key safety protocol is that no-one, neither student or staff member, is to come to school if they are unwell with cold or flu symptoms. All these measures will help to ensure that we keep each other safe as well as our whanau when our students and staff go home each day. Everyone has done such a great job over the past seven weeks - we do not want to lose the gains we have made.

It is important that our students do not feel like they are behind if they have not managed to complete all work set over the lockdown period. This is especially so for our seniors working towards NCEA. There is still plenty of time in the year and NZQA has delayed the final exams so we can all still get there. Work with your teachers and ask for help if you need it. We will be supporting our students to settle back into their learning with their wellbeing a priority. Many students will have improved important life skills over the lockdown such as self-discipline and independence. Our teachers have also gained new skills for teaching remotely although we are all looking forward to the magic that comes from face to face teaching and learning.

If any whanau have questions or concerns please contact your student's form teacher. Good communication has certainly been a priority over the lockdown using email and our Facebook page. If you had difficulties with these please let us know.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.
Jan Kumar



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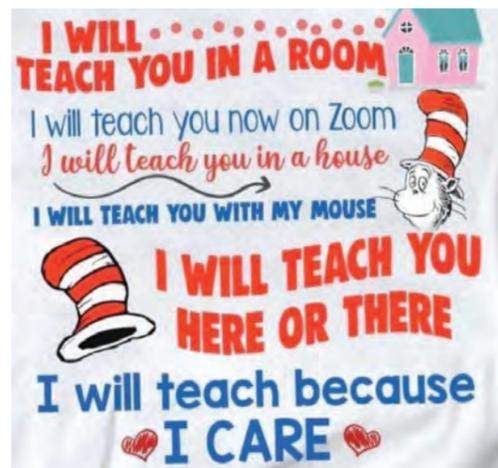
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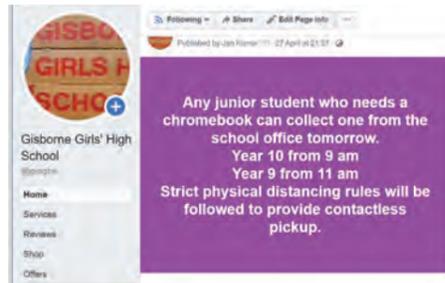
Lockdown



Prefects



The amazing efforts of leadership and teachers getting work to students and ensuring that they were able to continue to learn at home. Thank you.

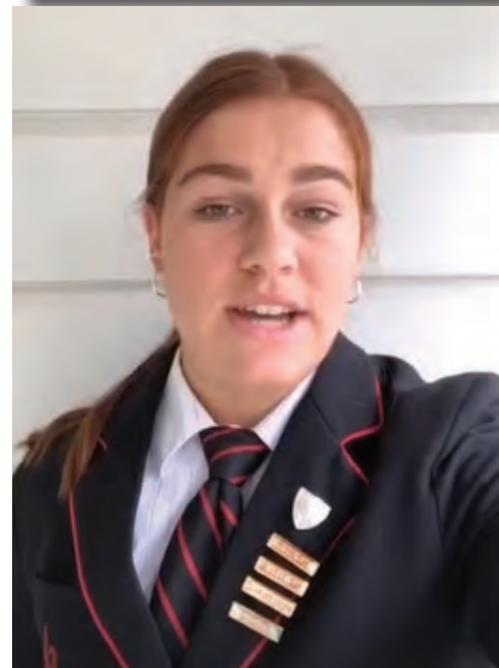


Over lockdown 294 chromebooks were issued to students to use for distance learning.

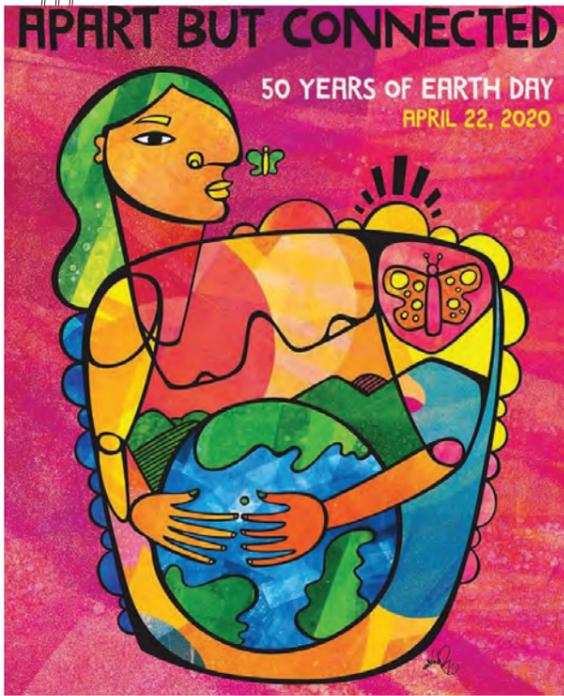


Our prefects did an amazing job sending messages of solidarity towards their fellow school mates and showed just what great leaders they are.

Go onto the FB page to watch it in full.



Learning in lockdown



The Enviromental Council had a creative way to include others in Earth Day activities during lockdown.

"Here as the GGHS Enviro Council, we will be sharing sustainable/eco-friendly DIY activities weekly for you to attempt whilst stuck at home. We hope that you can be creative in finding resources at home that you can utilise for these activities and we look forward to seeing your creation if you wish to share them with us either here on the GGHS Enviro Council Facebook group or using the hashtag #GGHSEnviro anywhere(or both!). The first activity that we challenge you to attempt is a NO SEW T-Shirt Tote Bag . Have a go if you wish and we look forward to seeing what you create."

Tessa and Eva

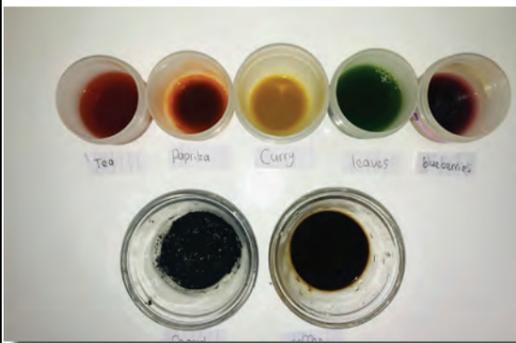
Some work from Miss Boyle's class of their Desert Island plan.



Some of our students don't have access to the materials or equipment to be able to continue or further their work during this time.

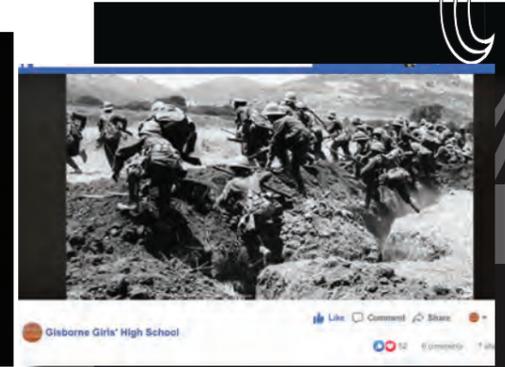
Mr Calcott posted out to his students a challenge to use pantry items to create paint, he had an uptake from some of his students who have made and used these for 'paint'.

Here is an example from Miss Wilson's Art class.



Learning in lockdown

As we approached Anzac Day one of our TSA students, Hunter Varley, recreated her speech that she was going to present at assembly and presented it on FB. Go onto the school's page to watch in full. Thank you Hunter.



This is Kayla Keefe and Ata Irwin. They are working with Student Support Workers Betty and Richard. Our other regular was Angel Katia-Rogers but she was away this day.



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Hannah shines in race unity regionals

Another event during lockdown was the Race Unity Speech Comp.

"More evidence of our students still succeeding even under lockdown. The annual Race Unity Competition went ahead last night via Zoom.

Hannah Veitch represented Girls' High and she did us proud. The judges were impressed by the polished performances, and sophisticated arguments of all the speakers. Hannah won, and will now represent our region at the National Competition, again via Zoom, in May. The Covid 19 situation has challenged us to be innovative in terms of connecting, and last night was a successful example of how where there's a will there's a way! Go to the GGHS Facebook page to see and read the article."

A SPEECH on race relations in New Zealand has earned Hannah Veitch an extra step to a national final.

The year 13 Gisborne Girls' High School student gained top honours with her speech on the topic, Titiro whakamuri, kia anga whakamua - to face the future, look to the past, at an online version of the NZ Race Unity Speech competition's regional section.

Local judge Glenis Philip-Barbara said Hannah's entry shone for her well-constructed and solutions-focused speech which encouraged people to overcome their natural tendency for "negative bias" and pay attention to great examples of respectful interactions such as those demonstrated by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. Mairangi Campbell, who placed second, delivered a powerful challenge to listeners to "get on board with the change needed to bring an end to racism". His use of data and analytics impressed judges. Rhiannon Kapa delivered

TALKING TO THE NET: Hannah Veitch is on her way to the national semi-final of the NZ Race Unity Speech Awards.

Picture supplied



and Tohu rather than Guy Fawkes.

Judges and organisers are hopeful that 2021 will see a greater level of participation by speakers in te reo Maori.

Hannah advances to the national semi-finals, also being held online during Youth Week, May 11-17.

In a departure from the usual format, the regional speech awards were held online to comply with Covid-19 restrictions.

Initiated by the NZ Baha'i Community and held annually since 2001, the Race Unity Speech Awards have been applauded by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern for providing young people with a space to deepen their understanding of race relations issues and share their views on how to promote unity in Aotearoa.

This year the Maori Language Commission, Speech NZ and the Office of Ethnic Communities joined the NZ Police and Human Rights Commission in sponsoring the awards.

a stirring tribute to Apirana Ngata, drawing on his famous 'e tipu e rea' prose, while Oliver Craneheld shared the

story of Parihaka, calling for November 5 to be observed in Aotearoa/New Zealand as a day to commemorate Te Whiti



Lockdown challenges



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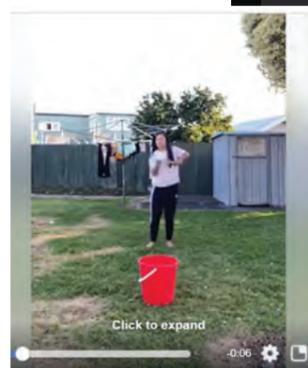
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10A Netball team doing the T-shirt challenge during lockdown, showing amazing fitness, core strength and stamina.



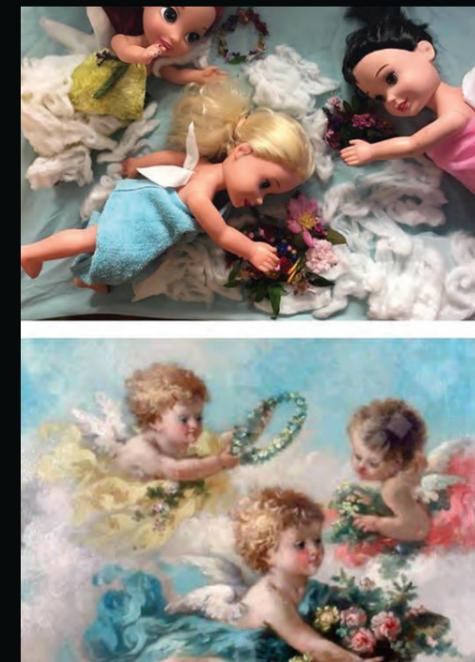
During lockdown the prefects challenged students with this Facebook post:
"We have a little competition for you all! Send a video of you completing any type of trick shot to sm16008@gghs.school.nz or to the Instagram account @gghsmemes
For example, it could be you getting a ping pong ball into a cup that's on the other side of the room, and we'll pick which one we think is the best and they will receive a prize once we are physically back in school.
1. You can send in as many videos as you want until Friday 17th April.
2. Please note that any of the videos sent in could be posted on social media and that by sending in a video you acknowledge and accept this.
3. This is open to all GGHS students and people in their bubble, so get the whānau involved!
Check out this example from Oakley!
Remember, stay safe and stay inside.
- Your prefects"



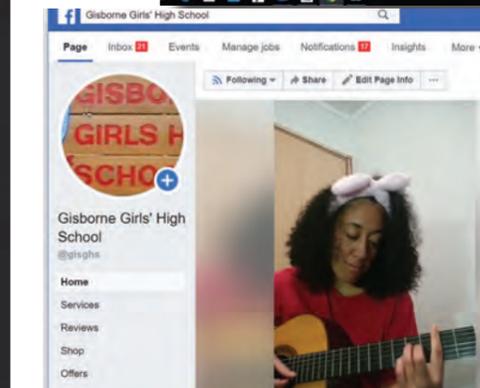
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The Sleeping Gypsy—Rousseau



Artists' challenge to re-create old masters with things that you have in lockdown. This was a challenge that was global and saw many famous galleries getting on board. Here are a few examples of students efforts and a screenshot of the Arts department meeting as the challenge.



Past Music students also had a challenge. Go to the FB page to see this one.
"Iso is a month of challenges. Including the music GGHS challenge I was supposed to do before lockdown I thought I'd throw it back to some RnB. Gisborne Girls' High School Music and, Jane Egan, this one is for you miss."

