

Coming Events

AUGUST

31: Winter Tournament Week

SEPTEMBER

5th: 2 Day barista course
7-11th: TSA Tangariro Crossing and Ski Trip
8-9th: 12/13 Drama Production
8th: Cross Country
16th: Feilding Rugby Exchange
17th: Yr12 RYDA Programme
20-22nd: Yr13 OED Camp
20-21st: Prefect Selection Camp
25th: JCEA and Senior Reports
25th: End of Term Three

OCTOBER

12th: Start of Term Four

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:

Debbie Tallott	Year 9
Grace Davidson	Year 10
Rita Halley	Year 11
Justine Ward	Year 12
Ingrid Meister	Year 13
Wendy Kirkwood	International Students

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Celebrating Success Smokefreerockquest

Solo/Duo place getters!!! 1st Place for the East Coast region goes to Keira Batten-Coogan and 2nd place goes to Johelonn Toroa-Taare. Well done rockstars!

These 2 students will now submit another video of 2 songs as part of the next stage in the competition to compete for a place in the Smokefree Rockquest National Finals held in Auckland in September.

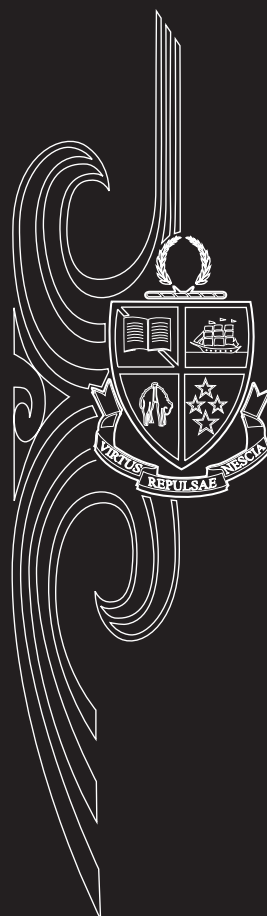
To enjoy Keira's performance, make sure you head to our youtube channel [GizzygirlsHSMusic](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGizzygirlsHSMusic) to see our other solo/duo and band performances.



East Coast Band winners- The Arcade.

Alternative GGHS rock band The Arcade has won the Smokefreerockquest competition band category. This puts the five-piece, made up of Tessa Hills, Eden Collier, Saffron Bull, Zara Tardieu and Chariss Moore, into the finals to be held in Auckland later next month.

They will be performing their songs Chronic Atmosphere and Games. We wish you the best of luck!



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

Term Three has continued to be a challenge although we feel very fortunate in Tairāwhiti to be at Alert Level Two which allows us to continue with most of our normal programmes. In case we have to move up the alert levels we have prepared our students and that has included issuing nearly 300 chromebooks so that our students can continue to learn if they need to stay at home. It is essential that students bring these to school everyday as they are a vital part of the teaching programmes. We will leave these devices with students for now until we reach more settled times.

Our Music students have certainly done us proud this year - which is particularly amazing considering they are operating out of less than ideal makeshift spaces. The staff and students are to be congratulated for producing our most successful year including, most recently, Eseta Vaomotou winning first place in the national Lion Foundation Songwriting Competition. There were also five other entries that were National Finalists. In our last newsletter we had details of the success of First and Runner-up in the national Peace Song competition. Then inside this edition we have details from the Rockquest East Coast Regional Finals, where our bands won 1st place with The Arcade and 2nd Place with Dusk and we also took out 1st and 2nd place in the Solo Duo category. Additional awards were gained for Best Song, Best Lyrics and Best Vocalist. Finally, in Tangata Beats, we have the band Sixth Sense who took out the East Coast Regionals reaching the national finals. We now await news on what can be arranged for the final track production and final events.

This term is when we start to look ahead and plan for 2021. We have sent out the enrolment information to all Year 8 girls and on Sunday 30th August we had our Open Afternoon where all students and their whanau could come in to meet with us and have a look around our school. Due to the Level Two restrictions, we did have to make some changes to our programme but I hope that everyone managed to visit and see some of what our school has to offer. Of course, we think Gisborne Girls' High School is the only choice and our students are our best adverts with their successes across academic, cultural and sporting activities. Our students are friendly, motivated and prepared to give back to their communities. A recent outstanding example of this is Nina Buscke and the beautiful colouring book she has produced to raise funds for medical treatment for another student in Auckland who was a complete stranger to her. What a truly thoughtful, generous act of kindness.

Students in Years 10 - 12 are currently selecting 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.

This term has certainly been busy and thankfully we have been able to complete most planned events and trips. Although some winter sports tournaments have been cancelled (disappointing for our First XI Football team) others have continued (First and Second XI Hockey teams) or alternatives have been set up (Senior A and Junior A Netball teams) and we wish the teams all the best for their games in the week ahead.

We are now halfway through the term and I encourage all students to keep their focus right through. Yes, things have been very unsettled in the world but we are very fortunate to live in this great country where we have pulled together and largely kept control of this troublesome virus. We try to keep school as 'normal' as possible so that our students are able to keep achieving to the best of their abilities and enjoy the various activities that make up the whole school experience. Examples of these can be seen inside this newsletter.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.
Jan Kumar

A GLORIOUS NIGHT OF SPEECH

The 2020 Gisborne Girls' High School Speech Finals was a fantastic evening! We were delighted to have Ms Sam Witters, a film and media producer, as our adjudicator – an enjoyable but highly challenging task as our most gifted speakers took to the floor.

The entertaining Year 9 competition was won by Kaia Anderson, who worried about *Turning Out Like Our Parents*, with Eilish Cairns *Decisions*, Florence Faulks *Tik Tok*, and Naiya Powley *The Benefits of Being Vegetarian* all speaking superbly.

Oro Webster won an extremely high quality Year 10 competition with her hilarious speech on *My Phone* just ahead of Ruby Aitkenhead *Social Standards* and Sarai Gerrard *Change* – with all three speakers displaying exceptional talent.

Our Year 11 speakers were all thoughtful and perceptive, with Claudia Shanks winning with *The Meat Paradox*, ahead of Myah Houthuijzen *After All, We Are Only Human*, and Pasileia Mataele's emotional speech *Sacrifice*.

Terina Maraki took the honours in an outstanding Year 12 competition with *A Reminder to Myself*, with Sabine Lapointe *Emotional Intelligence* and Erika McKee *The Positive Impacts of Covid* impressing everyone.

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 a short time to prepare. This year's topics were New Zealand song titles, and Vita Anderson spoke *For Today*, Isla Batten Coogan asked *Why Does Love Do This To Me?*, Haylee Law pondered *Forever Tuesday Morning* and honorary young woman Sebastian Soloman considered *A Fraction Too Much Friction*. Incredibly clever, thoughtful, but mostly entertaining, all speakers did themselves proud, with Isla taking the title.

Thanks also go to Emma Brownlie and Hannah Veitch for their competence as MCs for the evening.

If you missed out this year, there is always 2021, – 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.

Prefects Rippa Rugby. GGHS vs GBHS.

Rippa Rugby fun in the sun against GBHS at lunchtime on the rectory field. This was a vibrant, fun activity, which nearly the entire GGHS turned out to watch. It wasn't disappointing with tries being scored in close succession to each other. The girls gave the boys a huge run for their money, ending in a 16-14 win for GBHS.







Gisborne Girls' High School Hockey.

Great result for our First XI Hockey team on their first game back after Covid-19 Lockdown. 4-2 over Paieka! Well done team.

Another game saw victory of 6-0 against Poverty Bay Women's Club.










Action shots of Gisborne Girl's High participants in the ECNI Cross Country in Napier, at the beginning of the term. GGHS had 2 girls running, Myah Houthuijzen and Brianna Irving.

GGHS vs Lytton Friendly rugby match at Harry Barker Reserve.




Senior A Netball team looking very sharp before their first game post Covid. They went on to have a great win over Lytton High in a very close game (by 2 goals!).



Technology Weaving workshop.

Year 11 and 12 Technology students spent a day with local weaver Catharine White last week honing their skills in preparation for their assessment. They learned so much and produced some beautiful ipu.

We would like to thank Catharine for giving us the opportunity.





Tsunami Plan

As the revised Tsunami Inundation and Evacuation maps from the Gisborne District Council show Gisborne Girls' High School is within the yellow zone we need to have an evacuation plan. When the Technology Block construction work is complete all students will be able to evacuate to the top storey for safety. In the meantime, we need a plan that evacuates our students to higher ground. To allow for up to 850 students and staff to evacuate in sufficient time we have three separate routes identified.


In the case of a long (more than a minute) or strong (hard to stand up) earthquake, and once the shaking stops, all students will evacuate the school immediately to the designated high zones of:

Lytton High School
Mangapapa Reserve
Whittaker St Hill

Students will move to the designated high zone, according to the class they are in, at the time of the event. The teacher will accompany them to their safe zone and there will be designated wardens in charge who will each have an evacuation kit. Students will be kept safe and supervised at the safe zone until further advice is received.

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■ ZONE A: Move quickly up Lytton Road to Lytton High School
■ ZONE B: Move quickly towards Grundy Bridge, up to Ormond Rd and meet at Mangapapa Reserve
■ ZONE C: Move quickly up Aberdeen Rd towards the Botanical Gardens. Straight up Wi Pere St to Whittaker St Hill.



Year 10 camp

The Year 10 Outdoor Education Tolaga Bay Camp was a blast! Lots of fun, amazing views, scenery and heaps of new friendships formed. We went kayaking in the Pouawa Lagoon, experienced the beautiful Anaura Bay Walkway, learnt how to check and reset pest traps at the Waihirere Domain and enjoyed tasty s'mores around a campfire on the beach. We did a lot of preparation for this trip and it all paid off because we were successfully able to make a meal on the gas cookers. Overall this was such an amazing trip to be a part of and try new things.

By Pippa and Jess



Year 10 camp