

Coming Events

- 17th Nov: 10OED Camp
Hastings sport exchange
Yr8 Interviews
- 18th Nov: Junior Wellness Expo
- 24th Nov: Yr8 Orientation day
- 25th-27th Nov: Play it Strange Prize giving
- 25th-27th Nov: Te Haerenga ki Rotorua O
Roopu Kopara
- 30th Nov- 2nd Dec: EOY activities
- 4th Dec: Junior Prize giving
School finishes

- 2nd Feb 2021: Powhiri new students

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 |
| Ingrid Meister | Year 13 |
| Wendy Kirkwood | International Students |

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Celebrating Success



Congratulations to all these senior girls who participated in the Licence to Work programme which includes learning about employability skills, followed by 10+ hours community service and for some, 80 hours in their chosen work place. Many thanks to Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, Gissy Lunches, Salvation Army, Gisborne Bridge Club, Sherwood House, Ytamariki, Logan Print, GDC, Riverdale School and Whare Āmai (TWOA) who supported our students. Thanks to both Karen and Gill from Trust Tairāwhiti for your tremendous support and belief in our students!



Congratulations to Eve Campbell, Michaela Hammond, Katrina Tantau, Jamey Nepia, Waireti Aroha Rawiri, Alex Akuhata, Lucinda Campbell, Vicky Kaloni, Paea Moimoi, Kiri-Ana Nom, Alyssa Ruruku, Jade Vercoe, Samara Gordon, Mya Kahukoti, Waimara Rickard-Riini and Elizabeth Tufunga who completed a successful year in the 2020 EIT Trades Academy. Special mention to the following students who received awards: Waimarama Rickard-Riini - Overall Top Student for Turanga Ararau Forestry
Paea Moimoi - Most Improved Student for Automotive Level 2
Jamey Nepia - Overall Top Student for Police Preparation
Thank you to the EIT & Turanga Ararau tutors from the following courses that the students attended: Automotive, Po-lice Preparation, Forestry and Pikitoi.



Te Kura Tuarua o Tūranga Wāhine Gisborne Girls' High School Newsletter November 2020

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

We are fast approaching the end of Term Four and the end of this very different year. Last week we celebrated our Senior Prize Giving and what a lovely occasion that was. So much positive energy from our students who have managed to keep up with their learning to our usual high standard when there was so much uncertainty around them. Our school value of resilience has certainly had a workout this year. Congratulations to all who won prizes especially to our top academic achievers - Natalya Lucas, R-Up to Dux, and our joint duxes Isla Batten Coogan and Sarah Van Dorp. We also celebrated an amazing number of tertiary scholarships achieved by our students with a very large amount of money available to support their studies next year.

At prize giving we also named our senior student leaders for 2021. Congratulations to our new Head Prefect, Sabine Lapointe and her deputies Emily Horne and Terina Maraki. Along with their team of 15 prefects who were named earlier in the term (photos below) they will provide support and leadership for all our students next year.

Earlier this term we had our first awards ceremony which was the Young Achievers Evening. At this event, we celebrate those students who have represented NZ or won a NZ title this year. Even though the year has been severely disrupted, and this removed many opportunities for our students, we still had 16 Young Achievers. We also awarded Colours to 51 students who have given service to their sport or cultural group. Thank you to these student leaders. Our guest speaker was Odette Sceats who is an ex-student of our school who went on to become a lawyer as well as representing New Zealand in Rowing. Odette had some good advice for our students about following your passion and being prepared to make a change if needed.

Our senior students have begun their NCEA final examinations this week and we wish them well for these. After the upheavals this year they sure deserve things to go their way. If you have a senior at home please give them lots of positive support and encourage them to seek help from their teachers if needed. Our teachers are ready to help with final tutorials and extra guidance.

For our juniors, you have final assessments - well done to Year 10's who tackled their first real exams last week - excellent behaviour shown. Our last prize giving will be Junior Prize Giving on our last day of school, Friday 4th December. This will be another chance to celebrate all our wonderful students who, along with their teachers, have made the best of this disrupted year.

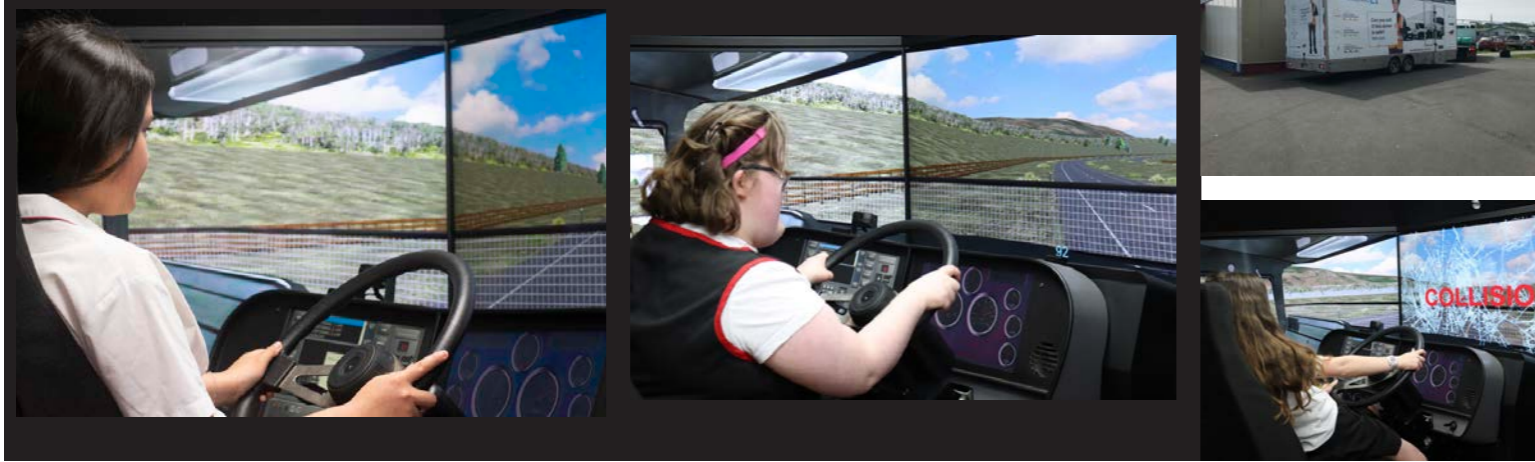
I wish all students, staff and whanau a peaceful Christmas and New Year period and a fun summer holiday. We have certainly all earned this and with luck will be able to gather with our whanau to celebrate and maybe catch up on all the hugs we have had to refrain from.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.
Jan Kumar



Careers

Thanks to Dave Pardoe who organised this truck simulator to be in school last week for our students to experience what driving a truck would feel like. Students got to spend 10 minutes in the driver seat, hands on the steering wheel, foot on the pedal, driving down the road on the video screen. A very real situation with noise and actual truck cab movements. Senior students are able to complete a Gateway road transport/trucking programme at school. For further information, talk to Mrs Graham.



History trip to Wellington

We were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to go to Wellington with other amazing GGHS students and teachers to represent our school on the 2020 Social Sciences trip. This was surely an unforgettable experience! From Te Papa museum to parliament, to getting stuck in an elevator! And of course heaps of shopping.

Upon arrival after a prolonged bus ride we were set loose. A few friends and I roamed the streets of Wellington and explored what city life was. Nothing like Gisborne. The next morning we were up nice and early, eager to suit up in our blazers and ties. We headed off to parliament. A highlight was meeting Dr Ashley Bloomfield who was persuaded by Mr Harrison to come and say hello to us. At the end of a tiring hiko around parliament we had the opportunity to meet some Tairawhiti representative MPs (Kiri Allen and Anne Tolley) which was an amazing experience and we definitely felt a little star struck seeing Kiri Allen in person after driving past her sign outside Girls' High.

A personal favourite of mine was definitely going to Te Papa and I would strongly recommend going to anyone that hasn't! The Gallipoli exhibit in particular was truly spectacular. The insane detail on all the large sculptures was amazing. As an explanation the exhibit was of much larger than life soldiers on the battlefield in Gallipoli. I felt sad to see the suffering, blood, tears, wounds and sweat on display. I went to Victoria University along with a few others. The walk up the hill was not fun but I enjoyed walking through the Weir house and seeing the views from Victoria. It was a real eye opener for all us students and has definitely helped us to decide where we want to go in the foreseeable future. After that we spent hours shopping, a few friends and I also went to the fear factory which gave us shocking nightmares. It was great.



Our students exploring study options at the EIT Careers Expo



A few of our students helping out at Gizzy lunches. A great work ethic from the girls.



Outdoor Education

Our group of Year 10 students arrived at Great Barrier Island for a week of adventure challenges. A whole day of water activities followed with a day of kayaking in the bay then some surf kayaking and boogie boarding at the beach. The girls were fantastic and made the job too easy. On another beautiful day at Great Barrier, the girls did high ropes, rock climbing, bush craft shelter making and a swim to finish off. Students had to apply sunscreen numerous times over the trip and all had a giggle when we heard the weather was terrible back home. There was great fun on Great Barrier Island, playing games, and co-steering up a creek for a couple of km. The girls loved swimming in the bay; the remainder of that afternoon consisted of completing the leap of faith on the high ropes. The highlight for the girls was watching three orca swimming just in front of the camp in the bay. At the end of the trip there were some very tired but happy looking students who arrived back from their overnight camp in the rain; just in time for a big clean up before heading back to the airport.



Outward Bound

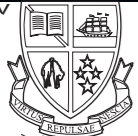
Phoebe, Sophie and I had the amazing opportunity to go to Outward Bound and complete a 21 day course with 11 other keen Year 12s from around the Tairāwhiti region. This was three weeks of hard yakka down in the Queen Charlotte sounds doing loads of cool activities. This included tramping, kayaking, co-steering, sailing, high ropes and rock climbing to name a few. A personal highlight of mine was sailing especially when pods of dolphins would come around our cutter. It was also really cool to have the opportunity to make connections with a wide range of people that you otherwise wouldn't have had the chance to meet.

Caitlyn Huhu



Senior Prize giving





Services Academy

Sporting success



Congratulations to our Junior A netball team - unbeaten in the season! The future of Girls' High netball is looking good.

Ki o Rahi

Tongariro Crossing and Whakapapa Ski Trip

This was a stress free, challenging and enjoyable experience for our 13TSA students. We acknowledge the following organisations: Chelsea Oon, Schools and Groups Coordinator Whakapapa ski fields. Thank you for organising the vehicle parking, ski equipment and instructors for ski lesson; top instructors and a few laughs by all. Two businesses combined together to make our next activity a great experience. We highly recommend Bruce and Dianne Lawrence of Pipers Lodge Whakapapa National Park for their great hospitality and very affordable accommodation and meals. An ideal setting for school groups (check them out whanau). Sarah Cate of Adventure Outdoors works closely with Pipers which made this a one stop shop for us in planning our Tongariro Alpine Crossing. Thank you Sarah for your commitment to our group in providing two professional Alpine guides Matua Kenny and Matua Ja who interacted well with our students. BJ of Kathmandu for providing goggles and gloves at short notice (can't hire anymore due to covid), and also recommending appropriate footwear and rainwear for the conditions (snow, ice, strong Winds, heavy precip and - 5 wind chill). To our students and whanau, Thank you for taking the leap of faith and venturing out of your comfort zone, a memorable experience by all. Lastly, to the GGHS BOT Chair and Principal for endorsing our Adventure albeit under COVID level 2 restrictions and having the confidence in us to ensure our students remained safe, had fun and were challenged.

E Nga rau rangatira ma, he mihi nunui ki a kotou.
Na Matua R. Koka P.



Great result at the Tūranganui-a-Kiwa Ki o Rahi Regionals. TWTT 1 (Tūranga Wahine Tūranga Tāne) came out first over TWTT 2 in the final. It was a draw at full time so they had to play a shoot out.

Thank you to Rapiata Ria for his continued support in growing this sport for our students in our school.

Thank you also to Dwayne Hihi for coaching TWTT 2. Finally a big thank you to Tūranga Health for organising a fantastic event.

Nationals will be held in Waitangi April 2021.