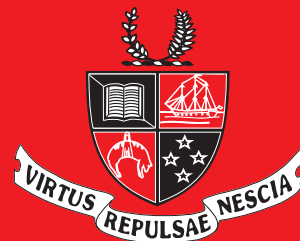


# GISBORNE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

*Virtus Repulsae Nescia / Courage Knows No Defeat / Toa Hinga Kore, Toa Mate Kore*



## The School Voice - Te Panui Kura

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### GBHS SCHOOL POWHIRI

The students and staff of Gisborne Boys' High welcomed new students for the year and their Whanau to the school on the morning of Thursday 2nd February 2017.

Newcomers, the Manuhiri, waited at the entrance of the school whilst they were presented with a Wero, that formed the challenge from current students to incoming students.

As the welcoming Karanga call was heard the manuhiri walked onto the grounds and were seated in front of the whole school. Whaikōrero and Waiata were exchanged, after which the two groups then moved together in Hariru and Hongi to become one. The students then moved into the School Hall where they were addressed by The Principal, Mr Greg Mackle, and the Head Prefect, Riaki Ruru.

### TU WHANAU

Our Tu Whanau programme kicked off with the start-of-year Hui for year 9 boys and their families. Of the 196 boys enrolled in year 9 this year, 137 families came to the Hui. As a percentage (70%), that is our best turnout ever.

Most families found the meeting with form teachers to be valuable, but the highlight of the evening was the mass sit-down meal in our gymnasium-restaurant. Thank you to Bubz who does an amazing job of feeding over 600 people.

Families who came to the Hui received a yellow 'Learning Together' card, stamped for that event. By coming to three Tu Whanau events, parents can earn their son a free Tu Whanau T-shirt which he can wear for PE and on sports days. Any year 9 families who could not come to the Hui can still get their three stamps by coming to the next three Tu Whanau events.

Tu Whanau is not just about year 9 boys and their families. It is about including all of you in your sons' education – and helping you to support their learning. The research shows that parents can really make a difference to their children's engagement and

achievement at school. Work with us and together we will lift your son's achievement. Parents of year 11-13 students have the opportunity to connect with their sons' teachers at our senior report evening on Tuesday March 14. The report evening for year 9 is on Wednesday April 12, with the year 10 evening the next night.

By the time this newsletter is published, year 9 families will have had the opportunity to come to our Reading Together evening. There, parents and their sons learn how mum and dad can help their son to develop his reading and his understanding of what he has read. We will offer year 10 families the opportunity later on. Other events, to help you be a useful part of your son's education, will be advertised as they are coming up. These will include an NCEA evening for year 11 parents, a Study Skills/Exam Revision evening for years 11-13 and a junior Study Skills evening. We will also be running a Writing Together evening for each of the junior levels as well as a Maths Together evening. There's a lot on offer – if you want to come to an evening that is not dedicated to the year level your son is in, please contact Peter Ray at school. We can accommodate you.



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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

A very warm welcome to all of our new Parents/Whanau and young men to our School. This welcome also needs to be extended to our "returning" Parents/Whanau and young men.

The 2017 School year has quickly settled into the structured organisation required for young men to achieve success in the academic, sport and cultural curriculum which is a unique benchmark for Gisborne Boys' High School.

There is a current educational trend towards what could be called "freestyle learning" as espoused by such structures as Modern Learning Environments and "Freedom Learning", (doing what you want to learn; not what you need to learn). Reading various papers or articles in educational publications, one would think that there is overwhelming positive endorsement of these. Schools throughout the country are readily affirming the benefits of what I have termed "freestyle learning".

In actual fact, there are many Schools, Staff, and Students who are not so ready to endorse these ideas. It is not a matter of not being prepared to change, or accept new ways of doing things, it is a matter of questioning whether these new ideas are actually beneficial to the outcomes demanded by quality Teaching and Learning for students, in our case our young men.

If there is an outstanding and well evidenced feature of Gisborne Boys' High School, it is that our School (BOT, Staff, Parents/Whanau and Young Men) have positively taken up the challenge to provide Teaching

and Learning opportunities across a very wide curriculum base. This curriculum is delivered with the sole focus in engaging young men, so that they can achieve excellence in their unique learning needs and interests.

The success of this feature is supported by our NCEA results, and our totally positive School Culture.

While we are continually looking for ways to be better, it simply does not make sense to throw away what works on the basis that apparently "freestyle learning" is better.

By challenging ourselves to be better at everything we do, we are most certainly looking at new ways of doing things... but...not at the expense of what we know works for our young men.

If there is a significant development that is being initiated in our Gisborne Schools, it is the Communities of Learning concept.

Every one of our schools in Gisborne have expert staff in specific areas. By working together utilising the skills of these schools and teachers, we can make a really positive impact on the achievement of all young people in Gisborne.

Gisborne Boys' High School is a total supporter of the sharing of skills and knowledge of what works across Primary, Intermediate and Secondary Schools as being developed by our Communities of Learning.

A bit of a "heavy" Principal's Corner for the first Newsletter for 2017, but as you will read in the Property Section of the Newsletter, there are some very important property developments coming up for our School.

As a School Community, we need to be very clear about where these developments are leading to, and more importantly, what the impacts of these might be further down the line.

G.H. Mackle

## OFFICE MATTERS

We have a Doctor visiting school every Tuesday and Thursday from 1.30pm until 3pm for students to see. This Service is FREE to all students and any prescriptions are also FREE and the medication will be delivered to the school office for students to collect after school. To make appointments, come to the Main Office. The Physiotherapist is here Tuesday and Thursday morning after interval, make your appointments at the Main Office.

## UNIFORM SHOP

**OPEN: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY**  
**12.15pm - 1.45pm**

## GBHS PARENTS TEACHER ASSOC

The GBHS PTAAGM will be held on Tuesday 28 March at 5.30pm in the staffroom. Interested in being part of the PTA and helping to make a difference? Come along to the meeting all new members are warmly welcomed. For any enquiries contact Peter Ray at School.

## WAKA HOURUA

On Wednesday the 1 March, four year 12 students were selected to participate in a leadership day hosted by the visiting Waka Hourua crew.

The unique replica waka of the ancestral waka used to navigate the Pacific formed a picturesque backdrop for the day and the onboard training was an interesting cultural experience that our boys enjoyed and learnt from.

A big thanks and congratulations to Eruera Ria, Maia Fox, Braedyn Grant and Meihana Teneti who represented GBHS superbly at the event.

## KEY DATES

TERM 1 2017	SUBJECT TO CHANGE
14 March	Senior Report Interviews
17/18 Mar	Volleyball Seeding Napier
19 Mar	Touch Regionals Rotorua
23 Mar	ESS Triathlon
27-31 Mar	Maadi Cup Rowing @ Karapiro
27-31 Mar	NZSS Volleyball @ Palmy
27-30 Mar	Gillette Cricket @ Hamilton
28-31 Mar	NISS Softball @ Lower Hutt
27-31 Mar	NZSS Waka Ama @ Rotorua
29-31 Mar	NZSS Triathlon
31 Mar-1 Apr	NZSS U15 Rugby 7's @ Rotorua
27-29 Mar	NZSS Mountain Biking Nationals
5 April	End of Term 1 Wednesday Sport
12 Apr	Yr 9 Report Interviews
12 Apr	Shakespeare in Schools
13 Apr	Yr 10 Report Interviews
13 Apr	End of Term 1
14 Apr	Good Friday
17 Apr	Easter Monday



## NEW TEACHERS

### **Ma'anaima Ulu**

Talofa lava and warm Pacific greetings to our community. I am Samoan and my father is from the village of Puipaa and my mother is from Salani. I have moved here from Auckland where I was teaching at Kelston Boys' High School. Before that I was teaching in South Korea for three years. I met my wife during this time and we came back to New Zealand in 2012. I hope that I can help out our young men and walk alongside them on their educational journey. Faafetai lava ma ia manuia le tatou aoga.



### **Jamie Swift**

Kia Ora my name is Jamie Swift, My family and I have relocated to Gisborne from the Deep South to chase sunshine, waves and good times. My wife Tania, sons Jordan (5) and Cody (2) have settled in well and we thank everyone for their hospitality and kindness. My background is in Exercise Science studying in Invercargill and Dunedin. I spent 9 years at Southland Boys High School before we decided to shift to the North Island to be closer to whanau.



### **Todd Sheridan**

Tēnā koutou katoa. My name is Todd Sheridan and I was born and raised in Waitara, Taranaki. Over the past 12 years, I've worked as a self-employed artist and business operator. Prior to that, I taught at local Primary and Secondary Schools and with Tertiary Providers. As an artist, particularly sculptor, I work mainly with wood but use other media



like cast glass or found materials. Having been trained as a carver, I am deeply honoured to be given this opportunity to teach the Whakairo students for 2017 and work with the Y10 visual arts students. Toi Whakairo, Mana Tangata. Through artistic excellence, we enhance human dignity.

### **Julia Kendall**

Kia ora. My name is Julia Kendall and I have recently returned to Gisborne with my husband and one-year old daughter. I have been a Maths teacher since 2011, teaching at Naenae College in Lower Hutt and Rangitikei College in Marton. Before teaching, I have been a research analyst



and a weather forecaster. I have a BSc in Mathematics from Massey (Palmerston North), which has been a wonderful door-opener, especially on my OE, where it allowed me to gain a work permit and extend my time in the UK (over and above my working holiday visa). Until now, I have only taught at co-ed schools, so I look forward to seeing how a boys' school grows our young gentlemen.

### **Matt Mackle**

Hello, my name is Matt Mackle. I started my teaching career at Gisborne Boys' High School in 2012 and taught Physical Education and Social Science up until 2015. I spent last year in the United Kingdom working as a supply teacher in London. It is great to be back at GBHS this year where I have taken up the role of Sports Director as well as continuing to teach PE and Social Science.



### **Paora Teka**

Tēnā kotou, my name is Paora Teka and I am from a small Māori community called Ruataahuna. I recently moved back from doing my first teaching years in Palmerston North. I completed a placement here at GBHS in 2013 and enjoyed it so much that I wanted to work here. I am very fortunate to gain a position here as part of the Māori department.





## PREFECTS

As members of the 2017 Prefect team, it is exciting to welcome a new intake of boys and their families, into the GBHS whanau. We sincerely hope you enjoy your time with us and make the most of what our awesome school has to offer.

As Prefects of GBHS, we look forward to taking up the opportunities that this year will present us with. We wish to leave a positive mark on the school and our wider community, both going into 2018, and beyond. Although the year will be busy and eventful, we are confident in the makeup of the Prefect team that we have, that it will be successful. The team includes a wide range of boys with different skill sets that will collaborate throughout the year, providing our young men with role models in every area of the learning curriculum. Our goal is to achieve excellence, not only from an academic perspective, but also in sporting and cultural arenas. Furthermore, we encourage each and every individual student to take up the diverse range of opportunities our school offers its young men. As your 2017 Prefect team, we want to wish everyone all the best for this year and hope that it brings with it many triumphs.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Kia Orana whanau

Lots of changes for the library this term! We have started construction on the new roof and gutter. My office is *now* located in the 'library foyer' and daily life resumes, with the exception of issuing physical books. Having said that, **we now have e-books!!** GBHS already has its library catalogue online available through the student's google logon located under the '**gisboyshigh.net bookmarks**'.



As you can see, we also have ebooks from wheelers you can borrow. Using your own device go to your app store and download whatever you need for your device to work. Then just find our school on the list and sign in using your **school: username & password** and

start borrowing. So cool - you can increase the **size** of the words, change their **colour** and the **background**. Best of all no late fees! It just returns the book automatically. Brilliant!!

## GBHS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Below Back: Manaaki Terekia, James Van den Broek (Staff Rep), John Radburn, Karepa Maynard (Student Rep).  
Front: Fleur Paenga, Greg Mackle(Principal) Ian Ruru (Chairman), Tracey Stuart



## BOT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

I am Karepa Maynard and am the Student Representative on the Board. I believe that I am someone who other students can approach to discuss issues that they want to voice about the school.

At the end of my tenure as the Student Representative, I would like to have made a positive difference to the school life of GBHS. My main focus is to contribute to the environment around the school. I plan on doing this by encouraging enviro-schools and by proposing any environment related issues to the BOT, as well as any other issues that are presented to me by other students. To make sure that everyone has a chance to express their issues, I have decided to dedicate Tuesday Lunch-times in the library, when I will be available to talk about any issues other students might have about the school.



## PROPERTY

After 5 years of waiting for assessments, reports and many "discussions" with the MOE, the last 8 months or so have finally produced some visible changes to our school property.

To briefly recap where we were 5 years ago.

After the Christchurch earthquake, all schools in New Zealand were assessed for Structural defects. After 1-2 years of expert reports, our old Mathematics block plus the 2 Science Labs in it were deemed to be structural unsafe.

The MOE decided that this block had to be demolished. The 6 teaching Spaces in it would be replaced by 1 teaching space.

The battle then began. After a long period of discussion with the MOE and various Ministers, the BOT and the MOE, agreed that the Mathematics Block would be demolished and replaced by a single Teaching Space which would become an Art Teaching Space on condition that 2 other "areas" in the School which the MOE said were Teaching Spaces would not be designated as Teaching Spaces in our 2017-2022 5 Year Property Plan.

(These two areas were the upstairs BOT Conference/Seminar Room in the Library and the Student Support space in the Senior Studies Block where our Reading and Writing Support Programmes are facilitated).

As well as our buildings structural integrity, the MOE assessments also indicated that we had 2-3 Leaky Building problems, major electrical and water reticulation problems, an outdated, potentially inefficient Fire/Security/Alarm system, and a Technology Workshop Dust Extractor system that was not up to code.

We were unable to do anything about modernising our current Teaching Spaces before we had rectified all of these identified assessed problems.

We are we now?

Mathematics Block Demolished.

Leaky Buildings, including Library. Rectified/being rectified.

New Dust Extractor for Technology Block. Installed.

New Art Teaching Space. Completed.

Planning for additional larger Art Teaching Space being actioned.

Electrical Reticulation Problem. Being tendered.

Fire/Security/Alarm System. Tender accepted before Xmas. Firm then went into liquidation. Being re-tendered.

Water Reticulation Problem. Being tendered.

On Monday night at the first BOT meeting of 2017, the BOT appointed Darrington Slater Architects as our 2017-2027 10YPP Property Consultants.

Their responsibility is to gain approval for our 2017-2022 5YA Property Plan by carrying out a Condition Assessment to identify any other problems as listed above, (there should not be any!!!!), and then work with the BOT/Staff/Students to consider how we can finally move onto modernising our current Teaching Spaces AND incorporate 2 additional Teaching Spaces into our current Property Footprint.

All a bit complicated, and long winded, but we will get there.

## TABLOIDS SPORTS

The House competition for 2017 got off to a great start with our traditional first event, the Tabloid Sports. For Year 9 students, this event introduces them to the House system at GBHS and helps them get to know the other boys in their Form class. It also provides an opportunity for Senior Boys to take a leadership role within their Form class.

Mr Cairns handed the microphone this year over to Riaki Ruru who is our Head Prefect, Riaki did a good job of MC'ing the event. However, Mr Cairns stayed on as DJ, his music selections helped amp the boys up for the 17 games involving endurance and strength such as "fire-man carry" and "tug of war". Other games involved displays of skill like hitting the target in "shot put toss" or scoring a goal in the "soccer shot", while others required group problem solving ("rugby ball relay") or trust in your classmates ("blind obstacle course"). As usual, Mr Cairns awarded bonus points for the best dance moves, acts of sportsmanship and stupidity. Teachers also awarded points cards for good behaviour, attitude and teamwork.

All Houses demonstrated excellent behaviour and competitive spirit. The leadership and energy shown by the Seniors deserves special mention. They did a great job of organising and motivating the Junior boys. Despite being penalised for turning up a bit late, Tumatauenga won overall with an average class points tally of 1063 in the games. Tane Mahuta were second overall, they did well in the games and came second in the House chant. Tangaroa were close behind to claim third overall and showed great House spirit to win the chant (but not very good spelling). Tawhirimatea were 4th overall, and the usual House comp favourites made a very ordinary start to the year. There is a long way to go in the competition and the House that is most consistent throughout the year will be the one who triumphs in the end. The next House event is the School Swimming sports which is optional for Senior students but compulsory for Juniors. Swimming Sports results over the page.

Tabloid Games Results:

1st	400 Points	Tumatauenga (ave class points 1063)
2nd	350 Points	Tane Mahuta (ave class points 995)
3rd	300 Points	Tangaroa (ave class points 934)
4th	250 Points	Tawhirimatea (ave class points 925)

Results continued below...

House Chant Results:

1st	50 Points	Tangaroa
2nd	40 Points	Tane Mahuta
3rd	30 Points	Tumatauenga
4th	20 Points	Tawhirimatea

House Points Cards awarded on the day

1st	149 Points	Tawhirimatea
2nd	127 Points	Tangaroa
3rd	116 Points	Tumatauenga
4th	105 Points	Tane Mahuta

Top Form Classes for each House (highest points totals)

Top Tumatauenga Mr Watson's class (WO) 1216 points

Top Tane Mahuta Mr Falaoa's class (FA) 1145 points

Top Tangaroa Mr Cleland's class (CE) 1153 points

Top Tawhirimatea Ms McCarthy's class (MC) 1106 p

Overall Points for Tabloid Sports

1st	Tumatauenga	546 Points
2nd	Tane Mahuta	495 Points
3rd	Tangaroa	477 Points
4th	Tawhirimatea	419 Points





## UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Kahutia Nikora	Bachelor of Management Studies
Timoti Daymond	Bachelor of Management Studies
Kane Kumu	Certificate of University Preparation
Dexter Rei-Maynard	Bachelor of Computing and Mathematical Sciences with Honours
Rikki Terekia	Bachelor of Arts
Zixi Wang	Certificate of University Preparation

## SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Onshore 3-foot surf conditions with sunny skies greeted over 40 GBHS surfers at 'The Creek' Makorori Beach for the 2017 Gisborne Boys' High Surfing Championships. This was the highest number of entries in several years and very pleasing to see such a large number of Year 9 students involved.

In the Under 18s event, the division final featured Reuben Mottart, Riaki Ruru, Tate Morrison and Kyle Hannah. In a tightly contested final, Head Boy Riaki Ruru made it two years in a row, beating best mate and long-time surf rival Reuben Mottart by a margin of 1.5 points. The final saw some of the best surfing of the day.

The biggest division was the Under 16s who had newcomer Noah Collier coming out on top to clinch the title. Second was Louis Birkhead, third Fletcher McGreivy and fourth Ethan Hannah.

Mr Chapman would like to thank all the family members who helped out with supervision at the event. Special mention must also be made of ex-student and professional surfer Maz Quinn who was the head judge for the day and lastly The Boardroom for their support in running this event and providing spot prizes.

Under 18

1. Riaki Ruru, 2. Reuben Mottart, 3. Kyle Hannah,
4. Tate Morrison

Under 16

1. Noah Collier, 2. Louis Birkhead, 3. Fletcher McGreivy
4. Ethan Hannah

Below: Spot prize winners Caleb Mokomoko and Louis Evans



## HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

We run our swimming sports at our school pool and have separate events for the different age groups. It is compulsory for Juniors and optional for Senior students. The Seniors swam in Week 3 and the Year 9 and 10 events were postponed until Week 4. The Junior events in particular have a great atmosphere and strong House support with over 130 swimmers in both Year 9 and 10 events. The Senior event doesn't seem to have as many swimmers, but it still provides our top swimmers the opportunity to show the other boys their ability in the pool. Thanks to Mr Marty Ryan who does such a fantastic job of maintaining the school pool.

## House Results

Year 9: 1st Tane Mahuta, 2nd Tumatauenga, 3rd Tawhirimatea, 4th Tangaroa  
Year 10: 1st Tumatauenga, 2nd Tane Mahuta, 3rd Tangaroa, 4th Tawhirimatea  
Seniors: 1st Tawhirimatea, 2nd Tangaroa, 3rd Tane Mahuta, 4th Tumatauenga

These House results were very even, however Tane Mahuta did just enough to claim first place overall, Tumatauenga were second, Tawhirimatea third, and Tangaroa were a close fourth.

## Championship Results

There was some impressive swimming from our top competitive swimmers. However in Year 10 Michael Pickett was particularly impressive and dominated all Championship races, while in Year 9 Jack Keepa was the stand out.

## Senior Championship

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| 1st Josiah Ney (TG)  | 2nd Quade Tapsell (TW) |
| 3rd Soni Foster (TW) |                        |

## Intermediate Championship

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| 1st Kahn Grayson (TW) | 2nd Keanu Wainohu (TW) | 3rd Adam Donaldson (TN) |
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## Year 10 Placings

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| 1st Michael Pickett (TU) | 2nd Noah Collier (TN) |
| 3rd Von Huata (TG)       |                       |

## Year 9 Placings

- |                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1st Jack Keepa (TU)   | 2nd Carew Fearnley (TW) |
| 3rd Jacob Corrin (TN) |                         |

## CAREERS

The year has started with a hiss and a roar as usual! The first few weeks were focussed around students who have made changes to their career pathways and subsequently some subjects. Everything has now settled into a routine and students are already underway with internal assessments! The year marches on!

We had a Whanau Hui last week for Year 12 and 13 parents with comprehensive information available for parents and students looking at tertiary study at University, Polytech or PTE. This covered Student loans and finance, scholarships, demystifying NCEA Level 2 & 3, University visits, accommodation options at University and Polytech and cost etc. The evening was well attended by parents and students.

There are many things happening at Tahunga over the next 2 terms and senior students have had all these dates and details emailed to them. Please remind them to check their emails every day. This is how we communicate with them!

We are running trips to Waikato and Massey Universities for the Year 13 students and also Wellington and Auckland. The South Island is on the table and Year 12 and 13 students are welcome to come over to Tahunga to put their name down for Christchurch and Dunedin institutions. This is self-paid. For more info please don't hesitate to ring us.

The Careers Expo 2017 is at the Showgrounds on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April. We will be taking Year 11, 12 and 13 students through on Monday at 1pm. However, it is a great idea for whanau to visit and chat to providers and feel free to take your children with you. Providers are available to the public from 4pm - 7pm on Monday 3rd April.

Louisa Chapman will be running CV and Interview Skills courses at Tahunga over the next 2 terms on a Wednesday, starting with CV's. Cost is \$15 for each course to be paid to the Finance office prior to the course starting. First CV course starts on Wednesday 15th March with a minimum/maximum number of 10 students. Louisa has extensive experience as a Lawyer and Human Resources Manager and delivers an excellent course. We are unable to help students on an individual basis, as we do not have the time available, so it is really important that if your son wants a CV he jumps on one of these Wednesdays. Most of the second term will be taken up with Interview Skills workshops!

### Work Ready

We are now four weeks into the Work Ready careers programme and all courses are running smoothly with excellent levels of attendance. Eight students have finished their barista course and received excellent feedback from staff who sampled the coffees on assessment day. Another group of eight students have started their aquaculture studies at Turanga Ararau and are enjoying having a taste of what this particular career pathway can involve.

Three students have completed their chainsaw certificate which has allowed them to get hands on experience operating a chainsaw and an idea of what is involved in the forestry industry. Before the end of term, two groups on the programme will participate in a CV writing workshop.

## GATEWAY

The Gateway Programme has had a busy start to the year. Before the boys can start their workplace experience placements, they need to do some training to make sure they are work ready.

Gateway boys started back at school early and completed a 2 day Interview skills course delivered by Louisa Chapman. This is an excellent course! The boys learn how to prepare for an interview. By the end of the second day each boy had an individual mock interview with Louisa and myself. It was great to see how much the boys had grown in confidence over the 2 days.

This was followed by a Personal Presentation course which was delivered by Sam Fell.

Health and Safety in the Workplace course was delivered to most of our boys except for our 6 Farming boys who did a Health and Safety in the Rural Workplace Course. The Farming boys also did an ATV motorbike course held on a farm at Manutuke. We have 20 students who have already started out with their employers in these industries: Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Engineering, Farming, Contracting, Fishing, Real Estate, Design Tech, Waste Management and Retail.

So far, the boys are keen and enthusiastic and enjoying their placements. They have all been reliable and are communicating well between myself and their employers. I'm sure this will continue!

### Trades Academy

We have 24 students on the Trades Academy programme this year. 3 students have taken advantage of Level 3 programmes – Hospitality and Computing and 21 are on Level 2 programmes – Building, Automotive, Trade Skills and Hospitality. All have been very enthusiastic about attending EIT every Friday and are thoroughly enjoying the experience. This is a great experience for our young men, to sample good quality hands-on programmes.

Other programmes running are Learners Licence with the first 5 students already now legal! The next course starts on March 29th. Cost is \$123.90 to be paid to the Finance office. First Aid will run again, cost is \$50 to the student. This is heavily subsidized by the school. If your young man would like to obtain a comprehensive First Aid qualification, please pay the Finance office. Once we have 15 paid, we will organise a course.

Nga Ara Pai is the community driving programme aimed at students who have had their Learners Licence for 4 months and are moving into getting ready to sit their Restricted



Licence. This is a community based programme run by the Council, so students need to apply. See Mrs Bishop for details and application form.



Above : ATV Course - Joshua Sheahan-Andrews waterblasting his bike after ATV Course.

Brodie Parsons and Hikurangi Walker doing Health and Safety in the Rural Workplace Course

## YEAR 9 CAMPS

We are now well into our Term and around half way through our camp cycle. The attendance so far has been excellent and we thank parents for their support. We want every boy to attend and experience a varied and interesting 4 days. This year we have a new Staff member running operations at Mahanga. Mr Richard Gordon replaces Mr Graeme Torrie this year. Mr Torrie is on sick leave and we wish him a rapid recovery. Richard Gordon is an experienced PE and Outdoor Education teacher who has recently retired (he thought!) from many years in those roles at Campion College. He brings a varied skill set and great experience to this job. We are grateful for the way he has stepped up filled the role so well and so quickly. Camps are fun for the boys but very demanding on Staff. Richard is surviving the baptism of fire very well at this stage.

Each class is visited by Mr Donaldson (HOD Outdoor Education) on the Monday the week before camp where all necessary information is given out. On the day before camp Mr Gordon will visit the class. Please direct your boy to see Mr Donaldson for any questions about camps.







# The School Voice - Te Panui Kura

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## SPORT & CULTURE - Excellence outside the classroom

### TERM 1 SPORTS 2017

It has been a very busy start to the year for a number of GBHS sports teams/individuals. GBHS has had teams competing across the North Island through a number of different codes.

Mr Murphy and Mr Harford have been working hard at training with the volleyball teams for a number of weeks. The Senior A team travelled to Napier for the Super 8 tournament and came home with a fantastic 2nd place, going down in the final to Tauranga Boys' College for the second year running. We look forward to some more great results at the regionals and NZSS National tournament held in Palmerston North in late March.

Our Ki-o-Rahi team combined with GGHS won the local Tairāwhiti tournament on the 3rd of March. This means they have qualified for the NZSS tournament in Whangārei taking place at the start of the Easter break.

The 1st XI cricket team started the year off at the Super 8 Tournament in Hamilton. The team competed well but unfortunately could not manage a win against very strong opposition. There have been some tough results to the start of the season narrowly missing out on qualification for the Northern Districts Gillette Cup Tournament.

Winter sports are on our doorstep with the 1st XV rugby and 1st XI football teams already training in some testing conditions.

We have a fantastic staff who are constantly coaching and managing our sports teams. However we still need help with outside help to ensure that all sports teams have a coach or a manager. If you are able to help with volunteering please email Matt Mackle at [matthewm@gisboyshigh.net](mailto:matthewm@gisboyshigh.net) or call the school office (068688159)

### ATHLETIC SPORTS REPORT

This year's school Athletics Sports were held on 2nd March, earlier than normal but we wanted to have them before Regional Athletics in Hastings. The weatherman (Mr Cairns) got it right and the day was perfect. As a result, the behaviour and attitude of the boys was fantastic, and the level of participation was excellent. The only disappointment on the day was the staff relay team losing to the prefects! No records were broken on the day, however there were several notable performances and some really close finishes on the track. Moses Christie won the Senior Championship by dominating the Jumping events, Caleb Trabitsh with some strong middle distance running. Josiah Ney won the 800m early in the day (and he had already won the 3000m) and could have challenged for the Senior Championship but chose not to run again as he prepares for the Triathlon Nationals next week. Campbell Hall convincingly won the Intermediate Championship with some dominant performances in the 100m and 400m. Nopera Rangiūia-Lindup was outstanding in the Junior Championship by winning and placing in the 100m, 200m, 400m, and 800m.

The House Competition was easily won by Tane Mahuta

with excellent Championship participation and results, they were dominant in the relays also. Tangaroa continued their good start to the year finishing second thanks largely to solid performances in the relays. Tawhirimatea have won the Athletic sports in recent years but their start to the year has not been great, third this year. Tumatauenga placed fourth. Thank you to all the staff, students and supporters who made this another successful and enjoyable Athletics Sports.

#### Championship Results:

##### Seniors (16 years +)

- 1st Moses Christie (1st Long Jump & Triple Jump, 2nd 100m & High Jump)
- 2nd Caleb Trabitsh (1st 1500m, 2nd 800m/3000m)
- 3rd = Joseph Mason (1st Discus & Shotput)
- 3rd = Josiah Ney (1st 800m & 3000m)
- 3rd = Tonihi Raureti (1st 100m & 200m)

##### Intermediates (14 & 15 Years old)

- 1st Campbell Hall (1st 100m, 400m, & Long Jump)
- 2nd = Matthew Proffit (1st 200m, 2nd 100m)
- 2nd = Braedyn Grant (1st Javelin, 2nd Triple Jump)
- 3rd = Kahurangi Rangiūia-Lindup (1st Triple Jump, 3rd Long Jump)
- 3rd = Adam Donaldson (2nd 1500m, 3rd 400/800m)

##### Juniors (Under 14 Years)

- 1st Nopera Rangiūia-Lindup (1st 200m & 800m, 2nd 100m, 3rd 400m)
- 2nd = Eric Taylor (1st 1500m, 2nd 400m, 3rd Javelin)
- 2nd = Caleb Billington (1st 100m & Long Jump)
- 3rd Tyrese Nepe (1st 400m, 2nd 200m)

##### House Results

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| 1st | Tane Mahuta  | 600 points |
| 2nd | Tangaroa     | 550 points |
| 3rd | Tawhirimatea | 500 points |
| 4th | Tumatauenga  | 450 points |

