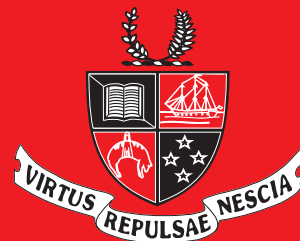


GISBORNE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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The School Voice - Te Panui Kura

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AUCKLAND SHAKESPEARE TRIP

The Pop-up Globe Theatre started its second season in Auckland in March. This structure is a replica of Shakespeare's famous Globe Theatre in London. It is a temporary structure that is erected to stage performances of Shakespeare's plays by New Zealand actors. This year Gisborne Boys' High School Year 13 English and Drama students travelled to Auckland to see the play 'Othello'. For the Year 13 English students, this was a chance to see a production of a text they study in class performed on stage, and for the Drama students it was a chance to get inspiration for their own performance in the upcoming Shakespeare in Schools' competition. The students were 'groundlings' and were standing in front of the stage for most of the performance. This gave the audience a chance to get up close and personal with the actors, the play is quite interactive and the audience were invited to become involved in the action. Seeing Shakespeare's theatre performed 'in the round' (as it is intended to be performed) was an awesome experience for the students and brought a greater understanding of the play.

Students also went to the Auckland Museum and visited the

Zealand Music exhibition. This interactive exhibit took the students on a tour through key moments in New Zealand music and was a real feast for the senses. After a quick visit to the Auckland Art Gallery and Auckland University, it was back home after a successful arts and cultural trip.

CAREERS EXPO

The Gisborne Herald Careers Expo was held on 3-4 April at the Gisborne Showgrounds. Gisborne Boys' High were the first school to experience the Expo. All senior boys were given the opportunity to explore the numerous local and national providers and what they have to offer in terms of career pathways. Popular stations were the NZ Institute of Sport, the various Universities and EIT. Students were able to talk to the providers about entry requirements, costs and open days to better gauge the possibilities available to them. The free pens also proved popular! Following this we had many providers come into school and follow up with the students who had made enquiries and any others that were interested. Parents/whanau are welcome to call the Careers Department to discuss any issues/questions that have arisen as a consequence.

The Gisborne Herald have a \$1000 scholarship up for grabs for any year 12 or 13 student who is leaving at the end of this year and heading onto further study. All the students have been emailed the details and entry form. Please encourage them to apply. Any financial help is most welcome when students head off into tertiary education!

Careers Trips

With this newsletter there is also a letter from us for Year 12 and 13 parents with information about the careers trips we are running. If you need any more information about these, please contact us.



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Term 2 has finished with a flourish.

The New Zealand Secondary Schools' Summer Tournament Week, along with the first competitions in a range of local sports, has put a great deal of pressure on our young men and staff.

This Newsletter is an opportune time to thank...once again...our staff and all of our parents/whanau for their amazing contribution that they make in supporting our School to provide for co-curricular sports/culture.

This Newsletter has reports on Volleyball, Waka Ama, Rowing, and Softball from the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Summer Tournament. The reports and results do not indicate the time and contribution that has been made.

The BOT is required to report to our community the results of the 2016 NCEA assessments, and also detail the 2017 targets. This Newsletter has the data for this requirement, and a brief statement relating to the results.

As well as all the Curriculum and Co-curricular activity, we are making what I will call satisfactory progress on the Property matters which I outlined in Newsletter 1. I am looking forward to the time when we can start using our 5YA Capital Income to "do up" our Teaching

Spaces. While this might be a long protracted project, at least we are doing something!

I am away for all of Term 2 as I was granted a Principal's Sabbatical for this period of time.

I am required to undertake and report on a facet of Teaching and Learning which is relevant to our School.

As you are aware from the superb work being done in our Careers/Pathways Curriculum Area, we have placed a significant emphasis on working with our young men, their parents/whanau and the Gisborne community on ensuring that every individual receives support for where/what they are heading to as far as employment/tertiary teaching and learning when they leave school.

My work will focus on how Secondary Schools in Australia implement programmes which provide individual students with support to transition to their chosen career/pathway post-secondary school.

In my absence, Mr Ray will be Acting Principal. My role/responsibilities will be distributed amongst the other members of the Senior Leadership, with Mr Lindup picking up some of the "nuts 'n' bolts tasks that I do.

I have no doubt that Mr Ray will continue on with his already huge role and associated responsibilities as well as the overall guidance etc of the School, with his usual fabulous care, concern, skills and professionalism.

Greg Mackle

BREAKFAST CLUB

"We"...PTA, School, Tu Whanau Lead Group, have been talking about the need to provide young men who do not get breakfast before coming to school with a simple breakfast. I am pleased to report that we have gone further than talking about this, and have put in place arrangements for this Breakfast Club to start in Term 2 of this year.

The Breakfast Club will operate on Tuesday and Thursday only at this point of time. This may change as we move forward. The times will be 7.30am-8.30am each of these days. Initially we will use the School Hall.

Thanks to the generosity of Turanga Health for giving us seeding money to purchase plates and utensils.

If you would like to be a "helper" on either of these two days, probably once a term, please contact the School Office for further information.

GBHS PTA

WANTED.....

More parents for our PTA.

If you want to contribute to and be more involved with the school, the PTA are looking for more members.

We meet once a month during school terms.

Please contact the school office, or speak to Peter Ray, if you are interested.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday May 9 at 5:30PM in the school library. Come along!

OFFICE MATTERS

To view your account on line:

Go to School Website gisboyshigh.net

Top left hand corner - Click on Parent Portal.

You will need your son's user name and password which has already been sent out this year and will also be sent with the school reports this week.

Log in - Choose fees from the left hand side and your account should be displayed.

KEY DATES

| TERM 2 2017 | SUBJECT TO CHANGE |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 13 Apr | End of Term 1 |
| 14 Apr | Good Friday |
| 17 Apr | Easter Monday |
| 1 May | Term 2 Starts |
| 8 May | Tu Tane Camps start |
| 9 May | ANZAC Commemoration |
| 13 May | Tamararo Kapa Haka |
| 16 May | Tu Whanau Yr 9 Lunches begin |
| 16 May | 10A1/A2 L1 NCEA Forum |
| 24 May | Nga Manu Korero Regionals |
| 25 May | Kapa Haka Regionals |
| 30 May-1 Jun | Senior Exams |
| 5 June | Queens Birthday Observance |
| 6 June | L1 Forum NCEA/ Course Selection |
| 13 June | L2 Forum NCEA/Course Selection |

TRADES

We have 24 students on Trades and I am very impressed so far with the reliability of almost all of the boys! This year there is Level 3 Computing, Level 3 Hospitality and Toi Houkura added as choices. The Hospitality boys get to eat everything they cook and there is often delicious smells coming from the direction of the EIT kitchens. Our Building, Trade Skills and Automotive boys are busy with hands on projects and are enjoying wearing overalls and work boots and getting into it. Computer skills is offering Level 3 Achievement standards which count towards University Entrance for those looking to head off into a Computer Engineering degree, and Toi Houkura is teaching our boys some awesome drawing skills.

SUCCESSSES

AIR TRAINING CORPS - NATIONAL GLIDING COURSE 2016

Yr 12 Jacob Goodyer (Cadet Sergeant Goodyer) was awarded the JOHN BORMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY in December. This is awarded to the best all round Cadet on the course, taking into account both flying and ground achievement. In addition to the physical trophy, the winner will be allocated \$500.00 in prize money which will be credited to the flying training organisation of the Cadets choice as approved by the course CFI. This credit may be used for pilot flying training in gliders or powered aircraft

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The students face many new challenges when they first start living here and studying at GBHS. They were asked to write about their first couple of weeks of school and living in Gisborne, the difficulties they experienced and positive factors.

"The first day at GBHS I was very nervous and felt out of place, but then later I settled in very well. I have a good and loving homestay that are so kind to me. It felt like my own parents. I didn't have any difficulties because I opened up to everyone which helped a lot."

Denning Leo, Yr 12, Port Vila, Vanuatu



"When I first came to New Zealand I felt alone. All of the things are new. I felt so helpless and can't understand the class. I couldn't imagine my future, but I can follow the classes now. I think the language is difficult to learn. I like the Kiwi food. My homestay are very nice."

Ankh Li, Yr 13, China



"The first day I came to school, I felt quite nervous because everything was really different from my old school and everyone was wearing the school uniform but me. In the first year my progress was very small because I was so shy and when I talked with the other boys I felt very embarrassed. In fact, I think every student who comes here to study, their biggest problem was that they were too shy."

Muziqi Ding, Yr 11, China

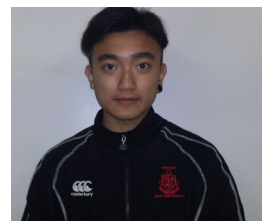
"I remember the first day of coming to school, I feel so worried because my English is not very good. I don't know my teachers and my homestay but I need to try and speak English. On my first day I went to my homestay, her cooking is very good and she makes different food for me."

Hansen Che, Yr 13, Macau



"When I first came to NZ in 2015 it was a big challenge for me, that was the first time I went to another country by myself and faced the environment and language I didn't know. It was really hard. The first time I went to class I couldn't talk to the other students and the teacher. My English was very bad and I felt like the teacher ignored me. After a few months I had got my friends and someone talked to me about school. I don't feel nervous and worried anymore."

Chan Pong Lam, Yr 13, Macau



"My first time at school, I was so nervous, I had no friends to have lunch together or play. After the first day I felt lonely, sad and worried about the future. I was homesick when I was watching Facebook. I really wanted to go back home. I was worrying about everything except food. I really loved NZ food. When I first tried hangi it was yummy. A few weeks later, I made my first Kiwi and Maori friends. I had a communication problem with my friends but they told me what was wrong and fixed it for me. My homestay family helped me to fit into NZ culture."

Woojin Chong Yr 11, Korea



"It was a new experience for me. The food here is much different, the culture and the lifestyle too. The first couple of weeks were interesting. I was shy and not that confident. I wasn't lonely because I had Ke-ane (from Vanuatu) to accompany me. During dinner at my homestay I couldn't speak up loudly. But during the last months, I became more confident and I wasn't that shy anymore."

Jesse Rambay, Yr 12, Vanuatu



NEW ZEALAND LINGUISTICS OLYMPIAD

Kain Meyer-Scott recently competed in the New Zealand Linguistics Olympiad. The Linguistics Olympiad events use language data to solve logic problems. Events like these are currently held in Australia, the UK, the USA and 26 other countries. Students of any age can take part but the questions will be most appropriate for those in years 11-13. After the first round Kain scored one of the top marks in the country and travelled to Tauranga to compete in the national Finals. We are awaiting to hear the outcome of this. Well done to Kain on this significant achievement!



RACE UNITY SPEECH COMPETITION

The Race Unity Speech Awards were initiated by the New Zealand Bahá'í Community in 2001 in support of Race Relations Day (21 March). The NZ Police have been the principal sponsors since 2008, with other very welcome sponsorship coming from the Human Rights Commission, and the Office of Ethnic Communities. The NZ Federation of Multicultural Councils also provides valuable support. The Speech Awards provide an opportunity for students to further develop the key competencies outlined in the curriculum:

This year two of our students, Luke Whibley and Josiah Ney competed in the regional heats. Although not placed, they represented the school admirably and have gained valuable experience in the art of public speaking. We also had three boys who entertained the crowd between speeches - Kereopa Ria, Rongonui-Atea Kahurangi and Riley



Horsfield were praised widely and described as a 'cleanse to the palate'. Special thanks also to Warihi Tawhiwhirangi who recorded the boys for assessment.

WAKA AMA

On March 10th a mixed crew of paddlers travelled from Gisborne to compete in the Eimeo race in Moorea. This is a 9 stage 42 km race around the island of Moorea. It is a sea race which is quite different to the races we have in NZ on the lakes. There were 48 teams from around French Polynesia and Hawaii competing in this event with three age group divisions. Our school competed in the Taurea over 17 years division. The race was particularly challenging with torrential rain and wind in parts but our team did very well to place 12th overall.

Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua was the venue once again for the 2017 NZ Secondary School's Championships. This year we took four teams to compete against over 100 other schools from around the country. The event is held over four days with one man and double hull on the first day. The double hull is a mixed race so we had to compete with a girls only school. Our two J16 teams were joined by Gisborne Girls' and Hamilton Girls' and our two J19's by Wellington Girls' and Hamilton Girls'. All teams made the finals but did not place in medal contention. Three students competed in the 250m one man race – Darius Apanui-Nepe, Lyric Akurangi-Baty and Caleb Akroyd with Darius winning the school's first gold for the school in this event and being awarded the J16 one man title.

Day two were the 500m turns and 250m sprint heats with all teams progressing to the semi finals and then finals on Day 3 and 4. Ruaumoko and Taitama our J16 teams were particularly determined following the sudden loss of fellow paddler Naz Te Huna. Both relatively young teams with year 9 and 10 students they both made huge achievements and were highly competitive against the

other schools. Ruaumoko with Anaru Paenga Morgan, Kiti-tini Taihuka, Inia Halley, Xavier Swann, Tane Ruru and Lyric Akurangi-Baty were narrowly beaten in the 500m turns and were awarded Silver and in the 250m sprint where they placed third and were awarded a bronze. Taitama with Sam Tamihana-Brown, Irie Eyles, Matariki Kaa, Kapua Thornicroft, Matiu Anderson, Kahu Cooper and Koby Wyllie competed well to achieve 4th place in the plate final. This is the last year for many of our paddlers with Joseph Mason, Matenga Taihuka, Kereopa Ria, Pa and Son Tawhiwhirangi having competed for Gisborne Boys' High School for the last five years. The J19 squad of Turanga Tane and Whanake were highly competitive in both the 500m and 250m races. Whanake with Kereopa Ria, Pa Tawhiwhirangi, Tyrin Wyllie, Joseph Mason, Maia Fox and Matenga Taihuka posted the fastest time for the entire event in the semi finals of the 250m sprint narrowly beating Turanga Tane with Joel Watene, Son Tawhiwhirangi, Caleb Akroyd, Darius and Mason Apanui-Nepe and Ngurangi Pomana. Turanga Tane went on to win gold in the finals 1.15 sec ahead of Whanake who won bronze. In the 500m Turanga Tane were narrowly beaten and were awarded silver. The teams were well supported by both our local waka ama clubs – Horouta and Mareikura where the J16 and J19 trained respectively. Special thanks to Keiha Waikari and Vesna Radonich coaching our J16's and Matahi Brightwell, Mani Williams and Maraea Pomana for coaching and supporting our J19 teams. Particular thanks go to Ada Te Amo, Howard Smith, Tania and Hoani Watene, Wai Williams and Rowe Mason who travelled over and supported the team in Rotorua.



CAREERS

Trades

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Right: Denver Atkins



GATEWAY/CAREERS

Term one is always a busy one for Gateway. Before Gateway boys can start their workplace experience we get them to complete some pre-requisite courses to help prepare them for the work force - Interview Skills, Personal Presentation, Health and Safety in the Workplace. Our farming boys complete Health and Safety in the Rural Workplace and ATV Motorbike safety.

At the completion of these courses the boys start their chosen workplace experience. We are funded for 40 Gateway boys per year and so far I have 34 students out on placement. We have 5 Builders, 2 Plumbers, 3 Mechanical Engineers, 1 Electrician, 1 Real Estate, 1 Product Design, 1 Fisherman, 6 Forestry, 5 Retail, 6 Farmers, 2 Possum Trappers and 1 Health and Fitness.

Two of our students were part of the very first Possum course held at Pakirikiri Marae. The students spent 3 days on the marae with educators from the National Trade Academy and learnt about environment, trapping, plucking and skinning. It was a great experience for the boys.

Gateway boys spend 1 day per week at their work experience placement. So far the boys are going very well. They are enjoying being able to have the opportunity to try the trade that interests them, to see if this is the career path they want to pursue. I have had a lot of positive feed back from their employers already.

Students need to do a minimum of 6 weeks at the placement they have chosen. If they decide that industry isn't for them, they are able to try something else. If the student is enjoying their placement they can continue on for the school year as long as the employer is happy to keep them on. It is my job to find the boys their placements although sometimes the boys have contacts which I use. I keep in contact with the employers throughout the year and visit the students regularly at work to make sure all is going well. Often boys end up with an apprenticeship or full time employment as a result of their Gateway placement. This is both rewarding for the student and myself.



Above: James Forey with Alistair Jennings Electrical

Y.E.S

Below: Jack Parker

The Youth in Emergency Services programme has just had its final session and will finish with the 32 hour weekend held over the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd April. The students are treated to some fantastic sessions, fire fighting, search and rescue, rescue helicopter, ambulance, coast guard, army to name a few. Students are treated to physical fitness, swim lifesaving (in overalls and boots!) and a range of great activities aimed at helping them begin to learn what being in a first response team looks like. This also means that sometimes planned sessions are changed at the last minute - welcome to



the world of emergency services! We have three students involved with YES, Riley Horsfield, Jack Parker and Jacob Goodyer.

Nga Ara Pai

Once again, we are fortunate to have students be accepted onto the Nga Ara Pai programme. Caleb Tanner, Raymond McDonald, Riley Horsfield and Portrait Watene applied and were accepted onto this amazing programme. If they are accepted on the programme, they get 12 weeks of mentoring with experienced drivers, many of them Police, 3 assessed drives with a driving instructor, and when they are ready, their test is booked. All this for \$137, which is the cost of just the licence! The next programme is due to start after the holidays, so if your young man is ready to go, tell him to come and see us for an application form.

Techtorium

We ran a combined schools computer course over 3 days a couple of weekends ago. We had 10 students from GBHS and the numbers were made up from GGHS, Lytton and Campion students. It was awesome to have all these very bright young students together at our school being taught new (for some) tricks in relation to hardware programmes and basic networking scenarios. It was a great course and for my old brain, quite tiring! A few of the students were really switched on and spoke a language I simply did not understand! We have some very, very talented young people amongst us.

CURRICULUM SUBJECT

WORKBOOKS

Most Curriculum subjects at Gisborne Boys' High School utilise workbooks for Teaching and Learning. These workbooks range from Year 9 through to Year 13 workbooks across the whole curriculum.

The workbooks replace in many cases textbooks and eliminate the need for blank stationery. They are a significantly valuable resource particularly for all NCEA subjects as they are styled to reflect current Internal and External Achievement Standards assessment criteria. They also provide essential revision notes and assessment questions and model answers for external NCEA assessments. They are retained by students for this purpose.

There is no doubt that without them, students would be severely disadvantaged in their Teaching and Learning.

We have been instructed by the Ministry of Education that payment for these workbooks is in their opinion voluntary. Obviously I am very concerned that if you as Parents/Whanau do not make this voluntary contribution for your young man's various workbooks, the School would be very hard pressed to continue to use these.

I want to make sure that these workbooks support your young man's Teaching and Learning.

G H Mackle
PRINCIPAL

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball Nationals Report

This year two GBHS teams competed at the NZSS Volleyball Nationals held in Palmerston North in the last week of March. It's been a struggle to develop Volleyball at GBHS as there is no local competition, however a commitment to travel to Napier to play Regional Tournaments and then Palmerston North to compete in the Nationals has seen our Volleyball programme strengthen over many years. The National tournament is a huge event with 180 teams from around the country gathering to compete across 5 divisions. A Team Report (GBHS A Team: Luke Bird, Sam Kaloni, Brett Hockey, Andrew Brott, Weston Lockley, Tawera Nikora, Rico Te Kani, Keanu Wainohu, Kahu Rangiui-Lindup, Taran Harrison)

We had won the top seed in the Region and so went to the Nationals ranked 23rd out of the 80 boys teams. We were placed inside the top 32 teams (Divisions 1 & 2) and so would have a chance to test ourselves against the best school teams in the country. The goal is always to improve on your seeding (ranking) and we felt confident of doing this.

Div 1 - 2 Pool Play Results

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|----------------------|---------|
| Vs Western Heights B | won 3-0 |
| Vs Bethlehem College | won 3-2 |
| Vs Fraser H.S | won 3-2 |

Div 1 Pool Play

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Vs Tikipunga H.S | won 3-2 |
| Vs Rangitoto College A | lost 0-3 |
| Vs Tauranga B.C A | lost 0-3 |

We finished third in our Div 1 pool and so would playoff for positions 9-16.

Playoff Positions 9-16 Div 1

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|------------------------|----------|
| Vs Otumoetai College A | lost 2-3 |
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This loss was probably the only real disappointment of the tournament. This was an important match, a win would mean we would playoff for positions 9-12, a loss and we would be playing off for 13-16.

Playoff Positions 13-16 Div 1

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|----------------------|----------|
| Vs Mount Maunganui A | lost 0-3 |
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Playoff Positions 15-16 Div 1

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|----------------------|---------|
| Vs Western Heights B | won 3-0 |
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It was good to win the last match to finish 15th overall.

Overall the season was a really successful one. Mr Harford has made a big difference since coming to GBHS in the middle of last year and starting the trainings before school. The team placed second at Super 8, won the top rank in the Hawkes Bay / Poverty Bay Region, and then placed fifteenth at the Nationals. Possibly our best season ever! Congratulations to the team.

B Team Report (GBHS B Team: Te Kanawa Tapara, Charnce Pohatu, Tainui Maxwell, Kohi Kerekere-Tangira, Isiah Stewart, Ihakara Waiti, Te Hau Kerekere-Tangira, Ohaia Gillman)

This young team was the fifth ranked team from our Region and so was seeded 64th, which placed them right at the bottom of the second 32 teams that make up Divisions 3 & 4. They were excited about playing and gaining experience against older and bigger opposition.

Div 3 & 4 Pool Play Results

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|-----------------------|----------|
| Vs Aorere College | lost 0-3 |
| Vs Whakatane H.S A | lost 2-3 |
| Vs Auckland Grammar B | won 3-1 |

This first round of games went really well.

Div 4 Pool Play

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|-----------------------|----------|
| Vs Auckland Grammar A | lost 1-3 |
| Vs Waiopehu College | won 3-2 |
| Vs Taradale H.S | lost 2-3 |

Playoff Games

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|------------------------|----------|
| Vs Otumoetai C | lost 0-3 |
| Vs Rangitoto College B | won 3-2 |
| Vs Waiopehu College | lost 1-3 |

By these last games the team was both mentally and physically tired and although they played hard right to the end they almost ground to a halt. The win against Rangitoto B was the highlight of the tournament for this team. The fifth and deciding set was tense and we really wanted to beat this Auckland team who has a big Volleyball programme. We had a five point lead at the end and were on match point but lost four points in a row to a strong server, however we held our nerve and Charnce smashed the winning spike through their blocks to win the game.

These results placed us 60th out of the 80 boys teams and four places above our seeding so it was a successful tournament for our B's. Our Volleyball programme is in a good place at the moment and the boys are eager to continue to work on their skills and fitness to be even better next year. There are only four Year 13's in this years teams and I would like to thank Luke, Sam, Weston, and Te Kanawa for representing the school so well over their time at GBHS. My thanks to all parents and supporters who have helped the boys prepare and travel to the various tournament's, particularly the Rangiui-Lindup's and Hockey's for their generous provision of meals.

We will have a short break and then start preparing our Junior teams for their tournaments in term 4.

Simon Murphy
TIC Volleyball



BASKETBALL

As I always say this 4 day Tournament is worth 4 weeks of practice. Player roles are defined and we get a good indication how we are progressing and what we need to work on remembering we aim to peak for the Super 8 Tournament in Aug and the Premiership Tournament in early Sept. After a gruelling 6 hour drive to Rotorua with road closures, the Seniors led by 2 points going into the 4th quarter vs Rotorua Boys' High, a bad 4th quarter where we allowed Rotorua 2nd shots losing 74 to 56 – Player of the match Tyrese Tuwairua Brown. The Juniors lost 52 – 17 Player of the match Anaru Paenga-Morgan.

Day 1 of Rotorua Tip Off Tournament: Seniors lost to Kelston 55 to 8. (Player of the match Kered Lee Grant) Seniors beat Hauraki Plains 59 – 43 (Player of the match Tawhiti Rehutai). Juniors lost to St Patricks 38 to 23 (Player of the match Adam Nepe) Juniors beat Te Awamutu 61 to 26

Day 2: Seniors lost to Napier 51 to 42 (Player of the match was shared by Tawhiti Rehutai and Tyrese

Tuwairua Brown)

Seniors beat St John B 59 to 32 (Player of the match Tawhiti Rehutai)

Juniors lost to Napier 70 to 11

Juniors lost to Hastings

Day 3: Seniors beat Hauraki Plains 41 to 40 at the buzzer. Tawhiti Rehutai tied the score with a powerful move to the basket and was fouled. He then hit the freethrow to win the game. (Player of the match Jake Noble).

The Juniors lost their final game of the Tournament but it should be noted they were playing in the Prems in the top grade and the Seniors were in Division 1, a grade lower. I can't say enough about how organised the Juniors were and how they punched above their weight all Tournament long. Look for big things from our Juniors who I call "our little soldiers" in the future. Coach Ray Noble is doing a great job with them. The big lesson for the Seniors was player accountability. After our poor performance in the Kelston game, players know if they don't perform, they sit on the bench because we have what we call "Our Hounds" players that never give up and our more skilled players know the pressure is on or the hounds will play. The Juniors finished 8th and the Seniors finished 5th out of 16 teams. Senior MVP was shared by Tawhiti Rehutai and Tyrese Tuwairua Brown. Senior most improved player Holden Wilson.

MORE CAREERS

On Campus Experience

This is a fantastic opportunity for our young Maori students in Year 13 who are looking at University study. Otago offer a fully funded week away on campus in Dunedin for a group of lucky winners around NZ. We had 7 students apply so we have fingers crossed that we get at least one but preferably more accepted!

Defence Careers Experience

This is held every year and students from around NZ are invited to apply. They try to take one student from most schools and Jacob Goodyer was selected from GBHS. We had 5 apply and all were very strong candidates. Jacob will be heading to Ohakea in the first week of term 2. The Defence Careers Experience (DCE) is a five day recruiting activity that will provide quality training and information to students who have shown interest and wish to pursue a career within the New Zealand Defence Force.

The DCE is designed to challenge students through a wide variety of unfamiliar situations and team-building activities. Physical fitness activities will be conducted throughout the experience, with early morning exercises, confidence building, and social interaction with fellow students and Defence Force personnel. Jacob is hoping to be accepted into the Air Force as a pilot in the future.

CV Courses

We have been running CV courses for Yr 12 and 13 students. All students need a CV when they leave school. Students will require a CV for scholarship applications, part-time work, full-time work, some will need them to apply for specific courses. These courses have been taking place on a Wednesday under the eagle eye of Mrs Chapman. It is a good idea to jump on one of these courses. Cost is \$15 to be paid to the finance office. The next course is Week 1 Term 2.

Interview Skills

We will also be running courses for interview skills.

These will start towards the end of term 2 once most of our students have, hopefully, taken advantage of our CV courses, and also cost \$15. If you would like your son to have the advantage of getting some excellent skills and practice for interviews then please arrange payment with the finance office. We will know who has paid and they will be given a date for courses.

First Aid

We are running a first aid course on 13th/14th June.

Cost is \$50 to be paid to the Finance office. The school subsidises this course 50%, so it is well worth your young man gaining a comprehensive qualification.

Learners Licence

We have successfully run two courses this term and we now have 11 more students holding Learners Licences. We are running another 6 courses this year. These courses are run after school on Wednesday, Friday and Monday afternoons, and the boys sit on Tuesday morning. Cost is \$123.90 which covers the cost of the licence and some of the course fee. The school picks up 60% of the course fee. It works really well with McInnes Driver Training giving the students the opportunity to learn the tricks of the trade and practice on the computers until they are confident to go and sit. The next course will be in May. If you have a son who is 16 or turning 16 this year, tell them to come and see us for dates. We are limited to 6 per course.

2017 RELAY FOR LIFE

This year, Gisborne Boys' High School took part in the East Coast Cancer Society Relay for Life event that was held at a new location - Awapuni Stadium. In preparing for this event, regular meetings were held, seeking student interest amongst the year 12 Leadership Students and the Prefects. In total, Gisborne Boys' High School was represented by 43 students and 7 staff members. The Relay for Life started just before midday on Saturday with a karakia and ribbon-cutting ceremony, before cancer survivors and their supporters walked the first lap. The students walked in pairs and groups around the track and teachers joined in as rostered to support them. The track was lumpy and made for head down walking during the later hours, especially when there was poor light. Food in the form of barbeque, cake and water was available to eat during the 24 hours of trudging and many a game of cards was played by students to while away the hours. The weather was wet during the night but the old tent held firm thanks to Mr Peter Ray and students who helped set this up on the Friday before the event. Daylight brought breakfast and slightly warmer weather. The boys rallied towards the finish line of 12pm and wore the school house banners around the track for the last half hour. Then it was time to go home; packing up the tent, bbq, tables, couches and sleeping the day away.



SHAKESPEARE IN SCHOOLS

At tonight's Shakespeare in Schools Competition, the results for GBHS were:

Performer with a strong connection/ interaction with the audience - **Matthew Te Whata-McClutchie**

Performer with a strong delivery and interpretation of the text - **Callum McConnochie**

Exciting use of Theatrical Form/ Style by a student director - **Leeim Rowe**

Most Promising Performer - **Luke Whibley**

Winning 5-minute student-directed scene - **GBHS & GGHS Midsummer Night's Dream - including Matthew Te Whata-McClutchie**

Winning 15 minute scene - **GBHS - Hamlet**

The winning 5 minute and 15 minute scenes are to compete in the National Sheilah Winn Shakespeare in Schools Festival in Wellington over Queen's Birthday Weekend 2017.

GBHS students were winners in 6 of the 9 categories of awards.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

Softball

The GBHS Senior Softball team travelled to Lower Hutt to compete in the NZ Secondary Schools Division 2 Championships. GBHS went down with high expectations looking to secure a place in the top four. We played seven games in total winning 4 and losing 3. GBHS beat Taita College 16-0, lost to St Patrick's Silverstream 3-13, beat Hutt Valley High School 11-1, beat Kapiti College 6-4, lost to Tawa College 0-7, lost to St Patrick's Wellington 5-6 and beat Naenae College 6-2.

GBHS were placed 5th equal overall which was a great result from a long tournament.

The team would like to thank the coaches/managers that helped out during the season, especially Jane Edwards we could not do this without you.



Rowing

GBHS rowing team travelled to Lake Karapiro to compete in the Maadi Cup. A very young and inexperienced team the boys were keen to go up against some of the best schools in New Zealand. Conditions were not perfect for the regatta but the boys stepped up and competed to a high level pushing teams ranked a lot higher.

GBHS competed in the following events, with the results as shows:

Under 15 Eight - 6th Repechage 2 needing a top 5 placing to make the final

Under 15 Double Scull - 8th Repechage

Under 15 Coxed 4 - 6th Repechage

Under 15 Coxed quad Sculls - 4th C final

Under 18 Novice 8 - 7th A final

Under 18 Novice 4 - 5th Repechage

Overall a successful week with some promising results.

We look forward to what they can produce if they stay together for the next 3 years.

The team would like to thank Luke Jenkins for putting in huge amounts of time to coach them.



SOFTBALL

Corey Boocock earlier this year was selected for the NZ ISA U14 Softball team.

He has recently returned from Sydney where he was part of a week long training programme followed by a two day tournament against Australia & Japan. The team played 6 games over 2 days which resulted in 2 draws and 4 wins. They were the only team not to have a loss. In the last game against Australia's Country Gold, Corey hit a triple getting two runners home and himself safely on base.

For only the second time in 7 years, NZ won the tournament. This was a huge accomplishment for the team, coaches and management, given the boys all only met for the first time at the beginning of the week. The players were from the North and South Island and had never played at international level before, apart from Corey who was selected for the same team last year.



Corey with Coaches Bryan Mountford and Haydn Smith