

The School Voice - Te Panui Kura

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NGA MANU KORERO SPEECH AND REGIONAL KAPA HAKA COMPETITION



The Nga Manu Korero speech and regional Kapa Haka competition were held in Te Araroa last week. Schools from around the region were hosted at Rerekohu and Kawakawa Mai Tawhiti Schools over the two day event.

On day one Rerekohu hosted the Nga Manu Korero speech competition. We had three students - Pharaoh Wharehinga, Anaru Paenga and Rongonui Kahurangi, representing our school in both the English and Te Reo Maori sections. The calibre of speakers was exceptionally high and all three students spoke very well in their respective divisions. Pharaoh Wharehinga spoke in the senior Te Reo Maori section and was placed 5th overall. Rongonui Kahurangi spoke in the senior English section and was placed 2nd equal overall. Anaru Paenga-Morgan spoke in the junior Te Reo Maori section and was placed 3rd overall.

Day 2 Kawakawa Mai Tawhiti hosted the regional Kapa Haka competition. This competition attracted competing schools from the Tairāwhiti region. This year is a qualifying year which means that schools who gained 1st, 2nd and 3rd place gained eligibility to represent our Tairāwhiti region at the national secondary schools Kapa Haka competition in 2018. Turanga Wahine Turanga Tane were the second group to perform. The group is tutored by Chrissy Moetara and Logan Pokai. Turanga Wahine Turanga Tane were placed 2nd overall thus qualifying them to represent our schools at the national Kapa Haka competition to be held in Palmerston North in 2018. Our students have put in a huge amount of time and dedication in preparation for this event. There have been a number of practices at night and wananga

over weekends to get our students ready for these competitions. Our students rose to the challenge and juggled academic and sporting commitments to prepare. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and commitment of their tutors, whanau and staff from both school



PASIFIKA PARENTS NIGHT

Malo e lelei and warm Pacific greetings. The first Pasifika Parents Night was held during week one of the term. It was great to meet the families and listen to their feedback. I outlined the plan for the next few years with the highlights of a possible trip to Auckland for the ASB Polyfest and the celebration of Tongan Language Week in term 3. There are also Pasifika Catch Up Tutorials every Monday for seniors to complete any NCEA work. If you have any questions or if you would like to meet, please email at naimau@gisboyshigh.net.

Vinaka Vakelevu, Maanaima Ulu, Pasifika Dean

TU WHANAU CLASS LUNCHES

Since week 4 this term Year 9 students have been displaying work in the Library from English, Social Studies, Maths, Science and the Year 9 Tikanga Course. Whanau have come to share some food and take the time to look at the work their boys have produced. The lunches continue into the second half of the term and are great way for our community to engage in the learning that goes on at our school.



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

With Mr Mackle away on sabbatical this term, it is my pleasure to write the Principal's report for this newsletter. Although term two has started well, we are nearly half-way through the senior academic year and if our boys are to succeed it is essential that they are all at school every day. Too often, boys miss school for reasons that are not valid. As parents, you have a huge part to play in ensuring that your sons are at school every day and that they value their learning.

Research shows that if you take an ongoing interest in your son's learning he will do better in all aspects of his development. Please take the time to talk with your son each evening. Ask him about his school day – what new things he learned, what he enjoyed most, whether there is anything he needs help with. Not surprisingly, your son will value his learning more if you show him

that you think it is valuable.

This term we have a new initiative to help boys engage in their learning – we are providing breakfast for our students on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. There is a report about that later in this newsletter.

Achievement Information:

With this newsletter you will find a copy of a letter we received from outgoing Minister of Education, Hekia Parata, congratulating Gisborne Boys' on our students' outstanding achievement. This is the third time we have received a letter acknowledging our school's achievement. Only one school in New Zealand has been acknowledged more times (4) by the minister.

I have also included an insert showing the latest research on boys' education. The research clearly shows that boys achieve better in single-sex education.

Peter Ray

PTA NEWS

What's New

Congratulations to our new PTA Chairperson, Jane Brott who has taken over from Mihi Hannah, whose many commitments preclude her from being part of the PTA this year. Sue James is 'willingly' continuing as treasurer ... but we need a secretary now that our very-long-serving and dedicated secretary, Caryn Radburn, has left. Caryn has been a positive, enthusiastic contributor to our PTA for ... well, it seems like forever. Thank you Caryn.

GBHS Breakfast

The GBHS Breakfast programme is under way (see article in this newsletter). The programme was initiated by the PTA who saw a need for some of our boys to be fed in the mornings. Although the PTA is a small group, we work well together and our members were instrumental in getting the breakfast programme started.

Invitation

The GBHS Parent-Teacher Association is actively involved in promoting our boys' interests in the school. If you would like to join us, contact Peter Ray at school, (Phone 868 8159; email peterr@gisboyshigh.net) or come along to our next meeting on Tuesday June 6 at 5:30 pm in the school library. We would love to see you there.

ATTENDANCE CODES

CODE	MEANING	EXPLANATION
*	Attending School	
?	Marked Absent from class	An explanation has not been received from home
T	Marked as Truant	After 14 days without an explanation '?' codes convert to T automatically
J	Justified Absence	Student is absent from school for a reason that is justified eg Tangi
E	Unjustified Absence	Student is absent from school for a reason that is not justified eg my uniform was wet
Q	At a School Camp or Activity	Counts as attending school
M	Medical Dentist	For short term illness. Medical certificate required after 4 days - a special form of 'J'
I	In School appointment	This counts as attending school. The boy may have been seeing his Dean
G	Holiday in School Time	This is a special case of 'E'
W	Work Experience	This counts as attending school
Z	Secondary Tertiary Programme	This counts as attending school

Above is a summary of the Codes used in KAMAR the student management programme used by school to explain attendance.

If the attendance of a student at is unexplained or unmarked for the first two periods of the day the caregiver receives a TEXT notification.

KEY DATES

TERM 2 2017 SUBJECT TO CHANGE

5 June	Queens Birthday Observance
6 June	L1 Forum NCEA
13 June	Teacher Only Day
21 June	Tu Whanau Writing Together
24 June	S8 Rugby vs HasBHS at Hastings
27 June	Senior Report Interviews
29 June	Year 12/13 Parents Forum
3 July	House Cultural Week
6 July	House Haka Challenge Period 5
7 July	End of Term 2

CV COURSES

A reminder to all our senior students - if you need a CV then we are running courses with Mrs Chapman to help you. These are 1 day - \$15 and you will learn how to create a fantastic CV. ALL students who are looking for part-time work, applying for scholarships, or any other type of application will need one. We cannot help you individually, you need to take advantage of these courses. The next course is Monday 12th June which is full (10 students) so jump on the next one 21st June. \$\$\$ payable to accounts office prior to the course. We will continue to run these every Wednesday for the rest of Term 2. This is your chance to get a professional CV at a minimal cost.

SUCCESSSES

Austin Rice

During the last school holidays Austin Rice was nominated to compete in the National Young Performer Awards where the top dancers in the country come together to perform. This coveted competition takes place in Palmerston North over Labour Weekend this October. Austin competed in NYPA last year as part of a hip hop crew but this is the first time he has been selected to perform as a soloist.

Austin began hip hop at seven and then classical ballet at aged ten. Since then he has added jazz, contemporary and lyrical to his repertoire. Initially he began ballet to improve his hip hop technique but he loved the strength and discipline it required. At age 13 he was selected to train at the New Zealand School of Dance in their Associate Programme as a classical ballet major. Each year he has had to re-audition to stay in the programme and each year he has been accepted. The selection process is intensive as only 20 people in the country are selected at each level. Austin's commitment to dance means that most school holidays he is either in Wellington training or performing at various competitions around the country. He spent his last holidays performing in an Australasian Competition with 400 competitors and his Christmas holidays in Sydney training with some of the world's best tutors - including Queensland Ballet Director Li Cunxin (Mao's Last Dancer). Most people audition for full time ballet school at the end of year 11 but Austin wants to complete year 12 before applying. If he does study at the New Zealand School of Dance Austin aspires to one day join the Royal New Zealand Ballet. His ultimate dream though would be to dance in London with the Royal Ballet Company.



YOUNG FARMERS TRIP TO EIT HAWKES BAY

On Thursday 18th May we headed off to take part in the very first East Coast TeenAg Skills Day. Myself, Chick and 8 of the GBHS Young Farmers Club members left school at 8am for the 3 hour journey to Taramakau. Thankfully, we were greeted at the EIT Campus with a great BBQ lunch before our activities began. The boys moved round a circuit of modules including chainsaw safety, stock judging, setting up a shearing hand piece, wool handling, fencing, irrigation, bee keeping and a look at what courses Taratahi offers at the Hawkes Bay Campus. A great day was had by all and the feedback from the providers was very positive about our boys'.

A big thank you to Ovation for allowing the Young

Farmers to look around their Gisborne plant on Tuesday 23rd May. The boys' observed the whole slaughter process of lambs and were impressed by how much they learned. Some notable facts the boys' commented on were that the animals were slaughtered facing East, after vacuum packing the meat is chilled for 6 weeks and has a 6 month fridge life and that nothing is wasted from the whole process: From blood for fertilizer to bones going to China for human consumption.



GATEWAY

Our 5 Retail Gateway boys have nearly completed their 10 week workplace placements. Marshall Bragg and Kaleb McKay are at the Warehouse doing the Red Shirt Retail Programme and Kyle Abrahams is at Warehouse Stationery doing the Blue Shirt Retail Programme. Doug Baty and Logan Brett are completing the "Get Going" programme at Briscoes and Rebel Sport. All 5 boys are learning a lot about customer service and enjoying the experience. They have gained a lot of confidence throughout the professional, hands-on training. The boys will hopefully gain part time employment on completion of these courses.

This term, for the first time, we are running a 2 day Low Level Scaffolding Course. We are joining with Lytton and Te Karaka School to get a group of 10 boys. The course is one day theory and one day practical. Kelvin Teneti has kindly let us have the use of his yard for the practical day. Kelvin is also taking our 3 Scaffolding boys out for work experience with him and his employees. This is a great opportunity as there is a shortage of Scaffolders throughout New Zealand. Rylan Lewis-Smith, Nehe Papuni and Jakob Kingi are at the Ruapani Centre every Wednesday doing a 30 week Forestry Course. This is a practical, comprehensive course covering the General requirements and Foundation Skills needed to be able to work in the Forestry Industry. Our 6 Farming boys are loving their placements and learning a lot from the Farm owners and Managers that they are placed with on various Stations around Gisborne. Our 4 Builders, 2 Plumbers, 1 Electrician and 2 Engineering boys are all going well and enjoying their work placements. We have one Fisherman who is taking a while to find his sea legs. I do admire his stickability!! Thankfully things are improving for him. Well done to all our students who are working hard for their Gateway employers.

We have a few places available for Red Shirts (The Warehouse) so if you would like to take up this opportunity for Gateway, see Mrs Bridge at Tahunga.



Right: Marshall Bragg and Kaleb McKay at the Warehouse

DEBATING

The main events so far this year have been a couple of inter-school impromptu debates with Campion College and GGHS, then travelling to the Russell McVeagh Hawkes Bay Regional Debating Competition. It was held at Sacred Heart, Napier – high on a hill - on the weekend of 18-19 March.

Our Senior Team (Luke Whibley, Karepa Maynard and Adam Donaldson) accompanied by Y9 student, Ronan Thompson, travelled to Napier, along with GGHS. Campion College also attended. A good contingent from Gisborne.

Arriving at 12:30 p.m., the GBHS team was immediately pitched into a series of three impromptu debates – 30 minutes preparation; 6 minute speeches; 3 minute Leader's Reply. Ronan Thompson bravely volunteered for various 'swing teams' during the weekend – getting to debate with, and learn from, more experienced debaters.

Saturday's debating finished at about 7:30 p.m. – a long, intense day.

On Sunday morning, GBHS had one more impromptu debate before the semi-final and final.

Topics included the following:

- (1) This House would lower the voting age to 16 - GBHS (Aff) won vs Woodford House
 - (2) This House would pay parents who stay at home to raise children – GBHS (Neg) lost narrowly to GGHS
 - (3) This House would not consume art created by people who have committed deeply immoral acts – GBHS (Aff) lost vs Karamu
 - (4) This House would only trade with other democratic states – GBHS (Neg) won vs Hastings Girls' High School
- With two wins and two losses, our boys did not make it through to the semi-finals. However, all performed well and improved markedly throughout the course of the competition.

It was a pleasure to take them away – they were a credit to the school.

For the balance of Term 1, we have had Wednesday afternoon coaching sessions to work on skills.

For Term 2, we have organised an inter-school debating draw with Campion and GGHS that will see our Senior team having four impromptu debates. We have not yet scheduled inter-school Junior debates as the other schools are still building their teams.



Back row (left to right): Karepa Maynard, Adam Donaldson, Kate Falloon, Elyse Sadler
Front row (left to right): Luke Whibley, Lucy Anderson, Paige Rofe

The Senior team will be travelling to Rotorua at the end of Week 4 for the Cultural Super 8 Competition.

Inter-school Junior debating draws will occur during Terms 3 and 4 as the seniors begin to prepare for final assessments and examinations.

In between inter-school debates, we will continue to have Juniors vs Seniors practice debates and skills-building on Wednesday afternoons.

BP CHALLENGE

Over a three day period based at Campion College, the accounting and economics classes attended the 2017 BP Challenge. The brief of the event was to form a group (comprising of members from the various schools in attendance) and come up with a concept that could be designed, marketed and put into production.

Groups nominated and voted for the CEO of their company and came up with diverse products ranging from physio apps to a new version of the microwave oven.

Along the way, students had to complete interesting marketing including a rap competition to sell their product. Our own Salu Rodriguez Ferrere has a talent in this area, entertaining the audience with his off the cuff rapping skills.

As well as the CEO and marketing, groups also had to have strategic, production and finance positions within their groups. They completed a SWOT analysis, goal setting, risk analysis, vision statements, promotional strategies and financial summaries and presented these to a team of judges at the end of the three days.

The eventual winners of the challenge were the 'Trainriders', a group who produced a childrens protein bar called "KPB" to energise young people who played multiple sports. Allan Craig (marketing) and Ethan Mengel (production) both played a significant role in this group. The group won a \$50 prezzie card and a bag of chocolates for their endeavour and were photographed for the Gisborne Herald.



ANZAC

For the 2017 ANZAC commemoration, the School Prefects attended the Civic ANZAC ceremony which was moved from its normal venue of the Gisborne Cenotaph to the Gisborne RSA due to heavy rain. The GBHS ANZAC commemoration assembly took place on Week 2 of this term.

This year the students from Year 9 to 12 and Ms Ada Te Amo, Year 13 Dean, spoke specifically about the Role of Women in War. Mr Peter Varey, HOD Humanities, spoke about the service of New Zealand nurses and their stories often posted over seas and away from their families and friends, in their duties of helping to heal those afflicted or injured as a result of conflict

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO WHINRAY RESERVE, MOTU

Field studies bring Geography alive. It is easy to understand what is happening in a natural landscape when you experience it first-hand. So as an important part of our second internal assessment, Contemporary Geographic Issue- Predator Free Aotearoa, the Year 13 Geography classes completed an educational bush walk in the Whinray DOC Reserve at Motu. The reserve is 87 km from Gisborne, halfway between Opotiki and Gisborne. From the car park on Motu Falls Road, we crossed the swing bridge and walked along the old coach road. The track passes through native forest and over numerous small streams.

The Whinray Ecological Charitable Trust manages pests in the Whinray Scenic Reserve. It aims to intensify pest control in the reserve and trap rats, ferrets, stoats and possums to benefit the kiwi population and other bush birds in the reserve such as North Island kaka. Students enjoyed the opportunity to see the various forms of pest control at work in the environment.

Mr Chapman

Photo : Peter Varey and Bus Driver/Acting Principal Peter Ray



SURFING

A great day of surfing took place at Stock Route Wainui, with 60 surfers from 7 high schools including New Plymouth Boys High and Tauranga Boys College who travelled to Gisborne for the event. For the fourth year running GBHS hosted this invitational surf competition in home waters.

The event is a key part of our Schools surfing program and helps prepare students for the National Secondary School Championships in Raglan in Term 3. The event format mirrors that of the National Championships with the top 4 results from each school going towards the overall team score.

With Gisborne being one of the premier surf destinations in New Zealand, New Plymouth and Tauranga Boys cherish the opportunity to come to town. Year 9 student Finn Vette won the under 14 division. Head Boy Riaki Ruru won the under 18 division with GBHS Surf Team second overall. The high calibre of surfing at this event exposes our young surfers at GBHS to a level that we hope they will aspire to. It was great to see such an excellent turn out and we're already looking forward to next year.

Mr. Chapman would like to thank the following contributors for their support: Gisborne Boardriders Club, Surf2Surf, Wainui Store, The Boardroom and Sequence Surf Shop for

the amazing spot prizes.

Mr Chapman

Under 18

1.Riaki Ruru GBHS, 2.Joel Clegg NPBHS, 3.Reef Mathews NPBHS, 4. Reuben Mottart GBHS

Under 16

1.Lucca Lind NPBH, 2.Luke Griffin TBC, 3.Kory Goodchap TBC, 4.Fin Johnson CAMPION

Under 14

1.Finn Vette GBHS, 2. Tom Butlan NPBH, 3. Manawa Ruru CAMPION, 4.Jack Hinton NPBHS

TEAM RESULT

1. New Plymouth Boys High, 2. Gisborne Boys High, 3. Tauranga Boys College, 4. Campion College, 5.

Lytton High School, 6. Nga Uri a Maui Kura



Above: Finn Vette at Surf Competition

BOYS' HIGH BREAKFAST

Since Week 2 of this term we have been providing breakfast for boys who don't get breakfast at home. On offer is Weetbix with hot milk – and sometimes some tinned fruit. There is also toast and a hot drink – Milo or tea.

Boys' High Breakfast happens in the school hall, with some tables and seating set up beside the kitchen. With the heaters going, and hot drinks available, it's not a bad place to be. Some boys were a bit whakamā to start with but now there are lots of boys turning up.

For this term, we are running Boys' High Breakfast on Tuesday and Thursday mornings only – we'll review that at the end of the term. At the moment, GBHS Breakfast is run by a combination of volunteers, Boys' High staff, helpers from Turanga Health and senior students.

One of our challenges is that most of the boys arrive on buses just before school starts – so there is a big rush just before the bell. Although the boys are asked to wash their own dishes, there's still packing up to be done once they're gone – and that usually falls on our volunteers because the teachers and senior students have to go to class. We would appreciate any extra volunteers to help with Breakfast. Please contact the school office if you would like to help.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support:

Turanga Health - Start-up costs, staffing support, tinned fruit...

Walter Findlay Bakeries - Discounted bread

Fonterra and Sanitarium: - Weetbix and milk (Kickstart Breakfast programme)

CALEB TRABITZSCH

I am Caleb, 17 years, from Germany. I came to Gisborne August 2016 as an Exchange Student to spend 10 months here. When I first arrived in Auckland, exchange students from all over the world who came here with the same organisation as me (Australia New Zealand Student Exchange), had a two day meeting where we learnt different things about New Zealand History Culture and Traditions. Apart from that, we got to see some parts of Auckland by going on the Sky Tower and on a boat trip to a little island outside of Auckland. Afterwards I flew to Gisborne to meet my host family. I was obviously very nervous as I didn't know them. And being in the tiniest airplane I have ever been in didn't help at all... It didn't take long until I knew how lucky I was to live with people like that as my host family. It was funny to go to a party in a sheep shearing shed in the country with them on the day I arrived. But that was definitely one of the unforgettable experiences I had with them.

I have got three brothers in Germany, two of them are older than me. That's why it was a change to live with four younger siblings in Gisborne, but that is good because I did want to live different than in Germany. Otherwise I could have just stayed at home. We get along very well, we're playing a lot together and I am sure I will miss having them around me in Germany.

After only two days in Gisborne, with still a few hours of jetlag, I went to Gisborne Boys' High School the first time. From the first day on I really liked how open and kind the people here were. School is way different to what I was used to in Germany. Here, people don't only go to school to learn but what I really enjoyed is how much you can do apart from normal class. All these different sport or cultural activities they do at school here, we usually do privately in Freiburg.

Playing football here was a very good decision. Not only because I love that sport, but also because by being in a sports team you get to know people and get to see different parts of the country. After being in the team for two weeks, we went to a tournament to Timaru in the South Island. Winning the tournament obviously made the experience even better.

It was nice that I could choose what subjects I had too. I chose subjects that interest me, I enjoy and we do not have in Germany. The only subjects I had to take were English and Maths, which is good because one of the reasons why I came here was to learn the language, and as I still have two years of school to do back in Germany, it was important to not forget everything in a year without Maths. Apart from that I chose Physical Education, History and Chemistry.

Additionally, my probably favourite subject, Whakairo. In Maori Art Carving I learnt a lot about the indigenous culture of this country by talking to people who are very passionate about it and things like saying a karakia at the start and the end of every period. When I first tried carving, I was surprised how difficult it was and wasn't very convinced that I was going to be able to carve something like all the other students did. I had many different students helping me to improve my carving and designing skills. With their help I managed to finish my first board for the exhibition at the end of the school year. Another difference to a school day in a German High School is that every morning before period one, we go

to vertical form class, where the notices are read out by our teacher. My vertical form teacher, Mrs McCarthy, helped me a lot to settle in at this school. She helped me to choose subjects, not to get lost in school and how to get involved in the first eleven. All the senior students at Boys' High had study leave starting in November. In that time they had to prepare themselves for the NCEA externals at the end of the year. Because I didn't have to write any externals, I had about three months of summer holidays. At the start of the holidays, I moved to another family because my host sister had been diagnosed with cancer and nobody knew what was going to happen. Living with friends of my homestay for the holidays was interesting because they are completely different people. They got me into mountain biking which I did daily when I was living with them. Additionally, I started surfing in a program called "Surfing with Frank". Gisborne is famous for it's good surfing beaches, so I thought I couldn't live here for almost a year without learning to surf. Frank gave me advice what wetsuit to buy and taught me how to surf. After a while surfing daily, I was taught to be a surf instructor and started giving surf lessons. I really enjoyed doing volunteer work for him, because correcting other people's mistakes helped me to improve my own surfing skills as well.

I was lucky that my two older brothers from Germany came to New Zealand. Each of them did a trip around the world with New Zealand as one part of it. With the oldest one, I travelled for ten days on the North Island. It was nice to see some more parts of this beautiful country. Unfortunately, it was too stormy when we were going to do the Tongariro Crossing, one of the great walks of New Zealand. That's why I did the walk with my other brother who I met in January, just before school started.

Furthermore I went to Australia for two weeks over Christmas, where I visited my parents with my little brother. My parents are teachers and have taken a year sabbatico. They had been travelling on the east coast of Aussie for six months. We spent the time around Sydney and the Blue Mountains. At the start of my holidays I thought I was going to get bored with such long holidays, but I didn't at all even though I was still looking forward to start school in February to see my mates and go on carving in Whakairo.

The term and a half I had in this year went really fast. It's incredible that my time here is just about over now. Even though I'm looking forward to seeing my family and friends in Germany, I'm sure that I will miss New Zealand a lot. It was an amazing time!
Caleb Trabitzs



CAREERS

Another busy term on the go with several of our students taking advantage of some amazing opportunities open to them (see below). The careers team started the term with a trip for to New Plymouth – PIHMS (Hotel Management) and WITT (Gas and Oil quals); Wellington - Weltec (Engineering) and NZ School of Tourism, and finally Nelson to NMIT. It was a fantastic 4 days full of information and contacts and we learnt a lot about these providers and all the amazing qualifications they offer. We have a host of information to share with interested students and parents.

On Campus Experience -OCE - Otago Univesity

Soni Foster was successful in gaining a place at OCE and had 3 full action packed days on campus getting familiar with University life. Only 17 students from over 300 applicants were chosen. Soni had a fantastic time in Dunedin and had the opportunity to check out a range of faculties while concentrating on Health Sciences which is the direction he is hoping to take. He was able to have a look at most of the accommodation options at Otago and be introduced to Dunedin and some of the surrounding areas. Soni loved it. He said attending lectures and tutorials was quite different from being in class at school and could now see what we have been telling all our seniors . . . that tertiary learning is much more about self-direction and self-responsibility than in the safe teaching confines of GBHS! A great insight. Soni was also fortunate to be chosen for COACH as well (see more below) which gave him the best of Otago and Auckland Universities!

Coach - Auckland University

Coach is part of the Whakapike Ake project which is a recruitment programme that actively engages with rangatahi Māori enrolled in secondary schools to promote health as a career and entry into Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences' professional programmes. WAP operates within a kaupapa Māori framework across the recruitment pipeline (Year 9 to first year tertiary study). We were fortunate to have 4 students accepted onto COACH (Yr 13) and be treated to 4 days at Auckland University, introducing them to Health Sciences, University life, accommodation options and Auckland city. Soni Foster, Shane Ormond, Izaya Jahnke and Ryan Nepe thoroughly enjoyed their time in the big smoke and said it was great to meet new people, make new friends, and begin to get familiar with the campus, Health Sciences and Maori support team. They all realised what a demanding discipline it was going to be, and feel someway more prepared.

Defence Careers Experience Week

We had 5 top quality applications from our students to attend this intensive 5-day experience week in the Forces. Jacob Goodyer was accepted, but as a result of a mountain biking accident was unable to do so. As a result, Ihaka Cotter was elected onto the trip and he thoroughly enjoyed it. 60 students from all around New Zealand met in Palmerston North and stayed on Ohakea Airbase for most of the time, while visiting Linton also. Students were up and moving at 5.30 am, with a focus on physical fitness and discipline. They were introduced to all job options at Ohakea which is the base for Air Force personnel training and operations and also to Army and Navy career options and training advisors. PT sessions

were with all three Forces for around 90 minutes a session and Ihaka says the Army PT is definitely harder than the other two! . Ihaka found the focus was on discipline, team work, and comradeship, and he felt he has made new friends for life. Ihaka has applied to the Navy as a Diver and is halfway through the process of acceptance.

Waikato University Trip

We took 9 lovely students away for this trip. We stayed overnight on the Thursday in Hamilton and treated the boys to dinner and a trip to The Base for some shopping (and funnily enough, more food for some!). Friday we spent at Waikato University where the students were able to find out more about the courses of study they were considering. A tour around the campus and Halls of Residence was a must and students were able to see first-hand where they might be living. It gave them a sense of excitement I think. The Open Day was very well planned.

South Island University Trip

So far we have 13 students booked on the South Island trip to Christchurch and Dunedin. Deadline for joining this trip is Tuesday 6th June, so if you want your Yr 12 or Yr 13 student to come please contact us urgently in Careers. For details please contact us.

REMINDER – GISBORNE PARENTS SEMINAR –

AUCK UNI – 8 JUNE – EMERALD HOTEL – 6.45pm

Attendees need to register. All Yr 11, 12 and 13 students have been sent the email and the link to do this.

REMINDER - INFORMATION EVENING – VICTORIA

UNI – 15 JUNE - EMERALD HOTEL – 5.30 pm

For more info, contact the Careers team

First Aid Course

We are only running ONE first aid course this year. It will be held on 13th and 14th June. Cost is \$50 (the school subsidises the other \$50) to be paid to the Finance office by Wednesday 8th June.

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE

We have gardens! The Year 10 Horticulture option class have helped the Year 11's to fill some of the new garden beds with mushroom compost. They sowed seeds in the greenhouse 3 weeks ago, and this week they carefully planted out their fantastic broccoli, cabbage and beetroot seedlings. They already have carrot seedlings that they sowed directly into their gardens.





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SPORT & CULTURE - Excellence outside the classroom

TERM 2 SPORTS

Winter Sports have started this term with a number of Gisborne Boys' High School teams competing in a variety of codes.

Basketball: It is always difficult to get wins outside of Gisborne but our road trips are essential to prepare for the business end of the season the Super 8 Tournament for the Seniors in Aug and for the Premiership tournament in early Sept for both the Juniors and the Seniors.

We took 3 teams to the Trident Basketball Tournament May 25 and 26. The Senior A and Senior B team and our Junior A Team. It was the first tournament for many players on the Senior B Team and by taking 3 teams our depth will improve for the remainder of the season and will help these boys move into the Senior A team next season.

Our Senior A Team won 2 games and lost 2 games. Tournament MVP for the second time this season was Tyrese Tuwairua-Brown. However, Joe Te Maari, Tawhiti Rehutai, Sam Veitch, and Psalm Taylor had excellent tournaments and gave Tyrese a run for his money for MVP honours. Jake Noble and our new player from Auckland, Jorge Tofilau, help make our 2017 Senior A's one of our strongest teams in recent years. Allan Craig was our 8th man and gained valuable experience coming off the bench for us.

The Senior B Team had 3 Senior A players, Kered-Lee Grant, Holden Wilson and Nikau Akurangi-Brown, who played for the B's to get more court time and experience. Kered was the team MVP with Holden Wilson also having a good tournament.

The Junior A's won one and lost 3. Again, their coach, Ray Noble, was happy with his team's performance and with many returning Year 9 players look for them to improve and to become good GBHS Basketball players.

Trident Tournament

Makaiyah Ferris was the Junior's MVP. He executed at both ends of the floor and was the most consistent shooter. Ben Hutchings, playing in his first tournament, scored, didn't turn the ball over and his effort was awesome. Starting guards, Daley Riri and Rikki Noble formed a great guard duo and were never bettered by the opposition for the entire tournament. The top scorers for the team were Adam Nepe and Isaiah Lemaua.

The school thanks the Junior Coach, Ray Noble, for the outstanding results he is getting out of this young, inexperienced team

We have a fantastic staff who are constantly coach-

ing 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 me at matthewm@gisboyshigh.net or call the school office (868 -8159).

6-ASIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The new and improved Wednesday football league kicked off this term. Hosted by Gisborne Boys' High School the league has been designed under a new 6-aside format that replaces the previous 11-aside league. 'By the students, for the students' has been the motto where our rangatahi are given the opportunity to organize and manage themselves within a safe and supportive environment.

A warm welcome to both Gisborne Girls' High and Lytton High Schools who have provided 3 teams respectively. It is great to see all 3 schools coming together and playing within the spirit of the game. Well done! Finally thank you to the many staff and parents who have supported this concept from the sideline and our famous grounds man Mr. Marty Ryan for ensuring the grounds are in excellent condition.



WRITE THAT ESSAY

This year as in 2016, a school wide focus supported by our Board Of Trustees, is the Write That Essay programme led by Dr Ian Hunter, which focuses on raising the standard of writing our students produce at all levels of the School.

In Week 3, Phillip (Horatio) Hornblower from the Write That Essay Team visited Gisborne to work with around 100 Year 13, 12 and 11 students aiming to achieve Merit or Excellence endorsement in NCEA standards which involve a substantial written component such as English, History, Media Studies, Geography and Economics