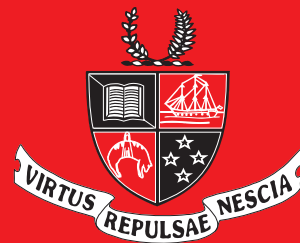


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OPEN DAY VISIT

ARE YOU READY?

Throughout the day on Tuesday 22nd August, Year 8 boys from Ilminster Intermediate, Gisborne Intermediate and the regions country schools visited Gisborne Boys' High School to see what life at our school would hold for them as prospective Year 9 students for 2018.

The visiting boys were shown around the school by current students from all year levels and had the opportunity to partake in some of the planned activities including; Mad Science with Mr Derby, Sports with the PE Department, Cooking with Mrs Hofman, Whakairo with Mr Sheridan, practical activities in the Tech department, Art with Mr Faloa, Music with Mr Matahiki and Media Studies with Mr Yuile and Mr Lindup.

Both Principal Greg Mackle and Head Prefect Riaki Ruru spoke about the fact that education at

Gisborne Boys' High School is about boys and for boys. The Choir then sang showing how students from all year level work together to achieve and present as one voice.

Through a video which highlighted the many events that Gisborne Boys' High School take part in as members of one of the four teams who compete in the school House Competition, Year 8 students were given the challenge being asked Are You Ready? to become a student at Gisborne Boys' High School in 2018? The junior and senior students who had been showing the intermediate students around the school formalised this challenge with a Haka to the boys who may next year be their schoolmates.

The school Open Day for parents and prospective students will take place on Sunday 27th August at 12.30pm. All are welcome to look around the school and see what Gisborne Boys' High School has to offer any student who wants to be a proud part of our school.

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Having had a chance to spend time overseas during Term 2 on a Principal's Sabbatical Leave, it was great to come back to Gisborne, and specifically our School. I know that it is a cliché, but there really is no place better than home.

In my absence Mr Ray, Mr Cairns, Mrs Swann, Mr Grout and Mr Lindup stepped into the gap and ensured that our School maintained its focus on providing the best of Learning Opportunities for our young men. I would like to thank them all for the extra work that they did so superbly.

By the time that you get this 5th Newsletter for 2017, we will be well and truly into the most important term of the School year.

While we are planning and organising for 2018 in terms of our Curriculum and Courses of Study for all of our Year 9-13 young men for 2018, importantly we are also making sure that our prime focus for 2017—Academic Achievement for every Year 9-13 young man is maintained and extended at a better level than 2016. It was very pleasing to find out that once again for the 3rd time now, our School received a commendation letter from the Minister of Education for the high level of achievement in NCEA as measured against other New Zealand Secondary Schools.

Our weekly examination of achievement data followed by actions to support those young men identified as being at risk is the cornerstone of our focus.

We want to encourage and affirm your young man to realise his academic potential.

We want to support every one of them to do this.

We know that parents/whanau have a vital role to play in supporting both the School and the young men to achieve, as we know that they can.

If there are any parents/whanau who are looking for help, guidance and support in this role, please contact me at School. We are always ready to work with you for the benefit of our young men!

For the Year 8 Parents/Whanau who are receiving this Newsletter for the first time, I would like to welcome you to our School.

As you go through the process of choosing a school for your young man, the most important thing that you need to do is be informed about our School, and ask questions of us.

If you have missed our Open Day, and would like to come and see our School please contact the School office to arrange a time that suits you to meet with me, or a Senior Staff member. For me, while I have decided to retire at the end of year from my position as Principal, I am totally determined to ensure that all the successful programmes and strategies we have implemented over the last 10 years, are carried through to make sure we meet our Operational Targets for 2017.

This is a matter of continuing the close work we have done together.

The wellbeing, achievement and positivity of our young men makes this a rewarding challenge in every way.

G.H. Mackle

BOYS' HIGH BREAKFAST

Our morning breakfast is now running three mornings per week – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays – providing nourishing food for hungry boys.

Our volunteers do a fantastic job and we are very grateful for their support – both GBHS staff and volun-

teers from the community. If you think you could help out for an hour one morning, approx. 8AM to 9AM, please contact Peter Ray at school.

We've got a new sponsor – KidsCan – who are providing the school with some spreads, muesli bars, 'scroggin' and baked beans. Hot baked beans on toast is a welcome treat on a cold winter's morning.

Thank you to our sponsors for their generous support:

Turanga Health	Staffing support
Walter Findlay Bakeries:	Discounted bread
Fonterra and Sanitarium:	Weetbix and milk
(Kickstart Breakfast programme)	
CakeTin Catering	Nutrigrain cereal
KidsCan	Baked beans, peanut butter



STUDYIT

Studyit.org.nz for NCEA Students in English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science, Earth and Space Science

This website is now open to students for posting of essays and questions: <http://www.studyit.org.nz/> Feedback is provided by expert subject teachers - usually within 24-48 hours. The site remains open right until exams.

You can also see samples of work by other students from around NZ. Register for free. Follow Studyit on Facebook and Twitter.

KEY DATES

TERM 3 2017 SUBJECT TO CHANGE

26 Aug	School Ball
27 Aug	Open Day
29 Aug	Sports and Cultural Photos
1 Sept	End JHSGP Credit Pd 3
4 Sept	JHSGP Credit Pd 4 starts
4 Sept	Winter Tournament Week starts
13 Sept	Junior Report Evening
14-19 Sept	Senior Exams
21 Sept	MCATS Exam
26 Sept	Cross Country
28 Sept	House Haka Challenge
29 Sept	End of Term 3

COSMODOME

During Week 4 of Term 3 Iona Maxwell and a team of educators from Tairāwhiti Museum brought an interactive learning display to Gisborne Boys' High School. Through the display, entitled *Voyagers: Navigating the Pacific* students were able to discover the pathways and traditions followed by early voyagers who navigate the Pacific Oceans by using the natural environment.

The inflatable exhibition space, looking like a cross between a cloth bubble and a bouncy castle, provided a teaching space for one science class from Year 9 and 10 at a time. The display and presentation touched on strands of the National Curriculum covering Technology, Te Reo and Tikanga Māori, Social Studies and Science. Gisborne Boys' High School would like to thank the Tairāwhiti Museum for making this learning opportunity possible.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

On Thursday 17 August the school Amnesty International group did a collection in the central business district to collect money and raise awareness for this year's campaign, 'Build Hope'. The focus of this campaign is to raise awareness of those Australian companies that are profiting from the abuse of refugees at the detention centres on Nauru, Manus and Christmas Islands. Detainees at these centres can not leave even after being officially recognised as refugees and are subject to humiliation, neglect and attacks.

The students conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and were able to collect many signatures on a petition being sent to the Australian government. They meet regularly and show outstanding leadership and collaborative skills and are a very inclusive group. The group's collection is continuing this week so if you can contribute, please donate to the accounts office. If students wish to join the Amnesty International group, meetings are held every Thursday in room six. At the end of our collection, we met to see the newest art instalment in Gisborne, a mural by Mr G.

TU WHANAU - STANDING TOGETHER

Kia ora koutou katoa

We hope your son is enjoying school and that you feel you are part of his education at Boys' High. If you only get grunts from your boy when you ask him about his day at school, don't panic! Situation normal. But if you want to make a difference to his learning, you mustn't give up at the grunt stage.

Our Keys to Success card suggests some questions you can ask your son to get him to talk about his learning. Start by asking something he can answer easily, like: 'What subjects did you have today?' Ask him to tell you one thing he did or learned in each of those subjects. What was the most interesting thing? Was there anything you couldn't do and need some help with? (You might be able to help him, or at least encourage him to ask for help at school). Ask him what homework he has and whether he wants some help with it. If you do this regularly, you will feel part of his school life and he will realise that his education is important to you.

To support you and your son, we held a 'Writing Together' evening at the end of last term. The purpose of the

evening was to show parents the 'Write That Essay' computer program your son can use at school and at home, and to provide parents with some insight into the types of writing that secondary students should be doing.

This term we offered a Study Skills evening to show parents how their sons can best study for NCEA exams. A 15 minute rotation through three seminars, Sciences, Mathematics and English/Writing subjects, allowed parents and boys the opportunity to select which seminar(s) they wanted to attend.

For year 9 and 10 students, we will hold a Junior Study Skills Evening early in term 4.

It's time we got our Tu Whanau Lead Group back together for a hui to look at what we can do to help parents with their boys' education for the rest of this year. We usually meet at 5:30pm for one hour. If you want to join the group, contact Peter Ray or Kahu Falaoa at school.

PTA NEWS

Our PTA was largely responsible for the establishment of our Breakfast Club which now provides breakfast for hungry students three mornings each week. To help the school with the ongoing cost of providing breakfast for up to 100 boys, the PTA ran a hangi on Friday August 18. Thanks to Turanga Health, our PTA has a hangi steamer that can cook 140 meals in packs, or enough food for 300 people if it is cooked loose in baskets. Friday was the first time the hangi steamer had been used.

Preparation for the hangi was done on the Thursday night at Turanga Health's kitchens. Thank you to all the people who helped prepare the food – and made the job go quickly.

On Friday, our hangi steamer was stacked with the food parcels. We were pretty worried when the steamer was fully packed and there were still 20 parcels left out! We had made 150 packs instead of 140 – and our packs were a bit bigger than the standard size. With 140 'hangis' sold, and only 130 in the steamer, we were lucky that Kui Morrell offered us the use of her small steamer – perfect for the remaining 20 packs.

We would like to extend our thanks to Norm, our Ringarehe hāngi who oversaw the cooking.

Although final figures aren't in yet, we will have made over \$1000 profit. Thank you to everyone who helped, and to the people who donated food, including Phil Spence at MPV vegetables and the Cave family.

The hangi steamer is available for any school group to use for fundraising. If your sports team or cultural group needs money for a trip or tournament, talk to Peter Ray about using the hangi steamer.



YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP MTG MUSEUM NAPIER

For the people of Hawkes Bay, life changed forever the moment the earthquake struck on 3 February 1931. It was a large scale earthquake of magnitude 7.8 on the Richter scale killing 256 people that day.

At the end of Term 2, 28 students travelled with Mr Chapman by bus to the Napier MTG Museum to study the Napier earthquake 1931. Here students discovered what happened and how people coped by exploring the evidence in the objects, archives and photographs of the MTG collections which are rich with memories of this event.

As part of the field trip we also visited sites of natural and cultural significance including Napier Airport built on uplifted land, Ahuriri Lagoon, the art deco style city centre and the mass grave at Park Island cemetery (Picture Right). Napier MTG Museum has a dedicated classroom and educator-led presentation to really bring to life the historical significance of the event for the boys.

The trip is part of the Year 11 Geography course of study (Extreme Natural Events). The trip complements the study of earthquakes which is covered in the NCEA exams in November.



READING SESSIONS

Kereopa, Pharaoh and Karauria went to the H B Williams Memorial Library for the first tuakana teina reading session of 2017, mentoring students from Mangatuna Kura. This is such a positive and powerful initiative. Our kura boys will attend maybe two times a term (I'm sure they will all catch up on any work missed) and it really fosters their leadership skills and affirms how valuable they and their skills are. Neat for them to be immersed in Te Reo again. The juniors adore them and their reading improves. In exchange, I have support from a library staff member every Thursday period one in Reading.



NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Lucas Gragnic

Hello, I'm Lucas Gragnic, I'm French and I'm 17. I'm a musician and I like to discover a lot of things. I came to GBHS for five weeks. I came to New Zealand to spend my summer holidays to do something different. When my mum asked me where I wanted to travel, without hesitation I said that I wanted to go to New Zealand. Why? Because it's the place that most far away from my home. It's obliged to be very different for me and it's true. Everyone, everything, everywhere is a new experience. Here, in this high school, I could do a lot of things that I can't do in France. I go to Music, Design Tech or Maori Carving. I love this one.

If after my travels someone thinks about me here, I think I will see my blue jacket because I had the chance not to wear the uniform. It's my little advantage. How can I finish this writing? I can say that I really like this school, the teachers that I met and the director of international students. My only regret is to stay only in the north of New Zealand but for sure I will come back.



Noah Stehr

Hi, I'm Noah Stehr in Year 10, from Germany. When I first came to New Zealand I wasn't nervous at all. Strangely calm, actually (which might've been due to two days without sleep) but after I got some sleep, I got very excited and nervous too but the nervousness quickly passed because my homestay family is really nice and my host brother. People at this school were very welcoming and I think after about a month here I've settled down pretty well.



Nicholas Rox

Hi my name is Nicholas Rox and I am an international student from Germany. I am 15 years old. I chose Gisborne because I chose New Zealand and the organisation in Germany that helped with me with my stay suggested to me to come to Gisborne Boys' High School. I chose New Zealand because I really like landscapes and would like to learn surfing. Also, my two brothers did an international experience in Australia so I wanted to go to this region too but I didn't want to go to the same place, so New Zealand was the only place to go to. I came here on the 20th August but I left Germany on the 18th August. It took about two days to come here!



NZ SCHOOLS SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS RAGLAN 2017

120 surfers from 28 schools spanning the North Island descended on the west coast town of Raglan this week for the annual New Zealand Schools Surfing Championships. Raglan Area School Surfing Academy hosts this annual event. Conditions were very difficult for the week with strong winds, persistent rain and large seas.

Gisborne Boys' High achieved its best individual result in several years with Reuben Mottart knocking out several highly ranked surfers on his way to making the final and placing 4th overall in the Under 18s. Year 13 student Reuben Mottart returned to an age group final after first doing so in year 9.

Kyle Hannah placed a notable 7th in the Under 18 division helping our team result greatly by making the semi finals.

Louis Evans 15th = Under 14 division and Tate Morrison 25th = Under 18 division rounded out our top 4 results which counted towards our overall score as a school.

This year 7 Gisborne Boys' High students competed across three divisions Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 supported by teachers Mr. Chapman and Mr. Fowell.

First timer to Raglan, Year 9 student Louis Evans braved the conditions showing great courage and never stopped smiling living up to our school motto courage noes no defeat.

The team is very happy with this result after losing our two highest ranked surfers to injury and sickness the day before we left.

Mr Chapman

Below are the results from the Under 18 final and all school's results. GBHS 5th overall

U/18 Boys: FINAL

1st - Daniel Farr - 14.00 - Correspondence School

2nd - Jared Gerbert - 13.00 - Trident

3rd - Joel Clegg - 12.00 - New Plymouth High

4th - Reuben Mottart - 7.75 - Gisborne Boys

School Placings:

1st - Mount Maunganui College - 3400pts,

2nd - Raglan Area School - 3000pts

3rd - Gisborne Girls - 2600pts

4th - New Plymouth High - 2500pts

5th = Gisborne Boys, Whangarei Boys, Tauranga Boys - 2100pts

Louis Evans and
Reuben Mottart



KIWI SCIENCE COMPETITION

This year, boys from Gisborne Boys' High School took part in the inaugural Kiwi Science Competition, run by the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring at Canterbury University. This competition is skills-based and closely aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum, testing skills in all strands of science: Nature of Science, Physical World, Material World, Living World and Planet Earth and Beyond.

The tests are designed by New Zealand teachers for New

Zealand students. The competitions are a New Zealand first in terms of large scale online assessment covering primary, intermediate and secondary schools. Overall 105 students from 9a1, a2 and 10a1, a2 Science classes participated in this online competition. Out of this number the following results were obtained:

Merit - Yr 9 - 2, Yr 10 - 20

Achieved - Yr 9 - 15, Yr 10 - 29

Participated - Yr 9 - 32, Yr 10 - 44

The top achieving students with an overall result of 78% were Jack Hudner and Caleb Ney, both year 10. The top achieving year 9 student was Eric Taylor with 75%.

YOUNG FARMERS: FONTERRA/ GDC PLANTING DAY

The GBHS Young Farmers Club were lucky enough to be invited to Will and Barb Humphreys Dairy Farm to take part in a joint venture between Fonterra and Gisborne District Council. Myself and eight boys travelled to the farm on Tuesday 4th July. The weather certainly came to the party, and we were treated to a fantastically sunny day as we carried out riparian planting around a pond. The boys were given a talk about how riparian planting helps minimise nutrient and sediment run off into the waterways and how legislation and funding are looking into a more sustainable future for farming. Fortunately, a great lunch was supplied thanks to Fonterra and valuable networking for future educational programmes with the council was formed. A contribution to the Young Farmers fundraising from 'The Humphreys' was greatly received.

Mrs Richardson



YEAR 12 AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE

A huge thank you to the Native Garden Nursery for lending us a great selection of native plants for the level 2 landscaping assessment. Having the plants at school enabled the students to revisit different groupings to check colour schemes, textures and proportion.

Links between the school and local businesses like this one are invaluable and we look forward to more opportunities in the future.

Mrs Richardson



CAREERS

It is all go in the Careers department this term. We are just concluding 2 very busy weeks with parent and student interviews for subject selection. Maria, Sally and Louisa have been working one on one with parents and their young man to formulate good plans for next year's study selection and ongoing career help. Next week (week 6) we will begin with our current Year 12 students and see each student individually to help them choose subjects for 2018, also to check they are on track with career possibilities. Week 7 we will be working with Yr 11's and Week 8 will see the Year 10's choose subjects for their first NCEA year. Weeks 9 & 10 will be cleaning up any students who were away, or who we have missed. We apologise, but during these next 5 weeks of subject selection with our students, we do not have time to see parents. We did schedule plenty of time in these past two weeks for parents to come and have time with us. However, if you have a crisis, please contact us and we will do everything we can to help.

We had a fantastic trip to the South Island with 12 students in the first week of the term. We visited Canterbury, Lincoln & Otago Universities, Ara (in Christchurch) and Otago Polytech. We had mixed group of Yr 12 and 13 students with us and they all made the most of their time in the South Island to have a good look around and have involved conversations with tutors and course leaders. Some students even took the time to sit in on some lectures and try and gain a feeling about what the degree/course they were considering would actually look like. For some, the lightbulb moment was visible for all of us and was really exciting. For others, it was a quiet process. We will be heading south again in 2019, so start saving your pennies! We flew in from the South Island on Friday, and on Tuesday packed up the Gateway van and headed to Massey with 4 keen students. Two were looking at Land based degrees and two at air based ones! A great combination! We stayed at Arena Lodge which is probably the best, cheapest and most central accommodation in Palmerston North - check it out if you ever find yourself staying there. The Open Day on Wednesday was busy and full of energy. We were fortunate to be able to head out to the Airport and see the Aviation facility and listen to the ins and outs of the degree. Taking the opportunity to visit these Open Days, and gain first-hand information from programme leaders is invaluable for our students. They get to see the accommodation, meet other prospective students, talk to past students, and begin to gain an insight into what tertiary study looks like.

Right: Caleb Akroyd at Massey University Open Day - Aviation



The next trip is Victoria, Massey, Auckland and AUT Open Days. Maria Jefferson is flying with a group of students to Wellington on Friday 1st September to take in Victoria University and Massey Wellington Open Days as well as a visit to Weltec for a student looking to study there next year.

On Saturday 2nd September Auckland and AUT host open days and Louisa Chapman leaves Gisborne on the first flight to Auckland with another group of students. Maria flies from Wellington to Auckland on Friday afternoon with some that are looking at both Wellington and Auckland and joins Louisa on Saturday morning. We have around 12 students in total travelling. As early in the year as we can, we let parents know about these trips, so they can be ready for the grab-a-seat flights that come up. Most parents have been able to secure \$49 tickets each way which works out much cheaper than having to take a van, and have 3 days out of school.

On Monday, Maria Jefferson is taking one student to Queenstown to visit Queenstown Resort College which specialises in Hospitality Management and Adventure Tourism Management. It is important that we as the Careers team, get to see learning institutions first hand in order to pass on accurate and real information to our parents.

Last week we were fortunate to have the dynamic Whakapike Ake team here from Auckland. Whakapike Ake is the Maori Health programme initiative, brought to our schools by Auckland University to begin to engage young Maori learners from Year 9 - 13 in Health Careers. There is a shortage of young Maori, engaged in Health careers, especially boys, across NZ. We target our top 40% of Science students and expose them to this great initiative. A team of about 7 young people presented to a group of approximately 75 students from Yr 9 and 10, with a combination of information, skits, group work and media. It was fantastic. We do this every year, and once students have signed up with Whakapike Ake, they are "in the fold" and will continue to get information, any help they require and support and mentoring from the WPA team.

And finally, we were fortunate to have Heather Lowery-Kappes visit us last week. She spoke to our Eastcate group and then to our Tairāwhiti community in the evening. Heather is a Career Development Advisor at the University of Waikato, and also has a private Career Counselling practice. Heather had invaluable advice around the job market, securing employment, studying or not studying, tertiary, apprenticeships and part-time work. The feedback from parents was heartfelt and positive.

Licences

The final two Learners Licence course are running in September and October. Cost is \$123.90 and this includes the licence cost of \$93.90. Students must be 16 years old and have an original birth certificate or current passport when they go to sit the test. We run the courses over 3 afternoons and the students sit their licence on the fourth day. Dates are: Course 7 - Wednesday 6th, Friday 9th, Monday 12th September, sitting Tuesday 13th; with the final course dates being Wednesday 18th, Friday 20th, Tuesday 24th October (Monday is Labour Day) testing day will be Wednesday 25th. We only take 6 students per course, so it is on a first paid first in basis. Course needs to be paid in full prior to it starting.

We have four students who took advantage of the latest intake for Nga Ara Pai, the Restricted Licence programme run for all Tairāwhiti youth. The programme offers 10 weeks of mentoring; 2 assessed drives with Instructors; use of driving school car – all for \$137 which is the cost of the licence alone! If you have had your Learners for a minimum of 4 months and are reasonably confident be-

hind the wheel of a car, then see Mrs Bishop to complete an application form so you are ready for Course 4 (will start beginning of Term 4) DON'T LEAVE IT! Places fill fast because it is open to all Tairawhiti youth, not just our boys.

Trades

Students are starting to pull their projects together with just 8 weeks of teaching left. This year's group of students has been amazing - focused, determined, reliable and positive. It has been a pleasure working with them. I look forward to seeing finished sheds, play houses, go carts, ATV's, delicious food and robots in the weeks to come!

GATEWAY

By Term 3, Gateway boys are well settled into their work placements, or have decided to try a different trade.

Two of our students have already left school to start apprenticeships which were offered to them directly through their Gateway placements. Hamish Harrison has begun with Ray White Real Estate and Caleb Tanner has a Plumbing apprenticeship with C & G Plumbing. Well done to these two boys.

Keegan Maats, Samuel Hata and Warihi Tawhiwhirangi are attending The Warehouse Retail and Customer Service programme. This course runs for 10 weeks every Wednesday and so far they are enjoying the experience and learning a lot.

Last week, I took the Farming boys to see Gowerville Station, which is a Cadet Training Farm at the end of Darwin Road. Each year they take on one cadet and we will have two boys applying for this position.

Matheson Campbell is making the most of his Gateway year. He has been on Gateway with Mark DeCosta Contracting and Toby Parker Engineering to learn more welding skills which will be beneficial to him in the Contracting Industry. He has also completed his Grow Safe course, Wheels, Tracks and Rollers Licence, Fork Lift Licence and Defensive driving course, so that he will be well prepared for a career in Contracting at the end of the year.

Max Shelton has been out with Matt Howden, a Fisherman. During Max's holidays he tried Cray Fishing on Bill Destounis' boat which he really enjoyed. Max completed his Day Skipper and Maritime Radio Operator course last term.

Tyrin Wyllie and Cruz Peneha Hinaki completed a 2 day Scaffolding course last term and are now enjoying the practical Gateway experience out with Kelvin Teneti at Eastland Scaffolding.

We have 3 more Builders out on Gateway this term. Shaquaid Hihi and Te Kanawa Tapara are with Phil Claffey at Character Building and Reuben Parker is with Evans Construction. The employer feedback has been very good on these 3 boys to date.

Tony Bentley is trying Apiculture with Mike King, a past teacher from school and so far so good, with not too many bee stings.

Jack Parker is trying his hand at Glazing, with Glenn's Glass and Aluminium and Logan Brett is with Fenn Refrigeration.

The 3 Forestry boys - Rylan Lewis-Smith, Nehe Papuni and Jakob Kingi are having a great experience at Turanga Ararua - Ruapani Centre.

All in all our boys are doing really well on the Gateway programme. Many are treating their work experience as a long job interview and are surpassing expectations. Well

done boys!

Work Ready

Our second group of Work Ready students have completed their aquaculture course at Turanga Ararau and have really enjoyed the practical side of the course and the exposure to this industry. We have further courses for Barista and Forklift coming up for our remaining students before the end of the term. Here are some recent photos of some of our boys on the aquaculture course.

Have a great term. We will check in again at the end of the term with more news and information!

Spirit of Adventure

Are you thinking about joining the Navy but haven't been on the sea for any length of time? Are you thinking about something to push you outside your comfort zone? Do you love the sea and want to learn more and share your experiences with other? The Spirit of Adventure could be something for you. This programme is the best way to up your courage, unlock your potential and make lifelong friends. The Spirit is all about overcoming ALL obstacles. Shore crew will work with you and your community to help get you on board.

Be prepared to work and do some fundraising, but there are some scholarships available to help you top up the cost.



Above: Forestry Boys -
Nehe Papuni, Jakob Kingi,
Rylan Lewis-Smith
Below: Maru Kawana
Farming with Andy Jefferd





The School Voice - Te Panui Kura

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SPORT & CULTURE - Excellence outside the classroom

SPORTS ROUND UP

Basketball - GBHS Senior A basketball team travelled to Rotorua for the 2017 Super 8 Tournament.

Game one was our best game in the tournament against a much higher ranked New Plymouth Boys. We were always competitive within 5-6 point margin throughout the entire game. Unfortunately the final whistle blew at 60-72 to New Plymouth.

Game Two proved challenging as our next opponent was Tauranga Boys' College. The first, second and third quarters would swing back and forth always 3 points down but still working to our best. In the fourth quarter, fatigue was becoming evident for us and TBC extended their lead to win 100-69.

Game Three was another roller coaster of niggling injuries and "let's see" approach. Hastings Boys' High was elusive and quick. For GBHS it was simple mistakes and decisions letting us down, conceding a 48-91 loss.

Game Four and our last game of day two was Napier Boys' High. Gisborne Boys were pushed beyond their limits again testing every element of our performance. We had missed opportunities, going down 64-98.

Game Five saw us playing Tauranga Boys' College again and the last game for this tournament, 59-91, a win to TBC.

Huge thanks to Dwayne Tamatea for coaching the side and Barry Ngata/Kui Morrell for managing the team.

Hockey - Overview

Gisborne Boys' High School, with the help of Poverty Bay Hockey, hosted the Super 8 Hockey Tournament over Monday August 7th - Wednesday August 9th, 2017 at the LJ Hooker Turf, Harry Barker Reserve.

The tournament winners for 2017 were Hamilton Boys' High School, who defeated New Plymouth Boys' High School, 4-1 in the final.

We (GBHS) ended up playing Rotorua Boys' High School in the 7th - 8th position playoff, which we narrowly lost 4-3.

Kyle Hannah and Luke Whibley were our joint top goal scorers with 2 each.

Pool play

In our pool we were pitted against Hamilton, Hastings and Napier Boys' High Schools. In our first game we played Hamilton and lost 19-0, where everything they touched turned to gold. We followed this up with losses to Hastings (9-1) and Napier (5-0), as we improved game by game. (In comparison Hastings drew 0-0 with Hamilton and Napier lost 3-1).

This placed us 4th in the pool and in a crossover game with Tauranga Boys' College. We went down 7-0 after being tied 0-0 at half-time. 5 of Tauranga's goals came in the last 10 minutes. This placed us in the playoff for 7th and 8th with Rotorua.

7th-8th Playoff

Although we lost 4-3 this was our best game, where the never say die attitude shown in all games nearly brought about a comeback. We were trailing 4-0 at one stage in the second half before rallying to, eventually lose, 4-3.

Winter Tournament - Winter tournament week is during week 7 of term 3. The following teams are travelling to different locations throughout the North Island representing GBHS. Junior football, 1st XI football, 1st XI hockey, U14 Colts rugby, U15 Colts rugby, Junior A basketball. Best of luck to these teams, travel safe and represent GBHS with pride.

DUATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Joshua Ney and Caleb Ney took part in the Duathlon championships held recently. The following is an account by Joshua:

The race went really well. I had a good first run although I had to work hard not to get distanced from the lead runners, initially it felt pretty well under control. With the bike being a time trial my aim was always to ride it as hard as I could in the hope of getting a lead. I did so, opening up a 40 second gap over second place by averaging 40km/h for the bike leg. I ran the first half of the final 2.25km run really hard, trying to make sure the two competitors battling for second didn't think they had any chance at catching me. After that, seeing as they'd made up very little time on me, I relaxed and ended up finishing 32 seconds ahead of second place to take the national title. Caleb also had a great race, coming 6th as one of the youngest in his age group after a superb final run.

