



NEWSLETTER

April 2021



Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa



Kia koutou katoa whanau.

It has been a frantic term with a plethora of opportunities being provided for our young men both in and outside the classroom.

A significant focus has gone into integrating our Year 9's into the school through camps, tikanga and kawa.

Staff were also involved as part of our kawa and each provided a mihi to the students to give them an insight into their world outside of school. This was well received by our students and provided a good foundation for strengthened student/teacher relationships moving forward. A huge kei runga noa atu to our Te Reo Maori Department for delivering this kaupapa to our young men and setting the foundation of their learning at Gisborne Boys' High School.

The Year 10's have enjoyed their Tu Tane camps and learn what it means to 'stand' as a young man. Senior classes have been immersed in Wananga days, an opportunity for senior students to focus on a curriculum area for a whole day. This has proved valuable for young men and I look forward to sharing the feedback from these days in my next report.

It's great to have the team from Puku Ora finally on site and delivering our school lunches. The process has been smooth so far with the biggest feedback to date, the

portion sizes when feeding young men not 'boys'. They have welcomed this feedback and will work closely with students and staff to ensure our young men are being well fed and enjoying healthy lunches.

Enjoy your break. We look forward to partnering with you again in Term 2.

Noho ora mai
Andrew Turner
Principal (Tumuaki)

Board of Trustees

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

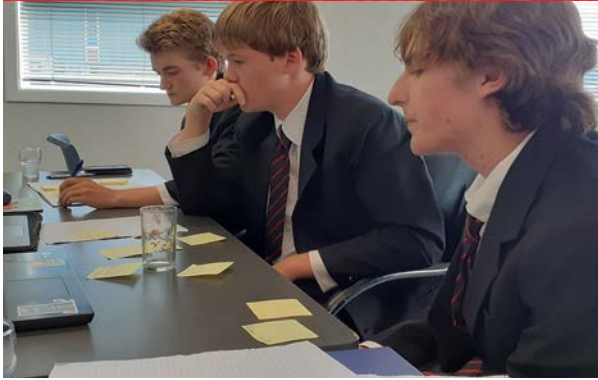
If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent in writing to:
Mr Craig Clarke (chair)
GBHS Board of Trustees
PO Box 97
GISBORNE 4040
by: Monday 10th May 2021

T2 KEY DATES

16 Apr	End of Term 1
3 May	Start of Term 2
5 May	ANZAC Commemoration Serv
19 May	MOE Teacher Only Day
22/23 May	S8 Cultural
1-3 June	Senior Exams
7 June	Queen's Birthday
17 June	Senior Report Interviews
25 June	JHSGP End of Credit P2
28 June	JHSGP Credit P3
6 July	Junior Reports published

GBHS CELEBRATES SUCCESS



L-R Debating, Swimming

Debating

Our debating team Neo Laidlaw-May, Elyas McGuire and Ronan Thompson took part in the Hawkes Bay Debating Competition via Zoom over the weekend of the 6th and 7th March.

They settled in the library and had an intense afternoon on Saturday with three debates discussing a range of topics.

Our team had a strong win with their first debate defending the following motion:

New Zealand should abolish its military and become a pacifist state that doesn't enter into or support wars/conflicts.

The second motion was a hard one to defend and the team unfortunately had a loss. Here was the motion:

Classroom curriculum (what topic to study within a subject) should be decided by a classroom vote by students.

The third motion was also a loss as our team misunderstood what the motion entailed. They had to negate the following:

The government should give complete control over New Zealand prisons to iwi.

The boys rested a lot of their argumentation on the issue of funding which was all brushed aside as it was understood that the government would still finance the prisons, only their management would be given to iwi.

The last motion which was debated on Sunday morning concluded our participation with a win on the following motion to be negated by our team: You have been offered the power to read minds. The motion is that we should accept this new power.

Overall, though GBHS didn't make the semis or the finals, our GBHS team impressed with their confidence, eloquence and oratory skills. It was the very first competition of the year and the boys had had very little practice, so we can all be proud of the performance of Ronan, Elyas and Neo.

Debating is a fun way of developing a range of communication and leadership skills that will benefit our young men throughout their lives. If you are keen to join us, we have strong mentors in our team that can teach you all the tricks to become efficient and confident communicators.

Any level welcome, you don't have to be a senior student, it's never too early to start learning these life skills.

Yes! The boys won their debate this morning! That's two wins and two losses for this competition.

They were overall happy with their performance and have been given useful feedback to work on.

Compared to the other contestants we got to hear, I thought our boys stood out by their confidence and the lively way they delivered their speeches.

Bring on the cultural super 8...!

NZ Siva Afi Festival

In Auckland at the Siva Afi festival, Our boys did really well on Friday helping the organisers run the Wahine Toa comp.

On Saturday at the Schools Comp:

1st Place Amorangi Standish Yr 12 GBHS

2nd Place TK Nikora-Peri Yr 11 GBHS

3rd Massey High

5th CJ Moa Yr 12 GBHS

Surfing

GBHS took out two of the three boys division at the Tairāwhiti High School Championships to win the overall teams trophy for 2021.

GBHS - 2900 GGHS - 2700 Campion - 1500

U14 Boys - 1 Gabe Lobb, 2 Hunter Lynch, 3 Harry Hayward, 4 Austin Fergus

U16 - 1 Tiger West-Hill, 2 Eli Livingston, 3 Max Phillips, 4 William Matthews

U18 - 1 Finn Vette, 2 Louis Evans, 3 Harry Allan, 4 Hue Cowie

Swimming Sports

Our top swimmers competed in the school Championships in week 5 with some of the regions best age group swimmers in the pool. Jack Keepa convincingly won the Under 18's, Angus Blair was impressive in winning the Under 16's, and Jackson Horne won the Under 14's.

Our House swimming sports is compulsory for Juniors with separate events for Year 9's and 10's. Boys compete in grades so they are matched with swimmers of similar ability and novelty events are added to make it a fun event with the focus on participation. We were forced to postpone due to Covid restrictions but managed to sneak our House swimming in during week 7.

Year 10 Summary

The Year 10's event was first with a good level of participation and plenty of House spirit. Will Matthews was the standout swimmer, dominating all top races. After some controversy in the relays it was Tane Mahuta that did enough overall to win the House competition at Year 10.

Year 9 Summary

The Year 9 swimming sports were affected by cooler weather and we were forced to shorten the programme so that boys didn't get cold waiting to compete. Points awarded were based on the number of competitors, the more competitors the more points.

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L-R Volleyball, PBCA team of the year



Volleyball Nationals Report

After the disappointment of Nationals being cancelled last year, the boys were really excited to get to Palmy and test themselves against the best Volleyball teams in the country. There were five Divisions this year so to be in the top two Divisions is a good achievement, our goal was to finish above our ranking of 30th.

Top 32 Pool Play

Vs Manurewa HS lost 0-3 (19-25, 22-25, 18-25)
Vs Waimea College lost 1-3 (22-25, 25-21, 20-25, 21-25)
Vs Mt Maunganui B won 3-0 (25-17, 26-24, 25-20)

Division 2 Pool Play

Vs Auckland Grammar won 3-0 (25-22, 25-20, 25-18)
Vs Kamo HS won 3-0 (25-19, 27-25, 25-17)
Vs Napier Boys lost 1-3 (19-25, 22-25, 25-21, 23-25)

Div 2 Quarter Final

Vs Cashmere HS won 3-1 (21-25, 25-19, 27-25, 25-18)

Div 2 Semi Final

Vs Marlborough Boys won 3-0 (25-21, 25-19, 25-19)

Div 2 Final

Vs Napier Boys lost 0-3 (19-25, 20-25, 18-25)

To reach the Division 2 final was a great achievement however a really good tournament finished a bit disappointingly.

Summary

Placing second in Division 2 placed us 18th overall out of the 82 boys teams- at Nationals, and we improved on our 30th seed by 12 places. The season had some great moments, beating Tauranga Boys at Super 8 for the first time ever, placing second at both Regional tournaments, and our quarter final and semi final wins at Nationals.

FOOTBALL

Jimmy Somerton and Oli Davies travelled to Cambridge in March for the first of four trials for the U17 NZ All Whites team. Fingers crossed they get called back for the next trial in May. It was an awesome experience and they are loving kicking the ball around with New Zealand's best.



Cricket

Congratulations to our 1st XI Cricket on a successful season and taking out the PBCA team of the year award.

Rowing

In 2020, Covid saw the cancellation of Maadi - a major blow for our senior rowers who had made Maadi 2020 the focus for their training for a number of years. In 2021, continued Covid related changes in Alert Levels for various regions saw NISS being cancelled at the start of March. Fortunately, Maadi was able to proceed with GBHS being represented by 10 rowers forming crews in 12 singles, doubles and quad sculls events. Racing was held over 6 days with heats, repechage, semi finals and finals. Our 5 Novice (1st year) rowers managed to qualify to C finals in both the Novice U18 coxed quad (placed 3rd) and the Boys U15 coxed quad (6th). These were great results for our new rowers.

The intermediate level rowers managed to make a number of repechage races but were eliminated without making a final. Our two senior rowers, Oscar Ruston and Sacha Dewanker proved themselves to be very competitive rowers in the 3 events they raced. For all 3 events they qualified into the A finals coming away with 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 fourth placings. As NISS had been cancelled, medals from the events that would have been raced at that regatta, were awarded to the top three placing North Island crews in the finals at Maadi. This gave Oscar and Sacha 2 Gold and 1 Silver NISS medals.

GBHS Finals Results

B U18 1x Oscar Ruston 1st Gold Maadi Gold NISS

B U18 1x Sacha Dewanker 4th

B U18 2x Oscar Ruston, Sacha Dewanker 2nd Silver Maadi Gold NISS

B U18 2- Oscar Ruston, Sacha Dewanker 4th Silver NISS

B N18 4x+ Phelix Moore (S), Ned Clarke, Eugene Paul, Theo Mackay, Jackson Horne (cox) C Final 3rd

B U15 4x+ Phelix Moore (S), Ned Clarke, Eugene Paul, Jackson Horne, Theo Mackay (cox) C Final 6th

Thanks to coaches Luke McKenzie (Jenkins), Josh Kelly, TIC Peter Simmons and parents Craig and Rebecca Clarke for their efforts over the season and particularly the 9 day Maadi campaign.



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L-R National Secondary Schools Waka Ama Nationals.



Athletics

The level of participation was awesome with record entries in Field events in particular. For example there was close to 100 boys who tried to qualify in events such as the Discus and Long Jump. However the early effort on the track in the 800m, 100m heats, 400m, and then the Field Events all before lunch took its toll, as the day went on it was clear that many boys were tiring from an extremely busy morning.

Senior Championship Summary

Dylan Bronlund won the Intermediate Championship last year with a strong allround performance, and he managed to repeat the feat this year in the Senior Championship. Dylan should be congratulated on his effort participating in most events and showing amazing allround ability and stamina (he won the 800m and Triple Jump, placed second in the High Jump, and third in the 400m). Lachie Falloon finished second by winning the 400m, placing second in the Triple jump, and third in the 200m. Other notable performers not far behind in the Senior Championship were King Maxwell (1st 200m, 2nd Long Jump), and Tyrese Nepe (1st Long Jump, 2nd 200m), Von Huata (1st Discus, 2nd Javelin), Jimmy Somerton (1st High Jump, 3rd 400m), and Isaiah Lemaia (1st 100m, 3rd Long Jump), Daley Riri (1st Javelin, 3rd High Jump).

Intermediate Championship Summary

Mathew Ney did enough to win the Intermediate Championship with another dominant performance in the middle and long distance events (he won the 800m, 1500m, and 3000m). Safin Tuwairua-Brown had a big day to finish second overall, he won the Long Jump, finished second in the Triple Jump and placed third in the 100m and 200m. Oska Smith was extremely impressive in the sprints winning the 100m and 200m. Oska had the performance of the day in the Intermediate 200m by breaking the school record in a time of 22.96 (it was held by Seven Mapu who ran 23.35 in 2019). Kerry Hohepa (1st Shot Put, 2nd Javelin) and Te Ahi Maxwell-Dewes (1st Javelin, 2nd Shot Put) dominated the throws and Angus Blair also had a good day winning the 400m and finishing 2nd in the 800m.

Junior Championship Summary

The Junior Championship was the first chance for Year 9 athletes to show their potential and there were some great performances. Quayden Chaffey-Kora did enough to win overall, he won both the Long and Triple Jumps and placed third in the 100m. Torrence Kennedy showed his versatility by winning both the 400m and Discus, and Noah Wright dominated the distance events on the track winning the 1500m and 3000m, they finished second equal overall. Both Jayden Tihore-Edwards (1st 100m, 2nd Javelin, 3rd

Shot Put) and Ethan Cunningham (1st 800m, 2nd 400m, and 3rd 1500m) impressed in a number of events.

House Competition

The House Competition was won by Tumatauenga with a particularly strong showing in Championship events, finishing with a total of 588 House points. The other Houses weren't far behind with Tawhirimatea second thanks to a high level of participation and strong performances across the board (545 points), Tane Mahuta was third on 455 points, and Tangaroa was just behind them on 436 points. The House Competition will continue early next term with the Summer Sports Tournament. A huge thank you to all students, staff, and whanau for making it such a great day. Particular thanks to the boys whose attitude and behaviour was awesome.

GBHS Surfing Championships

Clean one metre surf greeted 30 GBHS surfers at 'Lone Pine' Wainui Beach for the 2021 GBHS Surfing Championships.

Results:

Under 18: 1. Finn Vette 2. Louis Evans 3. George Allan

Under 16: 1. Tiger West-Hill 2. Eli Livingston 3. Max Phillips

Under 14: 1. Hunter Lynch 2. Austin Fergus 3. Brad Wilkie

Waka Ama

Our boys have continued to represent Gisborne Boys' High School well at National Secondary School Waka Ama Nationals this week. We had four teams competing in two divisions, with all teams placing in the finals. Our J19 team Turanga Tane finished 5th in the 250m sprint – 100ths of a second between 2nd and 5th place. Whanake competed in the J19 plate final to gain 4th. Taniwha competed in the J16 plate to gain silver. Mairangi Campbell gained 3rd in the W1 and Ruaumoko continued our defence of the J16 division to remain national title holders in both the J16 250m and 500m turns. A great campaign, thanks to Sharni Wainohu, Kiwi Campbell, Ada Te Amo and all of our whanau support.

Rotary Youth Programme

Luke Fisher successfully completed the Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment at Guthrie Smith Centre, Tuirua last weekend. Luke impressed with his positive contribution to the weekend, and was a real credit to his school.

