

Gibb ENews: Term 1 (Weeks 3 & 4)

Student Affairs

Athletics: It was very pleasing to see a large number of boarders competing in finals at the School Athletics held at Newtown Park. Eli Vole placed second in the U15 and Chris May was second in the U18. A number of boarders represented the school in the recent exchange against Lindisfarne College.

Volleyball: The following boarders are members of the senior volleyball team: Tamati Rudolph, Cade Umaga, James Kora, Noel Hilliard, Jimmy Desborough, Toshi Taguchi and Nine Chotimongkol. These boys are currently involved in a Wellington secondary schools competition and competed at the regional tournament in two weeks time.

Crickets: Nick Wellwood and Josh Beaumont have been playing a lot of cricket of late - grading games for the weekend competition, a traditional game against Lindisfarne College and a Gillette Cup qualifier against Wellington College. Eli Vole and Jordan-Glen Bradbrook played for 10A against Wanganui Collegiate while Zack Benton was in the 9A team who beat Collegiate during the same exchange.

Tennis: George Clifford has been involved in the two recent school tennis exchanges against Lindisfarne (narrow loss) and Wanganui (commanding victory).

Dragon Boat Racing: A large number of boarders were meant to be involved in the Wellington Dragon boat regatta on Sunday 28 February. Unfortunately the event was postponed because of a tsunami warning. The racing has been re-scheduled for this coming Sunday.

Year 8 Camp: James Lee was the sole Gibb House representative on the Year 8 camp to Waitomo this year. He had a thoroughly enjoyable time and appreciated the opportunity to be taken well out of his comfort zone.

Year 10 Tramp / Cycle: All of the Year 10 boys were involved in this overnight activity. The majority of the boys were involved in the cycle option but it didn't matter who you spoke to the overall response was very positive - hard work but lots of fun. The completion of this event goes towards the boys' Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award.

Year 12 service: All of the Year 12 boys collected for Malaghan Institute's Annual Lollipop Appeal. Year 12 boys have been involved in this collection for a number of years. The boys were superb ambassadors for the school. The Malaghan Institute is an independent research facility working hard to find a cure for diseases such as asthma, arthritis, multiple sclerosis, cancer and infectious diseases.

Pipe Band: Chris Poppe is the only boarder in the school's pipe band. This group has had recent victories at the Turakina and regional competitions.

Scots College is a very busy school which offers the boys a lot of very valuable opportunities outside of the classroom. I am pleased to say that most of the boarders take full advantage of these opportunities.

Top Blokes

These awards are given to boarders who have done something special. Something a top bloke would do.

1. Nick Wellwood for completing the Coast to Coast.
2. Nick Healy for running an outstanding 7 kms in the Round the Bays.
3. Graeme Peter for a very successful season of racing stock cars and for being selected in a NZ team to compete in Australia in early March.
4. Eric Bienaime for an outstanding reading at the Ferguson House chapel service.

Well done to all of these boys.

School Activities

My expectation is that **all** boys will be involved in at least one after school activity. Most of these activities have a team or group focus and the values that these environments provide are invaluable so must be encouraged.

Prep

This is well underway and the monitoring of the boys occurs each night. If you have any concerns about how the boys are getting on or want to know what extra assistance can be given in specific subject areas please contact me.

Weekend activities

Two weekends ago 18 boys and two masters ran in the Round the Bays fun run. This is an outstanding Wellington event and one that more Gibb House boarders should be involved in. The standout performers were Will Dodds, Fergus Griffin-George, Nick Healy, Hiroto Maruyama, Cade Umaga and Daiki Watanabe. However, all of the boys need to be congratulated for having a go!

Hostel BBQ

This was held on Sunday 28 February in 'near perfect' Wellington conditions. Who said you can't BBQ in wind. Thanks to all of the families who attended. The BBQ has now been christened so the expectation is for many more.

Upcoming hostel events

Weekend activity (Phoenix semi final): Sunday 7 March
Exeat 2: Friday 19 March to Sunday 21 March

Gibb House Mt Taranaki climb: late February or early March

And a final thought.....

Hostels are like a 50 cent mixture. Each lolly represents an important part of what we are all trying to achieve in Gibb House.

Jet planes represent opportunity. Gibb House takes boarders to a whole lot of different places in life.

Milk bottles represent tradition and old fashioned standards. Gibb House has been around for years but no one chooses to throw it away.

Pineapple lumps represent respect for others' values, beliefs and backgrounds. Gibb House has that exotic flavour and quality.

Smiley faces represent enjoyment. Gibb House is full of fun.

Mackintosh toffees represent team spirit. They are so sticky; Gibb House is a bonding environment. Gibb House is a place that brings everyone together.

Minties represent new ideas and initiative. Gibb House encourages the boys to be creative; to think outside of the square.

Gobstoppers represent life long friendships. Gibb House friendships last forever.

Turkish Delight represents courage (you have to be brave to eat this stuff). Gibb House takes boys out of their comfort zones and provides challenges.

Perky Nanas represent academic achievement (bananas are brain food). Gibb House expects boys to work hard to reach their academic potential.

Snifters & Tangy Fruits represent respect (a Kiwi icon that must always be honoured). Gibb House encourages respect for self, others and the environment. Gibb House also encourages respect for what has gone before.

Fruit Bursts represent energy. Gibb House is a place full of youthful enthusiasm.

Jaffas represent pride, passion and loyalty. Gibb House represents pride, passion and loyalty.