



NSW Department of Education and Training

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL**NEWSLETTER**

Industrial Technology Students selected for State Exhibition.

Jake Laurie and Drew Garland have had their Industrial Technology projects nominated for consideration for inclusion in the InTech 2012 annual exhibition of outstanding Major Design Projects. Projects selected for this exhibition are chosen for their high quality and design. Only a small percentage of projects are nominated and it is great recognition for the hours of work that the students in this course put into their projects. The projects will be exhibited at the Sydney Timber and Working with Wood Show held at the Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park, Sydney. This exhibition will take place from the 15 to 17 June 2012.



Congratulations to both boys on their selection.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



As I sit in my office I hear a huge, collective sigh of relief from students and parents. The HSC is over!

At Saturday night's Year 12 dinner, I reminded students of two words: *pride* and *opportunity*. As teachers, we are obviously proud of the efforts of students over 13 years of education. To get through to the end of the HSC is no mean feat! Parents will also be proud of the achievements of their children. I stressed that the most important thing was that students are **proud of themselves** for ticking off such a

significant milestone in their lives. I also pointed out that many opportunities will present themselves in the coming months and years, and that our young men and women need to have the courage to grab every opportunity with both hands. I have been impressed with the calibre of our Year 12 cohort and wish them good luck for the future. But, as Thomas Jefferson once said, "The harder I work, the luckier I get."

This is a very busy time of year in a school. Planning for 2012 is well underway. Budgetary processes are being ironed out, and loose ends tied up prior to the Christmas break. In classes, we are continuing to work through to the end so that we can all have a well-deserved holiday.

Our annual visit from the students of Miller High School will occur next week and, as a "new boy" I am looking forward to an event unique to this part of the world, and to the cultural understanding and tolerance it must bring with it.

On Monday 19 December 2011, Gloucester High School will host staff members from local and district schools as we listen to the wisdom of nationally acclaimed thinker, Jason Clarke. Jason will lead us in considering innovative ways of engaging in teaching and learning, and will assist us in planning for improvement in 2012 and beyond. Parents are invited to attend. Please contact the school if you require more details.

A final reminder that a public meeting to discuss the future of the School Chaplaincy Program will be held in the school's library on Thursday 17 December at 7:00 pm.

Cheers!

YEAR 8 SCIENCE— COAL MINE EXCURSION

On Wednesday, 9 November students in Year 8 travelled to Stratford where they were fortunate to be able to visit first hand the coal mine run by Gloucester Coal.

This visit enabled the students to get information for their assessment task report. The students were able to witness the running of the mine, the activities in the “Pit” and to question the impact that mine has on the community.

All students increased their awareness of the investment of the company in the community and the extended world.

Many thanks for the cooperation and interest shown by Gloucester Coal. The insight to the students has been extended.

Ron McCarthy

WINGHAM AKOOSTIK FESTIVAL

A talented group of musicians from Gloucester High School recently performed at the annual Akoostik Festival in Wingham on 15 –16 October. The group named “The Gloucester Connection” consisted of Principal Pat Cavanagh, past student James Bratfield, Year 11 student Alex Bratfield and Year 9 student Tiana Snowden. They performed a program of original songs composed by Pat and Tiana, to a very appreciative audience. You can be sure that “The Gloucester Connection” will be reappearing on local stages at some time in the future, so make a date to go see them you will certainly have a good time and will maybe even get those feet tapping along with the great music they perform.

Judy Ingram



Money for Schools through Rotary's Wool Awards in Gloucester

Gloucester Rotary is putting in place last minute details for the Wool Awards dinner and show to raise funds for the Bucketts Way Community of Schools.

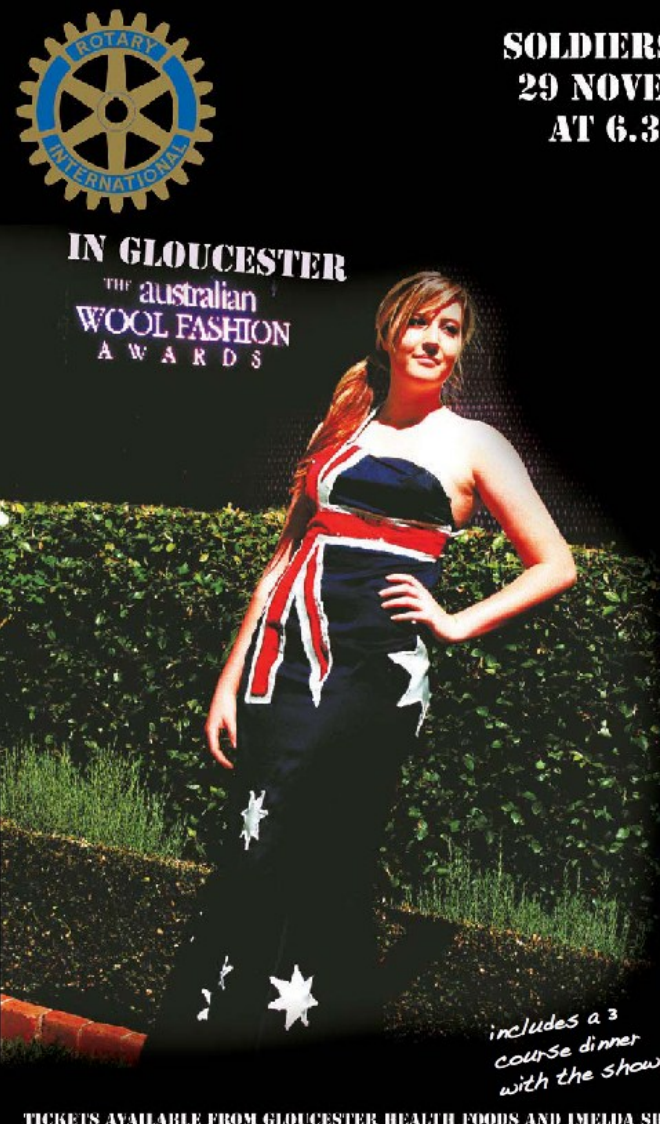
The event is to be held on Tuesday 29 November at the Soldiers Club starting at 6.30pm for a 3 course dinner being provided by the P&C of Gloucester High School, then the show will commence with students from the High School modelling clothes seen at the Australian Wool Awards in Armidale and at the Royal Easter Show. Liz Foster, MD of the Australian Wool Fashion Awards, says her favourite sections are the wearable art, "It's always alive, crazy and interesting".

During the day Liz will instruct 10 high school students, Lily Burrows, Beau Hebblewhite, Kloe Hutchen, Stacey Mitchell, Kate Radford, Jack Redman, Veda Steadman, Mikaela White, Rick Williams and Kristen Yarnold, will be showing them how to parade the catwalk, how to put on make up and do their hair.

Tickets are \$40 each for dinner and the show and are available at Imelda Shoes and Gloucester Health Food.

It is hoped that children from kindergarten to year 3 will take part in a colouring competition with two book vouchers to be given away, one for kindergarten and year 1, and the other for years 2 and 3. The colouring competition will feature Sam the Lamb who wonders what happens to his fleece after it has been shorn from him. The winners of this competition will be announced on the night. For schools who wish to participate, please contact Lorna Tomkinson on 6558 4150.

All other inquiries to Bill Radford 6558 9452



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

IN GLOUCESTER
THE AUSTRALIAN
WOOL FASHION
AWARDS

**SOLDIERS CLUB
29 NOVEMBER
AT 6.30PM**

**proceeds to our youth through the
Bucketts Way Community of Schools**

High School models
Lily Burrows
Beau Hebblewhite
Kloe Hutchen
Stacey Mitchell
Kate Radford
Jack Redman
Veda Steadman
Mikaela White
Rick Williams
Kristen Yarnold

*includes a 3
course dinner
with the show*

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM GLOUCESTER HEALTH FOODS AND IMELDA SHOES \$40 EACH

A vertical poster for a concert. At the top, the word "Bravissimo" is written in a large, elegant, white cursive script against a dark background with several bright, out-of-focus spotlights. Below the title is a decorative white wavy line. The text continues in a bold, white, sans-serif font: "FRIDAY", "17 FEBRUARY 2012", "2011 HSC MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS CONCERT", "Mid-North Coast", "SELECT PERFORMANCES", and a list of schools: "Schools from ARMIDALE COFFS HARBOUR FORSTER GLOUCESTER KEMPSEY PORT MACQUARIE TAREE WINGHAM". Below the school list is the phrase "Showcasing excellence!" in a white italicized font. The bottom section of the poster has a black background with white text: "GLASSHOUSE, Port Macquarie", "February 17th 2012, 12.30pm", "To Book Call 65818888", and "or online @glasshouse.org.au".

Bravissimo

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Two Year 12 Students Jemma Wilkinson and Paige Mackenzie will be performing at Bravissimo at the Glass House at Port Macquarie on the 17 February 2012.

SCHOOL CALENDAR—TERM 4

Thursday	17 November	Community Chaplain Meeting
Thursday	17 November	Excellence and Leadership Assembly
Monday	21 November	Mental Health Van Visit
Tuesday	22 November	Year 8 ESSA Exam
Tuesday-Friday	22-25 November	Multicultural Festival
Friday	25 November	Duke of Ed Trip
Tuesday	29 November	Rotary Wool Awards
Thursday	01 December	Year 11 Food Tech— Sydney
Friday - Saturday	2-3 December	Drama Production—House on Fire
Monday	5 December	Year 6 Orientation Day
Monday	5 December	Presentation Night
Thursday	8 December	Year 10 Formal Assembly
Monday	12 December	Yr 10 Excursion to Newcastle University
Friday	16 December	Last Day of School
Monday - Tuesday	19-20 December	Staff Development Day

School Uniforms For 2012 On Sale Now At The Canteen

PRICES EFFECTIVE 1 DECEMBER 2011

<i>(In stock items)</i>	Sky Blue Junior Polo Shirts:	\$20.00
	White Senior Polo Shirts:	\$23.00
<i>(Pre-pay orders)</i>	Navy Sports Polo Shirts:	\$20.00
	Hooded Jackets:	\$32.00
	Navy Shorts:	\$15.00

School uniform costs can be claimed through the “Education Tax Refund”.

If a receipt is required, please notify Mandy at the time of purchase.

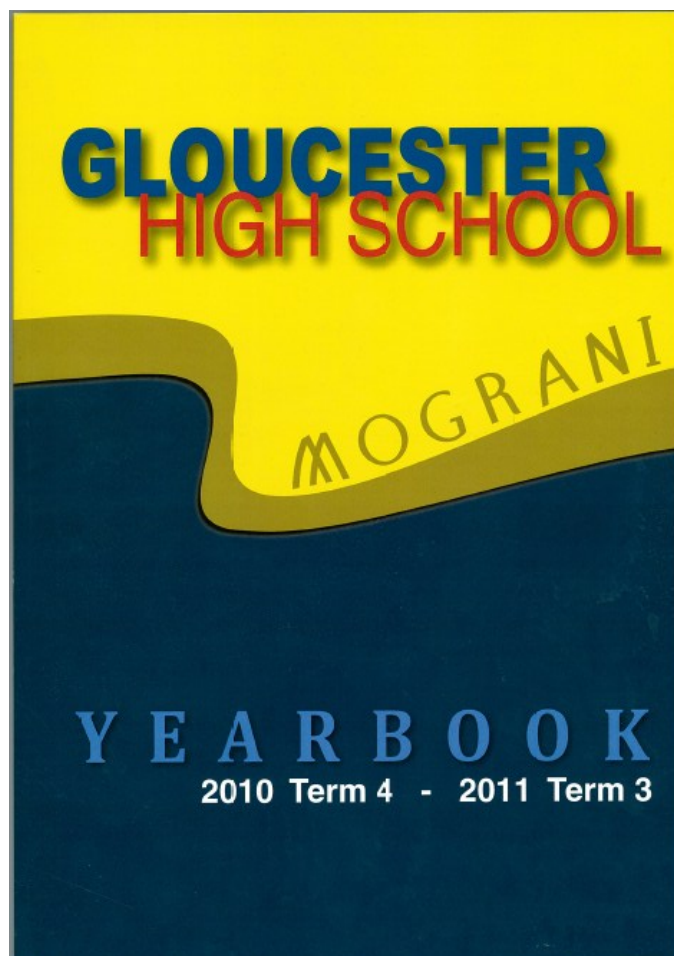


CANTEEN—TERM 4



Monday	14 November	Elona and Vicki
Tuesday	15 November	Karen Fenning
Wednesday	16 November	Vicki and Darryl
Thursday	17 November	Vicki S
Friday	18 November	Elona
Monday	21 November	Elona
Tuesday	22 November	Reena S
Wednesday	23 November	Sharon
Thursday	24 November	Val R
Friday	25 November	Elona
Monday	28 November	Elona
Tuesday	29 November	Kerrie C
Wednesday	30 November	Tania

**Now available
at the
School Office!
Only \$33.00**



GHS MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Gloucester High School's **Multicultural Festival** has become an eagerly anticipated event since teacher Kevin Costa first introduced the concept six years ago. Since that time, scores of students from Southwest Sydney's Miller Intensive English Centre have visited Gloucester and been touched by the hospitality of its people. In fact, the extraordinary bond developed between students from Gloucester and Miller is such that departures are often consumed by tears and heartfelt hugs.

This year, 21 students from Miller, many of whom arrived in Australia as refugees, having escaped from a troubled homeland, will take up residence in the homes of GHS students from Tuesday 22 to Friday 25 November. It is a short period of time, but one that is jam-packed with activity.

On Tuesday, students will arrive and be introduced to their host families. They will have the opportunity to attend high school classes and see some of the township. On Wednesday, a journey up the Bucketts Walk will test fitness levels. Following lunch in Billabong Park, students will return to the high school for the always competitive GHS vs Miller soccer match, which has become a much anticipated annual contest. On Wednesday night, a multicultural mix of music and dance will feature at the GHS Social. The theme for this social will be 'The Beach, showcasing Australiana at its best.

On Friday, before the Miller students hop back on the train to make the long journey home to Sydney, a gala multicultural food festival will take place in the GHS main quadrangle. Under the guiding influence of Food Technology teacher Leisa Moar, dishes from a wide range of cultural backgrounds will present students and staff from GHS and Miller with an opportunity for their taste buds to explore the world. YUMMY!

Undoubtedly, the highlight of Miller's visit is their performance of a play that presents stories drawn from the students' vastly diverse backgrounds. With students from countries ranging from Afghanistan, Republic of Congo, Iraq, Vietnam, East Timor and Iran, the play explores stories and experiences that are at once tragic and humorous, heartbreaking and funny. The performances are expertly directed by Miller's Ruth Hartcher-O'Brien, who with Kevin Costa has been the driving force behind this unique collaboration since 2006.

The Miller performance will take place in the **SCHOOL HALL** on **THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER** at **7PM**, with the general public welcome to attend. An unforgettable night of theatre, which will also feature music and drama performances from GHS students, is guaranteed.

When: Thursday 24 November @ 7pm
Where: Gloucester High School Hall
Cost: All tickets \$3 at the door



For further information contact Scott Davis at the high school on 6558 1605.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

District 9650

Long Term Youth Exchange

ARE YOU READY

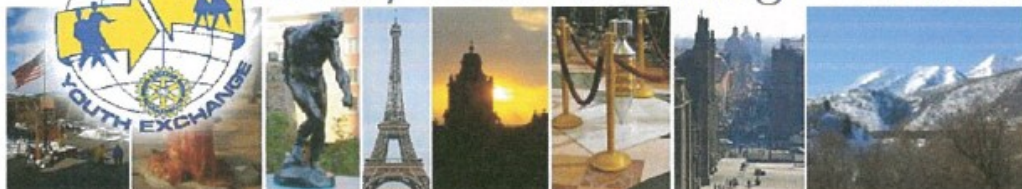
- To form international friendships
- Learn a new language
- Experience a new culture
- Gain a fresh understanding of yourself and others
- Act as an ambassador for your country

Act Now

- Applications close 30th March 2012 for departure Jan 2013
- www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au
- Contact Chairpersons. Jan or Bob Crombie 02 6584 7882 or your local Rotary Club.



Rotary Youth Exchange Australia



YEAR 8 - ESSA

The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) test for Year 8 students will be held on **Tuesday 22 November 2011**. The test takes approximately 80 minutes.

The test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. It is called ESSA online.

This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years 7-10 *Syllabus*.

GHS Year 10 Drama presents

HOUSE ON FIRE

By Debra Oswald

Fri Dec 2nd-7.30 PM

Sat Dec 3rd-2.00 PM

7.30 PM

Gloucester High School Hall

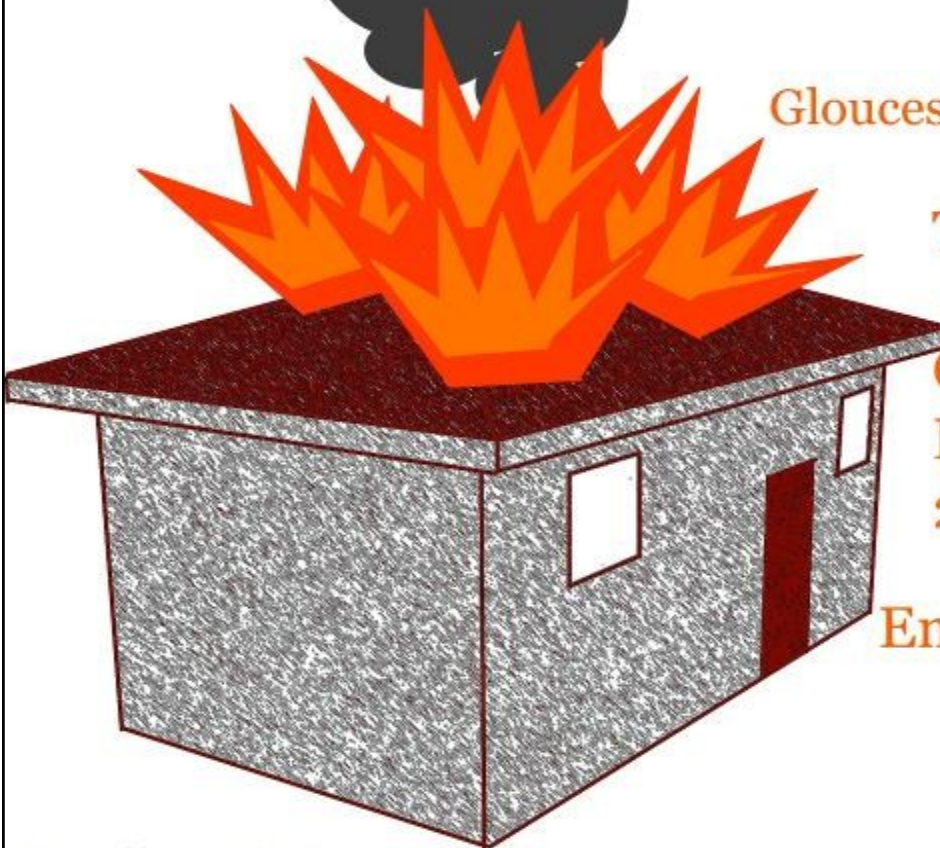
Tickets

Adults: \$6

Concession:\$4

Families (2 adults,
2 children):\$16

Enquires: 6558 1605



Directed by Scott Davis

Stage-managed by Rhiannon Jaeger-Michael

Starring: Holly Borham, Will Feeney, Tori Grady, Caitlin Johnson, Brodie Preston, Kate Radford, Holly Reay, Kane Snow, Madeline Stokes, Caitlin Tonelli, Alex Wilson and Hannah Yattes.

This play is suitable for audiences 12 years and over,
as it contains mild coarse language.

HOUSE ON FIRE

Year 10 Drama will be presenting their end of year production, ***House on Fire***, in the **school hall** on **Friday December 2nd at 1:30pm**. All students are invited to attend this performance and admission will be by gold coin donation.

The catastrophically comic world of the Conway sisters in Debra Oswald's teen play ***House on Fire*** is immediately compelling. As the narrator, child genius India, introduces the sisters, it is clear each sibling is distinctly individual.

The youngest, Evie, is 15, impressionable and keen to fit in with the cool crowd at her new school. Overachieving Michaela, the middle sister, is 17 and studying for her HSC. She's stressed out and feeling the pressure as her own harshest critic. Then there's Bec, the dark horse at 20, consumed by youthful antagonism. She's finished school, has recently been evicted from her share house and has dropped out of her law degree

House on Fire is a farcical tragi-comedy that exemplifies the burgeoning dramas of high school life. It tells the story of three teen sisters grappling with the difficulties of growing up, and the moments of chaos which arise when we sometimes just can't find a rock to stand on. Playwright Debra Oswald, the writer of television's *Offspring*, has come up with a fantastic script which deals with issues that we all have experienced at some stage in our pubescent years of feeling outcast; the pressures of HSC; and the existential crisis of not knowing where your life is heading.

A realistic take on growing up from Australia's master of teen theatre, ***House on Fire*** is guaranteed to put a smile on your lips and light a small flame in your heart. Starring Holley Borham, William Feeney, Tori Grady, Caitlin Johnson, Brodie Preston, Kate Radford, Holly Reay, Kane Snow, Madeline Stokes, Alex Wilson and Hannah Yates. Stage-managed by Rhiannon Jaegar-Michael.



Chaplain's Report

I have been amazed at the courage and inner strength of so many of the students who visit the chaplain's rooms or who take part in special programs that support the learning and well-being of students. They are risk-takers. I wish to acknowledge their courage and their commitment to others who need kindness and some kind of support.

The following is a poem my mother wrote in my autograph book when I was only 9. I have treasured it all my life and thought it appropriate to share at this time. I dedicate this beautiful poem to the students who have risked much in order to change and grow, and to the teachers who are always on the lookout for new ways to enhance the learning and wellbeing of all students.

To Risk

To laugh is to risk appearing a fool

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental

To reach out to another is to risk involvement

To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self

To place your ideas before a crowd is to risk their loss

To love is to risk not being loved in return

To live is to risk dying

To hope is to risk despair

To try is to risk failure

But risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing

The person who risks nothing does nothing and therefore may never know the beauty of life, of others or of all that life has to offer

The one who risks nothing might be spared some suffering and sorrow

But that one cannot learn, feel, change or grow and neither can they live full and abundant lives

Chained by their fears, the one who risks nothing is the servant of fear and has forfeited all freedom

Only the person who risks is free. William Ward.

Eulalie O'Keefe

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Gloucester High School aims to develop a supportive learning environment that engages all students, teachers and community in the pursuit of excellence.



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