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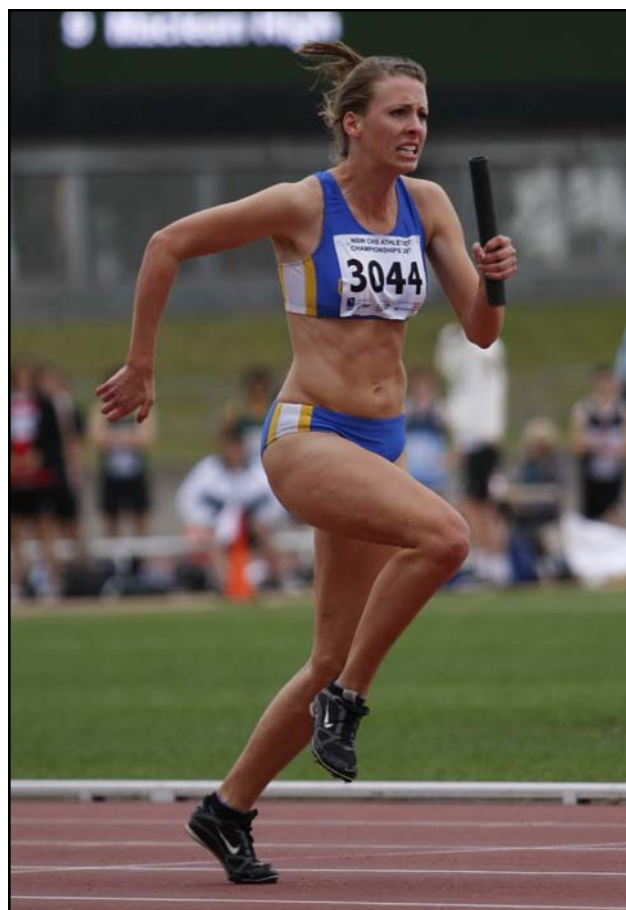
GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

GHS Girls Defend Title

The Hunter Region Athletics Carnival was held Wednesday and Thursday 27 and 28 July at the Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale. Gloucester High School was represented by an enthusiastic team of 12 athletes who competed in various events over the two days.

The GHS Girls 17+ relay team went into the meet as defending champions and with only one runner changed the girls again proved too strong for their opposition. Mikaela White ran a very strong 1st leg to put the team in a strong position. She passed the baton to Caitlin Parker who stepped into this year's team. Caitlin ran well, with GHS well and truly in the mix at the halfway mark of the race. Hannah Yates ran the bend extremely well passing the baton to Natalie Ferris in first place. Natalie steamed down the final straight to ensure the team finished in the lead in a time of 53.61s, qualifying for the State CHS carnival in September.

Other performances in individual events included Natalie Ferris who won the 17+ Girls 100m and 200m and Mikaela White who won the 17+ Girls Long jump. Hannah Yates finished second in the 16 Girls Triple Jump and Ethan Hamilton also finished second in the 14 Boys Javelin. Kenneth Wamsley came third in the 14 Boys Discus, with all of the above athletes qualifying for CHS. Other notable performances included Hannah West who came third in the 14 Girls Long Jump, Kate Radford who also finished third in the 16 Girls Javelin (throwing a PB!) and Rick Williams who finished third in the 17+ Boys High Jump.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



On Thursday 11 August the second of our Excellence Assemblies will be held. This is another opportunity to celebrate those students who continue to work towards attaining their Personal Best. We are not only applauding those who have delivered academic excellence, although they are certainly deserving of our accolades. We are also acknowledging those who may not be blessed with

natural talent in abundance, but exhibit a desire to organise themselves and graft out a path to success – a path to Personal Best. You show the traits that will hold you in good stead for a successful future. You display tenacity, perseverance, resilience and “stickability”. As a school system, we sometimes concentrate on marks, grades and academic outcomes to the exclusion of these characteristics. And we shouldn’t. Research has demonstrated that most of the world’s successful people have made these (and other) positive character traits habits in their lives. Zig Ziglar once said, “Success means doing the best we can with what we have. Success is the doing, not the getting; in the trying, not the triumph. Success is a personal standard, reaching for the highest that is in us, becoming all we can be”.

At our recent *Bucketts Way Community of Schools Education Week Awards* presentations, Gloucester High School had 4 very deserving winners. Mrs Anne Martin and Mrs Janelle Davis both attained awards for their ceaseless work with students with learning needs at the school. Mrs Mandy Nelson was commended for her ongoing excellence in running the school canteen. Mrs Chris Moulds received accolades for her untiring work in supporting the school’s technology. So well done to all our awards recipients – I congratulate your efforts and wish you well for your journey of lifelong learning!

Keep your eye on the *Advocate* for all the photos from the *Bucketts of Brains* extravaganza, organised by the Bucketts Way Community of Schools and involving over 650 students and around 50 staff! This was another highlight in our calendar, and again underlined what a great educational continuum is provided by our local Public Schools!

As you are aware, our Agriculture program here at Gloucester High School has traditionally been one of our “lighthouse” programs, and we would certainly want that to continue. What you may not be aware of, though, is the support provided to the school by the P&C Agriculture Sub-committee. The men and women of the sub-committee have been working hard to assist the school for many years, assisting with stock handling, transportation, cattle finances and various preparations for shows. Most of their membership, however, no longer have students at the school and would like to “hang up the reins”. So we are seeking some new people who are interested in matters Agricultural to join the team. The sub-committee meets when required and an influx of new people should guarantee that the jobs are shared around. This is a great way of tangibly supporting the students of the school, and I would urge you to seriously consider lending a hand. Please contact me at school if you can assist.

In other P&C news, at the next meeting (Thursday 25 August) the P&C will be discussing a modification to the school’s uniform policy to accommodate changes to the Sports/PE uniform. The P&C would also like to congratulate Mandy Nelson for her work in the canteen, and urge parents to support this huge fund-raising generator by having their child buy from Mandy’s huge range.

Stay rugged up and I’ll talk to you next time.

Cheers!

Pat Cavanagh

GHS WINS CHRIS HOARE CUP

Last Wednesday Gloucester HS played Bulahdelah Central School in the annual Education Week Gala Day. As part of the day, the Chris Hoare Cup (Opens Rugby League) was played with Gloucester running out convincing winners 26-10.

The Gloucester side made a very quick start to the game on the back of some great work from its forward pack consisting of Matt Wise, Jack Cohen, Matt Yates and Craig Murray. Some good field position and a great cross field kick from halfback Beau Hebblewhite forced an error from the Bulahdelah side and the repeat set saw Craig Murray dive over next to the upright. Jack Cohen converted to make it 6-0 to the home side. All the good work from the first 10 minutes was forgotten by the Gloucester boys and some errors and poor decisions let Bulahdelah work their way into the game. Gloucester finally cracked towards the end of the half and despite Gloucester's dominance it was 6-6 at the break. The break gave the home side a chance to regroup and they came out in the second half playing a similar brand of football that saw them go to the lead in the 1st half. Another close range try to Craig Murray saw the score out to 10-6. Further good field position and enterprising play saw Hayden Berry rewarded for his efforts with a try. Craig Murray again proved unstoppable from close range to around behind the posts to put the game beyond doubt. Cohen converting to make the score 20-6. Front rower Matt Wise finished off the game for the home side with a barge over try to make the score 26-6. A late consolation try to the visitors made the final score 26-10 and a victory to Gloucester High School. Captain Craig Murray was strong all game, fellow front rower Matt Wise gave the side go forward and Hayden Berry was busy as hooker. Beau Hebblewhite in the halves organised and kicked well and both centres, Rick Williams and Drew Garland were dangerous out wide.

The U/15 Boys Soccer had a close tussle with their Bulahdelah counterparts, going down 2-1. Ryan Yates scored Gloucester's goal with Tom Redman outstanding in defence and Jayden Snow making some great saves in goal. Darcy Tuckwell and Ned Selem also played well.





The Girls Touch was a hard fought battle which was eventually won by GHS 3-1. Hannah Yates, Gaby Middlebrook and Brodie Preston were the try scorers. The try scorers, along with Natalie Williams, Sarah Everett, Mikaela White and Caitlin Wardrop all played well.



The U/15 Girls Soccer lost 5-0. Better players were Hayley Brood in defence, Jamie- Lee Bird, Jeanny Thueil and Isabel Everett.

Gala Day Extravaganza

Two very keen groups of students were keen to show their athletic abilities on the netball court as GHS hosted Bulahdelah in the Gala Day extravaganza.



The Junior Team were first to hit the courts, and got off to a flying start against an inexperienced Bulahdelah team. At the end of the first quarter, Gloucester players were challenged to play in a variety of 'non-preferred' court positions for the remainder of the game to enable all girls to participate in the spirit of sportsmanship and good team spirit. Despite having a team of beginners, Bulahdelah never let up and they continued to battle with the GHS girls until the final whistle. Final score was 42-2 for GHS.



The Senior Team was not to be outdone and they also started their game with speed and accuracy, resulting in another convincing lead by the end of the first quarter. For the next two quarters, GHS players were again asked to play in non-preferred positions. GHS continued to score at a steady pace in each the remaining quarters, whilst Bulahdelah continued to build confidence in their offensive end resulting in a few good goals in the last quarter. The final score in this game was 57-9.

I would like to congratulate the girls from both schools on an outstanding day. The sportsmanship was brilliant, and it was especially pleasing to see the manner in which the GHS assisted the Bulahdelah girls throughout each of the games. My thanks go to Cody Williams and Kloe Hutchen for umpiring the junior game and to Betty Pearson for umpiring the senior game.

The Great Book Swap

Wednesday 7 September, 2011

“The Great Book Swap Challenge is a great idea. It was amazing to see so many kids so excited about exchanging books that they’d read and loved. Not only does it encourage reading but it raises funds for kids in remote communities who don’t have access to books. Everyone wins.”

Andy Griffiths,
ILF Ambassador

How does it work?

Students, teachers, staff and parents: Choose **one** of your favourite books and bring it into the GHS library well before the swap day. On Wednesday 7 September you make a small donation and swap your book for someone else’s. All the money raised is donated to the **Indigenous Literacy Foundation**.

Please note: It is important that your chosen book is valued; not just an old, shabby book that you don’t want anymore.

Please see Mrs West, Mrs Hogan or Ms Grey for more information.



Gloucester High School

OPEN INVITATION

ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES

All parents, grandparents, caregivers and friends of Years 7-12 are cordially invited to celebrate Book Week 2011 in the Gloucester High School Library on Wednesday 24 August .

The Library will be open from 10am until 12:30pm. Activities include acoustic music and poetry/book readings by students, teachers and community members. Year 11 Hospitality students will provide free tea, coffee and slice for all our visitors.

In keeping with the 2011 Book Week theme, *One World, Many Stories*, we are especially after items from other cultures and would love families to be involved. So, if you have a story, poem or song of up to three minutes duration that you would like to share with us on the day, please contact us on **65581605** ASAP so that we can add you to the programme.

The Gloucester Book Shop will again host a book fair, offering a discount on all titles. If you've been thinking of buying a book, let us know the title and we'll make sure that you can purchase it on the day. Cash payments only will be accepted.

Ashton Scholastic books and fun stationery items will also be available. Students may preview the items on the Monday and Tuesday before the fair. Money raised from all items will be used to purchase books for the library.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 24 August.

Deborah Hogan & Lyndy Grey, Teacher Librarians
8 August, 2011

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 3

Wednesday	10 August	CSIRO - Science Education Presentation
Thursday	11 August	Excellence Assembly -12pm
Friday	12 August	Gloucester Junior Cattle Show
Monday	15 August	Trial HSC begins
Monday	15 August	Subject Selection Night Year 11 7pm
Wednesday	17 August	Yr 8 Aboriginal Studies Excursion –Sydney
Thursday	18 August	Dungog Horse Sports
Tuesday	23 August	20 20 U/14's Cricket
Wednesday	24 August	Book Fair - 10am till 12:30pm – Library
Monday	29 August	Yr7 ,8, 9 - Semester 2 Exams begin
Friday	02 September	Senior Formal - Year 10,11,12
Thursday	22 September	Year 12 Formal Assembly
Friday	24 September	Last Day Term 3

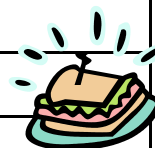


CANTEEN ROSTER

Ph. 6558 9963

TERM 3

Thursday	11 August	Alison
Friday	12 August	Elona
Monday	15 August	Elona
Tuesday	16 August	Karen Fenning
Wednesday	17 August	Vicki and Darryl
Thursday	18 August	Vicki S
Friday	19 August	Elona
Monday	22 August	Elona
Tuesday	23 August	Mary-Anne Carson
Wednesday	24 August	Lyndell
Thursday	25 August	Kristy H
Friday	26 August	Elona



CAREERS NEWS

University of NSW Minerals Summer School for Year 10 or Year 11 Students.

From 9 to 12 January 2012. Cost is \$200 for food, accommodation and excursion for the duration.

Find out about careers in the Minerals Industry.

See Mr Green or Ms Patterson for more information.

Year 11 - 2012 Subject Selections

An information night for parents and students is to be held on **Monday 15 August at 7pm** in the library.

David Garland, on behalf of Edwina McCloy from the Board of Studies, will discuss issues relating to gaining an HSC and an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Assessment Rank, previously known as UAI).

Alicia Franklin will also discuss VET and TAFE course choices, and the educational pathways they make available.

Teachers from each faculty will be present to discuss the subjects being offered at GHS, and which subjects will most suit individual students' needs.

As subject choices will need to be submitted by Friday 19 August, this will be a valuable source of information for you to use in your decision making. If you are not available on the night, please discuss any queries you have with the relevant faculty Head Teachers, Mr Green or myself.

Scott Davis
Year Adviser

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

Dear Senior Students (Years 10,11,12) and Parents/Guardians,

We wish to invite you to the **2011 Senior Formal** to be held on **Friday 2 September 2011**, at the **Gloucester Soldiers Club Auditorium**. The evening commences at 6pm and concludes at 11pm.

Tickets are \$30 each and will be available from 9 August each Tuesday & Thursday between 12.50 –1.30pm in the Year 10 Quad. Tickets are allocated to 1 ticket per Year 10, 11 and 12 students. Each Year 10 student is allocated 1 ticket per parent/step parent.

The evening is open to students **ONLY** from Years 10, 11 and 12, who attend Gloucester High School.

All tickets must be purchased by 25 August due to catering requirements. Tickets include nibbles, main course (which will be roast beef and roast pork with vegetables), dessert, soft drinks, cake and tea & coffee. Please advise if there are any specific dietary requirements.

PLEASE NOTE: THE EVENING IS AN ALCOHOL FREE ZONE FOR ALL STUDENTS AND ADULTS.

The Year 10 students and their partners will be seated together near the dance floor. Mr Davis will be doing the seating plan. Parents will be seated at the back of the hall. There will be no allocated seating. Photos will be taken of Year 10 students and their partners upon arrival and then they will be introduced into the auditorium. Please remember to forward you child's photo from pre-school or kindergarten to Sally Foot as soon as possible sally@forsterprinting.com.au.

We look forward to your presence at this memorable event.

Donna Jaeger

Gloucester High School 2011 P & C Formal Committee

Ph. 6558 9031 or 0438589482

Get Your Act Together for the

“BIG NIGHT IN!”

GACCI's Youth Talent Quest – FRIDAY 19 August at the Senior Citizen Hall, 7pm.

Each year the benchmark is raised higher and our local talent never ceases to impress! As usual, there are fantastic “cash” prizes and a variety of genres, so check them out and get your act together!

Three Sections

Years 5 & 6

Years 7, 8, 9

Years 10, 11, 12

Solo and Group Acts will be judged separately.

Genres

- * Solo Vocal *Solo Instrumental *Solo Instrumental/Vocal
- *Group Vocal *Group Instrumental *Group Vocal/Instrumental Vocal
- * Licorice Allsorts (comedy, circus, recital etc)

Entry forms are available from your school, or Gloucester Visitor Information Centre. Forms need to be returned to GHS Office or the Visitor Information Centre by 18 August 2011.

\$5 per entry per item. Contestants can only enter once in each genre and need to live in the 2422 Post Code area or attend a 2422 Post Code School.

For More Information.....Contact Debbie Howland 65584142

School Zones and Bus Zones

It has come to the attention of Council that a large number of motorists in the Gloucester area are not aware of the rules and regulations with regard to parking restrictions in and around School Zones and Bus Zones.

Please be advised that any offence committed in a School Zone carries a minimum on the spot fine penalty of \$265.00 up to \$353.00 for some other offences, plus demerit points are also applied to offences committed in School Zones.

To promote awareness of the dangers of unsafe parking Council's Ranger has issued numerous warnings during the period from, 17 January 2011 to the 22 March 2011. Since the 23 March 2011 Infringement notices have been issued to a disappointing number of drivers who have committed offences in and around School Zones, in the Gloucester area.

The Gloucester Advocate has also printed a number of stories with regard to the appointment of Council's Ranger and the role of the Ranger that clearly spelled out the functions of the Ranger and the fact that Police and Council were going to blitz School Zones early in the new year to promote safe practices in and around School zones by motorists.

Unfortunately a large number of motorists have are still being issued with infringement notices in School Zones.

Please remember that the road safety rules are there to ensure the safety of all road users and especially our children. Abiding by the rules may just prevent you or your child from becoming a statistic.

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY IN THE SCHOOL ZONE

Breakfast Club
Every Wednesday Morning
Come and join us at 8:30am

STROUD ROAD

Spring

'Bash 'n Bang'

Family Bonfire & Fireworks

Saturday 27th August
OPEN MIC

Entertainment from 6.00pm
Adults / High School \$7.00
Kinder to Year 6 \$3.00

Food & Drinks Available 'Random Raffle' Draw

Bring a chair & say good-bye to Winter with our warm bonfire
As we welcome in Spring with a night's sky filled with colour

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Enquiries :- Rod Williams 4994 5162 or Garry Snowden 4994 5432

Let's talk about it

Wed 17th August 11am - 12noon

Deliberate Self-Harm

**Why do people self-harm?
What can we do to help?**

Presented by: Lois Ross

Lois is a Clinical Nurse Specialist who is working with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service at Taree Community Health Centre.

Venue: Hallidays Point Library
Shop 1 Village Centre, Hallidays Point.

Bookings essential see Library Staff or ph: 6559 3066

This program is part of a series planned in partnership between Manning Mental Health and Greater Taree City Libraries



Mental Health Month

Gloucester Library

Bookings 65581514

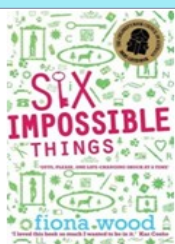
Loss, Grief and Trauma 0-5years

4 October 2011 - 10am to 11am

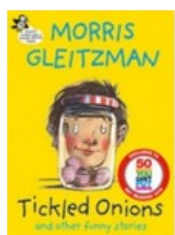
Masculinity and Mental Health

11 October 2011 - 10am to 11am

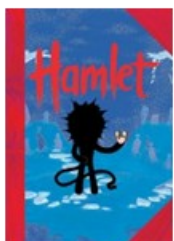
NEW BOOKS



SIX IMPOSSIBLE THINGS – Fourteen year old nerd-boy Dan Cereill is not quite coping with a reversal of family fortune, moving house, new school hell, a mother with a failing wedding cake business, a just-out gay dad and an impossible crush on the girl next door. His life is a mess, but for now he's narrowed it down to six impossible things..... Author Fiona Wood



TICKLED ONIONS - From one of Australia's funniest authors, a bunch of stories slightly damp with tears of laughter. Kids in a pickle, parents in a jam, these tales are alive with fun and good humour. When young readers get a taste of Tickled Onions, they'll be back for more. Author Morris Gleitzman

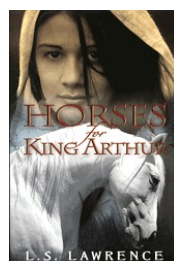


HAMLET – In this sumptuous staging of Shakespeare's enigmatic play on the page, Nicki Greenberg has created an extraordinary visual feast that sweeps up everything in its path as the drama intensifies both on stage and off.

Astounding work – unique, gripping and as ever, tragic.



ALASKA – When Mia follows her sister halfway across the world to Alaska, she discovers that love can be found in the most unexpected and beautiful of places, But can Mia find the courage to follow her heart in Alaska? And what if the one you love is not all that you wish them to be? Author Sue Saliba



HORSES FOR KING ARTHUR –In Britain, the year 475. The world is darkening. In the darkness, there are some who dream. Artorius dreams of victory over the barbarians who raid in the night. And Alexa, half-Roman, dreams of breeding the horses that will carry him to that victory. Soon she will take her chances and follow her dream, wherever it takes her. Author L.S. Lawrence.

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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