



NSW Department of Education and Training

**GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL****NEWSLETTER**

# One World, Many Stories

70 GHS students, staff, parents and community members had a fantastic day celebrating Book Week 2011 on Wednesday 24 August. On offer was a wide range of poetry, stories and songs that proved once again the wealth of talent we have at our school and in our local area.

The day began with a traditional Worimi story, given by Uncle Ken. Gabby Colquhoun followed, enthralled all with her performance poetry. The student contributions were also very highly regarded, with many parents commenting on the quality of student writing from Years 7 to 11.

Year 11 Hospitality students treated all present to coffee, tea, slices and biscuits.

Hayley Johns, Jake Harris and Luke Grey took out the Book Week Poster Competition. Hayley won first prize for Yrs 7/8, winning an Ashton Scholastic book voucher. Jake gained first prize for Yr 9/10, also winning an Ashton Scholastic voucher; and Luke took out the senior section, winning a Gloucester Bookshop voucher.

Jack Lawler won the lucky door prize on the day, a milkshake maker donated by Gloucester Retravisation.

Staff, students and parents browsed the quality books provided by The Gloucester Bookshop. The Bookshop offered the public 15% off on the day and donated a further 5% to the library.

Gloucester High School wishes to thank the parents who supported the day, the participants and especially those who worked behind the scenes to make the day a success.



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



It was great to see the educational community of the Bucketts Way so wonderfully represented at Monday night's presentation by Michael McQueen. Michael presented the results of his research into generational differences in an entertaining and informative way. 40 teachers, support staff, students and parents were part of a broader gathering involving representatives from local business and industry.

The pre-dinner entertainment was provided by a talented bunch comprised of Tiana Snowden, Caitlin Tonelli, Jessie Eather and Alex Bratfield, and the evening was ably hosted by our Captains Jake Laurie and Emily Hamilton. Thanks must go to Pam Fischer from Midcoast Connect and Geoff Marshall from the Gloucester Chamber of Commerce for their coordination of this event. It is great to see an entire community benefit from the wisdom of a highly sought after educational speaker, and we aim to provide more of the same throughout this year and into next.

There have been some recent developments regarding GHS staff. As you know, Mr Kevin Costa will be taking up a Head Teacher (Mathematics) position beginning in week 4 of term 4. A panel to select Kevin's replacement (huge shoes to fill!) has been convened and interviews will most likely occur during week 2 of term 4. Daniel Moar has deservedly earned a Deputy Principal's position at Grafton High School. He and Leisa have made a tremendous impact on the culture, direction and smooth running of Gloucester High, and will both be sorely missed. Vicki Coombes, our Science Head Teacher, has been on leave for 2011 and will embark on her well-deserved retirement from the end of this year. The Department of Education and Communities personnel have been informed of these vacancies, which will be filled according to normal staffing processes. The Mathematics vacancy left by Michael Malone will also be filled. On one hand, it is difficult for a school to wave goodbye to some very capable and experienced people. They are, however, thoroughly deserving of their respective "next phases of life" and I wish them well. On the other hand, we are provided with unique opportunities to select quality replacements through the Merit Selection process. If parents wish to be trained in being a member of a selection panel, I will be conducting training on

Wednesday 14 September from 4:00 until 6:00 pm in the school library. Please contact me if you want to be a part of the action (afternoon tea will be provided!)

On Thursday 8 September, staff will be involved in a 24 hour state-wide industrial stoppage to protest against changes to industrial laws that relate to public sector workers. Following an assessment of the number of staff participating in the industrial action, it has been determined that the school will be unable to provide any adequate supervision on Thursday and will, therefore, be non-operational. No supervision of students will be possible. Parents and carers are asked to make alternative arrangements for their children for the day. Normal lessons will resume on Friday 9 September. The decision to participate in industrial action has not been taken lightly and the safety of students is paramount. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Cheers!

## CAREERS NEWS by Greg Green

- All Early entry and principal's recommendation applications are due to me to get School Statements supplied. Also UAC Education Assistance Scheme (online) for extra ATAR points, ASAP.
- Motor Traders Association Apprenticeship scheme for apprenticeships based in Sydney. They will find you an employer and place you- see [www.mtaplus.com.au](http://www.mtaplus.com.au)
- Le Cordon Bleu Scholarships for 2012 for Business and Management in the Hotel Industry. If you are interested in Hospitality –see [www.lecordonbleu.com.au](http://www.lecordonbleu.com.au)
- Courses Information Day for Southern Cross University in Lismore on 25 October- Application and more information from me.
- Make sure you have applied to UAC for your University Places for 2012 as soon as you can to avoid late fees. You need your student number and pin number plus credit card to apply. Applications are all online. If you intend to apply interstate all applications are also online and have the same closing dates.
- Bridging courses at UNSW. See me for more information. These run in January 2012.

Pat Cavanagh



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Deputy Principal: Mike King

Dear Parents/Carers,

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2011

On Thursday, September 8th, 2011, members of the NSW Teachers Federation will be participating in a 24-hour state-wide stoppage called to protest against changes to industrial laws that relate to public sector workers in NSW. The teaching staff and support staff at Gloucester High School will be among those participating in the stoppage.

Following an assessment regarding the number of teachers likely to participate in the industrial action, it has been determined that the school will be unable to provide any adequate supervision on Thursday, September 8th. Therefore, in consideration of the safety of students, the school will be **non-operational** for the duration of the industrial action. **No supervision of students will be possible.**

Parents and caregivers are asked to make suitable alternative arrangements for their children for Thursday, September 8th, 2011. Normal school will resume on Friday, September 9th.

The decision to participate in industrial action is not taken lightly and the safety of students is paramount. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Pat Cavanagh  
Principal



## ENVIROSMART GRANT

On Thursday 25 August 2011, representatives from the NSW Minerals Council and Gloucester Coal presented the school with a \$500 Envirosmart Grant.

This was applied for earlier in the year and the Science Dept was successful in gaining this funding. The money is used to fund an excursion for Year 8 students to the Stratford mine where they learn about career opportunities, and the processes used in mining and rehabilitating land after mining.

The school would like to publicly thank Gloucester Coal and The NSW Minerals Council for their continued support of local education.



## GIRLS' NIGHT AT *PIX FROM THE STIX*

Talented photographers Kate Wilson (Year 9) and Ellen Starrett (Year 11) were awarded the top three places in the Junior section of Gloucester Arts & Cultural Council's 2011 *Pix from the Stix* competition. Entries were judged by Martin Pieris, University of Newcastle lecturer in photo media.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ellen Starrett "Flooding"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Wilson "Day is Nearly Over"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ellen Starrett "Mum's Garden"

The *Pix from the Stix* Exhibition was held June 17-24 July at the Gloucester Gallery.



Junior winner of *Pix from the Stix*: Ellen Starrett with Judge Martin Pieris and *Pix from the Stix* Co-ordinator and Chris Steele





"Flooding" by Ellen Starrett



"Day is Nearly Over" by Kate Wilson

## Gloucester Junior Cricket Club

On Tuesday, 13 September beginning at 3.30pm, Gloucester Junior Cricket Club will be holding the official opening of the new cricket nets. A representative from NSW Cricket will be in attendance and providing coaching from 4pm – 5.15pm.

A BBQ and drinks will be available on the day. The club will also be taking registrations that afternoon.

Under 16's - \$70 Enquiries – Brett (65582377) or Nikki (65589566)

Under 13's - \$55 Enquiries – Craig (65589451)

Kanga - \$55 Enquiries – Neil (65584401)

Milo - \$55 Enquiries – Stacey (0407 582 889)

***All Welcome – hope to see you there!***



## Last Chance

The Great Australian Rock Musical DVD

Order from the

School Office - \$10 each

order by 23 September 2011

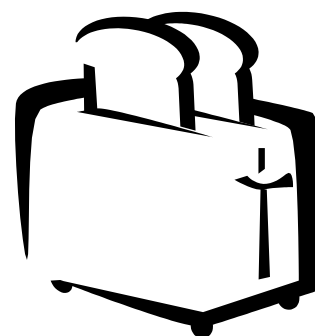
## Gloucester High School 2011 Breakfast Club

8am to 9am

Toast with various spreads

And Hot Milo

**A healthy breakfast makes  
Happy Learners!**





# SCHOOL CALENDAR

## TERM 3

Thursday	08 September	Industrial Action Day
Thursday	08 September	CHS Athletics - 2 days—Homebush
Monday-Friday	12-16 September	Year 11 Preliminary Exams
Friday	16 September	Quiz Night 6:30pm at GHS Hall
Monday-Wednesday	19-21 September	Year 10 SC Trial
Wednesday	21 September	Year 12—last day of lessons
Thursday	22 September	Silver Duke of Edinburg trip - 4 days
Thursday	22 September	Year 12—BBQ Breakfast 7:30am
Thursday	22 September	Year 12 Formal Assembly
Friday	23 September	Tri Challenge
Friday	23 September	Last Day Term 3

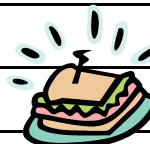


## CANTEEN ROSTER

Ph. 6558 9963

## TERM 3

Thursday	8 September	Val R
Friday	9 September	Elona
Monday	12 September	Elona
Tuesday	13 September	Kate
Wednesday	14 September	Alison W
Thursday	15 September	Vicki S
Friday	16 September	Elona
Monday	19 September	Elona
Tuesday	20 September	Marry Anne C
Wednesday	21 September	Jennie S
Thursday	22 September	Tania T
Friday	23 September	Elona



**PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY IN THE SCHOOL ZONE**

# P & C SENIOR FORMAL 2011

The 2011 P & C Senior Formal took place at the Gloucester Soldiers Club on Friday 2 September. The evening was organised by a sub-committee of the Gloucester High School P & C Organisation with input from a student committee comprised of Year 10 students. The theme was “masquerade” and hard-working parents had been working over the previous two days to have the Soldiers Club auditorium atmospherically decorated.

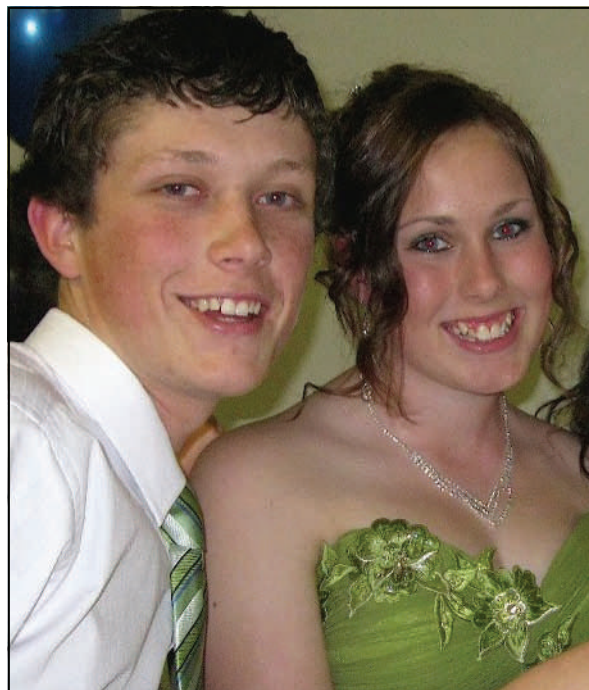
Following a ‘pre-show’ photographic session courtesy of Mr Chris Steele, the Formal began with MC and Year 10 Adviser Mr Scott Davis introducing the Year 10 students and their dates as they entered the main auditorium of the Club. With the blokes looking dapper and the girls stunning in their formal wear, students paraded down a non-existent red carpet before being presented as a group at the front of the auditorium for parents keen to capture the magic moment with an opportune photograph.

Guests were then served a generously portioned and sumptuous traditional meat and veg meal, cooked to perfection as usual by the always reliable Norm Bartlett. Having already been treated to delicious hors-d’oeuvres courtesy of Perenti maestro Jane Westcott, the main meal delivered the proverbial icing on the cake. Speaking of cake, Jack Wilson and Natalie Williams were the two lucky students randomly chosen by GHS principal Mr Pat Cavanagh to cut an enormous Hebbys’ sponge, which would be served later in the evening with tea and coffee.

After the cutting of the cake came the formal dancing. Under the tutelage of PDHPE teachers Mr Adam Cameron and Ms Sue Kierstead, Year 10 students had been learning the dances in the lead-up to the big night. Most proved to be very capable on the floor, although Mitchell Kellner showed that, as a formal dancer, he makes an excellent dirt-bike rider. In the parent dance, on the other hand, Kate Radford’s father Brett showed Astaire-like qualities, proving that the ‘oldies’ can still be graceful on their feet.

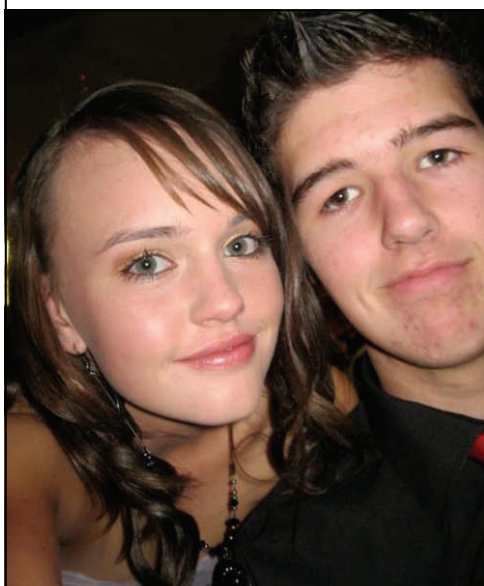


A mouth-watering dessert followed the dancing and then guests were entertained by visual presentations compiled by Sally Foot and Jack Wilson respectively. In a welcome break from tradition, Layne Ross and Rhiannon Jaeger-Michael also took students on a trip down memory lane with some humorous recollections of high school years. The night closed with Kate Radford, Kristen Yarnold and Caitlins Wardrop and Tonnelli singing a well- chosen song about FRIENDShip (get it?)



Many thanks to the organising committee and parents for their tireless efforts in realising this memorable night (special mention to Mr Santino Tonnelli for spending many lunch-times in the Year 10 quad selling tickets). Our deepest gratitude to Mrs Leisa Moar for giving up birthday celebrations to skilfully coordinate the very professional Year 9 waiters. In the kitchen, Year 9 parents along with Mrs Louise Harris and Year 11 students Clair and Hannah Deen kept the meals coming all night. Thanks to Mrs Ingram for organising the sound equipment and a big thank you to Jason Murray, our 'music man' for the evening. Senior students who accompanied Year 10 students on the night were much appreciated too. Finally, thank you to all of the Year 10 students, who conducted themselves with grace and dignity on what was a magical evening.

Mr Davis Year 10 Adviser 2011







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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BLUELIGHT

**GLOUCESTER**  
**Senior Dance Party**

**Entry - \$5**

**FRIDAY**

**16 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**7:00pm to 10:00pm**

**GLOUCESTER SOLDIERS CLUB**

**EVENT SUPERVISED BY POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS**

**GUEST DJ—CENTRAL COASTS GARRY KITE**

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZES ON OFFER**

**FOR STUDENTS AGED 13 YEARS OR OLDER**

*"WE DON'T JUST DANCE"*

**NO ALCOHOL NO DRUGS NO PASSPOUTS**

# FIRST AID COURSE

- For:** Any interested Year 11 & 12 students
- When:** Wednesday 26 October &  
Thursday 27 October 2011  
(Term 4, week3)
- Where:** Gloucester High School
- Time:** 9:00 am - 3:15 pm each day
- Cost:** \$90.00 per student
- Provider:** Royal Lifesaving Society of Australia



Please leave your name with Ms. Keirstead if you are interested in participating in the First Aid Course by 9 September 2011 (end of week 8)

## Mental Health Month

Gloucester Library

Bookings 65581514

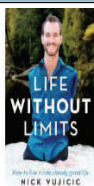
### Loss, Grief and Trauma 0-5years

4 October 2011 - 10am to 11am

### Masculinity and Mental Health

11 October 2011 - 10am to 11am

## NEW BOOKS



*LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS* is the story of gutsy Nick Vujicic, an amazing 28-year-old Aussie born without arms or legs who is now an internationally successful inspirational speaker. He's already appeared in an acclaimed short film doing his own stunts and his zest for life is unbelievably infectious.



*INSIDE OUT* – I'm Trella. I'm a scrub. A nobody. I've got one friend, do my job and try to avoid the Pop Cops. So what if I occasionally use the pipes to sneak around the Upper levels? I accidentally start a rebellion, fall in love with an Upper and become the go-to-girl to lead a revolution..... Author Maria V. Snyder



*OUTSIDE IN* – Okay, so I did prove that there's more to Inside than we knew. A whole world exists beyond this cube we live in. And finding that led to a major rebellion between worker scrubs like me and the snobby Uppers who rule our world. Fans of the Hunger Games series will devour this book. Author Maria V. Snyder



*A POCKETFUL OF EYES* – Bee is in her element working in the taxidermy department at the Museum of Natural History, but her summer job turns out to be full of surprises. Can Bee sift through the clues to discover whether her mentor really committed suicide...or is there a murderer in their midst? Author Lili Wilkinson



*THE IVORY ROSE* – Jemma has just landed her first job, babysitting Sammy. It's in Rosethorne, one of the famous Witches' Houses near where she lives. Sammy says the house is haunted by a sad little girl, but Jemma doesn't know what to believe. Another thrilling timeslip tale from Belinda Murrell, author of the *Ruby Talisman* and the *Locket of Dreams*



*ZOMBIES VS UNICORNS* is a short story feud that pits horned beasts against the shuffling undead. *Zombies Vs Unicorns* challenges you to pick a team, and stick to it. But be warned, these are stellar storytellers, and they can be very convincing...

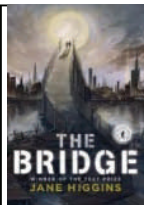


*HEROES OF TOBRUK* – It is 1940, and sixteen year-old Peter Fullerton and his best mate Tony Cantonelli give false names and lie about their age to enlist in the army. *Heroes of Tobruk* follows Peter and Tony from the outbreak of war, through military training and the Siege of Tobruk. Author David Mulligan



*THE LAST DRAGONSLAYER* Fifteen year old Jennifer Strange runs Kazam, an employment agency for soothsayers and sorcerers. But work is drying up. Drain cleaner is cheaper than a spell, and even magic carpets are reduced to pizza delivery. Author Jasper Fforde





*THE BRIDGE* Southside, the hostiles live in squalor and desperation. They're hungry to cross the river. Cityside, ISIS is in charge. Its job-keep the hostiles at bay. ISIS recruits only the best for its elite command. Nik is smart. Very smart. So why does ISIS reject him? Author Jane Higgins



*THE MAZE RUNNER* When the doors of the lift crank open, the only thing Thomas can remember is his first name. But he's not alone. He's surrounded by boys who welcome him to the Glade, an encampment at the centre of a bizarre and terrible maze. Author James Dashner



*THE HAPPIEST REFUGEE* tells the incredible, uplifting and inspiring life story of one of our favourite personalities. Tragedy, humour, heartache and unswerving determination – a big life with big dreams. Anh Do's story will move and amuse all who read it.



*DOES MY HEAD LOOK BIG IN THIS?* Welcome to my world. I'm Amal Abdel-Hakim, a sixteen year old Australian-Palestinian-Muslim still getting to grips with my various identity hypens. Luckily my friends support me, although they've got a few troubles of their own. Author Randa Abdel-Fattah



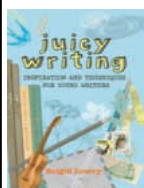
*TEN THINGS I HATE ABOUT ME* There are a lot of things Jamie hates about her life: her dark hair, her dad's Stone Age Charter of Curfew Rights, her real name – Jamilah Towfee. For the past three years Jamie has hidden her Lebanese background from everyone at school. Author Randa Abdel-Fattah



*WHERE THE STREETS HAD A NAME* Thirteen year old Hayaat is on a mission. She believes a handful of soil from her grandmother's ancestral home in Jerusalem will save her beloved Sitti Zeynab's life. Author Randa Abdel-Fattah



*ACT OF FAITH* England, 1640. Sixteen year old Isabella is forced to flee her home when her father's radical ideas lead him into a suicidal stand against Oliver Cromwell's army. Author Kelly Gardiner



*JUICY WRITING* Brigid Lowry knows the highs and lows of being a writer, but she still thinks it's a joy. In this book she takes you on a journey to discover yourself and what you really want to say, AND how to make it juicy and original. Author Brigid Lowry



*BEYOND FEAR* At seventeen, Jodie Cramer survived a terrifying assault at the hands of three strangers. Her schoolmate Angie was not so lucky.....An adrenaline-pumping suspense thriller from an extraordinary new talent. Author Jaye Ford

# Gloucester High School P & C QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 16 September

DOORS OPEN 6.30 PM

FIRST QUESTION 7.00 PM

quiz will take place in high school hall

\$10 per person

max of 10 people per table

pay on the night

prizes for BEST DECORATED TABLE  
BEST DRESSED

TO BOOK A TABLE OR ASK A QUESTION

BYO -

CONTACT

JANET  
SHARON

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REFRESHMENTS / EATS TO GET YOU THROUGH THE NIGHT

BRING YOUR GOLD COINS WE TAKE BRIBES AND SELL ANSWERS

## 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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