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NEWSLETTER 28 November 2012

School Calendar Term 4

Wednesday 28 November Year 10 Drama Production

Wednesday 5 December Year 6 Orientation Day

Thursday 6 December Stratford Mine - Year 8 Science

Monday 10 December Presentation Night

Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 November Mulitcultural Festival

Thursday 20 December School Development Day

Friday 21 December School Development Day

Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day

Wednesday 26 December Boxing Day

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Monday 26 November Elona

Tuesday 27 November

Kate

Wednesday 28 November Helen T

Thursday 29 November

Nikki

Friday 30 November

Elona

Monday 03 December Elona

Tuesday 04 December

Wednesday 05 December

Jennie

Thursday 06 December

Reena

Friday 07 December Elona

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



With time moving remarkably quickly, it still amazes me where the year has gone! Students have completed their exams and assessment tasks, teachers are busy getting reports finalised, and we are already well into the planning for 2013 – unbelievable!

If you come up to school, you'll see a few things going on. Firstly the corridors and classrooms in A, B and C blocks are being painted as part of the DEC cyclic maintenance program. Even after only 1 day of work, the place already looks modernised, fresh and ready for action. By week 10 this term, the job should be finished. Still on plans to modernise, we have obtained quotes for the re-building of our Ag facilities at school, incorporating a new slab, shed, yards and crush. We are seeking external funding support for this refurbishment, but will be launching a "Purchase a Panel" scheme early in the new year. More news on this one in 2013. Staff and students are continuing to raise the extra money needed for our school bus. The SRC will be fund raising

in earnest over the coming weeks, and there will be opportunities for families to assist through our "Money Tree" raffle, to be drawn on Presentation Night (which is on Monday 10 December). Also drawn that night will be our Retravision voucher raffle, with prizes of \$100, \$150 and \$250. And if you've paid your child's school fees, you are automatically in the draw! By the way, thanks to all those who have paid their fees. Without your assistance we would be unable to provide the level of support for educational programs that we do. On another front, Mr Davis and his intrepid Drama crew are in the final throws of preparation for their latest show: Cinderella: The Untold Story. This is sure to be another hit production, and I urge you to come and have a look at the quality of the work put in by Mr Davis and his band of players!

Finally from me this week, I'd like to extend my sincere congratulations to a valued colleague. Mrs Jennifer Stockdale has been Principal of Gloucester Public School for many years, and has steered the ship brilliantly over this time. Upon my arrival to Gloucester, Jenny made me most welcome. Since then, we have collaborated on many projects, shared many ideas, and worked closely to develop a quality educational continuum from Kindergarten to Year 12. It was fabulous to hear Jenny recently say that she had "Had a ball!" in her teaching career. Well done, Mrs Stockdale! I hope that, when my time comes, I can reflect on my journey as positively and with as much fondness as you. Enjoy your wellearned retirement!

Cheers! Pat Cavanagh



Care Achievement Respect Effort Re-

YEAR 9 MATHS EXCURSION

Nineteen Year 9 students travelled to Nabiac to join up with students from other local schools for a tour of Newcastle University looking at options for study involving Mathematics.

The first speaker was an Environmental Biologist who gave the students a talk on a case study involving a frog where the male gives birth. Many questions were raised to give the students an understanding of the variety of problems that can be addressed.

The next talk involved research with Robots. Students saw a robot playing soccer and again saw the many problems that had to be addressed. Students enjoyed this very much. The aim is to have a team of robots play humans by 2050.

The final stop before lunch was to see where engineers test the breaking strength of various materials used in construction. This was a very practical area.

Students then caught the bus to the University Museum where they had lunch and a tour. Here they saw some of the work being done by Design Engineers. After that they got to experience some hands on 'toys' and look around the Museum.

The day was considered outstanding by the students. It gave them the opportunity to see a few of the many fields where mathematics can be used. The students came back inspired.

Philip Dowle Head Teacher Mathematics

CHANGE OF SCHOOL ROUTINE ON FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2012

Year 10 Drama will be presenting their end of year production, *Cinderella The Untold Story*, in the school hall on Friday 30 November at 1:40pm. Your child is invited to attend this performance and admission will be by gold coin donation.

A fairytale wedding of the fake Cinderella and Prince Charming comes to a screeching halt when O'Reilly, a fairy tale fixer, breaks it up to reveal the true, untold story. In zany, fast-paced action, the fake couple is replaced by a Cinderella that's conveniently been sitting in the audience in costume, and an unprince-like character named Chip. The real Cinderella and newly-christened Prince Chip meet at the ball and fall in "like" instantaneously. However, to save the ending and become Prince Chip's true love, Cinderella must battle other classic princesses, such as Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, and even The Little Mermaid.

This is a feel-good parody of a classic fairy-tale delivered by an exciting cast of young performers.

Mr Davis Year 10 Drama

CAREERS NEWS

Congratulations to three of our students who have received Early Entry under the Principals Recommendation Scheme. Alex Bratfield, Jessie Eather and Bree Gambrill have already been offered places at Southern Cross University.

We had a 100% acceptance for UNE Early Entry applicants who have been selected for admission to University of New England. Congratulations Alex Bratfied, Hannah Deen, Kyia Eveleigh, Ashleigh Fenning, Kloe Hutchen, Abbie Jones, Brittani Mackenzie, Samantha McDougall, Mikaela White and Cody Williams.

Holiday Science Experience

Holiday Science Experience at several NSW Universities for Year 9 & 10 Students. Please see Mr Green for details. or go to www.scienceexperience.com.au

SALEYARD EXCURSION

Last Thursday, students from Year 10 Agriculture, walked to the Gloucester Saleyards to complete their Animal Production units. The Ag Team Committee made the decision to sell the schools weaner calves at last week's store sale to gain some money to purchase some more quality animals for the students to parade at Wingham Beef Week and Gloucester Show next year. Unfortunately, we were not able to find any animals that really caught our eye, but managed to sell our animals for above average prices on the day.

By Jaslyn Tuckwell & Sam Harris

SCHOLASTIC - Book Club

Pick up your Book Club Catalogue Order (Issue 8) from the LIBRARY.

Orders for this issue need to be returned and paid for at the Front Office by 30/11/2012

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Recently I have been reflecting again on the school values and the importance of these values. The values of this school, Care, Achievement, Respect, Effort and Responsibility, are at the heart of the dignity of a human being. We all need to feel loved, have a sense of belonging, to be safe and respected. We all need to achieve something worthwhile and to experience the joy of doing things we really love to do. We need to be empowered to take responsibility for ourselves and our actions and to be assisted to do this. These values are at the core of the way we relate to one another and how we achieve a sense of worth and success in the world. A chaplain's role is about supporting the actual living of these values.

The way we treat one another says a lot about who we are as individuals and as a school group.

Caring, treating others as we want to be treated, involves developing good habits and healthy ways of seeing and being with others. We have choices about how we treat others. It is all in the way we think and the habits of mind and communication that we develop.

The following ideas and attitudes about caring can be adopted and can make a big difference to the happiness of everyone in the school community. You are invited to think about these ideas or habits and about the opposite habits which can destroy the wellbeing of others. You are invited to make some decisions about yourself or the way you speak amongst your friends about others, and then to choose happiness as a way to be.

CARING HABITS

SUPPORTING ENCOURAGING
LISTENING ACCEPTING
TRUSTING RESPECTING
NEGOTIATING DIFFERENCE
INCLUDING REMAINING OPEN

INCLUDING REMAINING OPEN APPRECIATING BEING GRATEFUL

DEADLY HABITS FOR DESTROYING HAPPINESS

CRITICIZING BLAMING
COMPLAINING NAGGING
THREATENING PUNISHING

EXCLUDING THINKING YOU KNOW

COMPARING YOU ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS

BRIBING/REWARDING

Eulalie O'Keefe Chaplain

GHS 2013 MUSICAL ANNOUNCED



Hairspray, the hit Broadway musical based on the 1988 John Waters film of the same name, will be the Gloucester High School Musical for 2013. The songs include 1960s-style dance music and *Downtown* rhythm and blues. In 1962 Baltimore, Maryland, plump teenager Tracy Turnblad's dream is to dance on *The Corny Collins Show*, a local TV dance program. When Tracy wins a role on the show, she becomes a celebrity overnight. She then launches a campaign to integrate the show. Hairspray is a social commentary on the injustices of parts of American society in the 1960s.

Auditions for the musical will take place next week with a view to performances occurring in Week Nine of Term Two next year. Mr Davis and Mrs Ingram will once again be acting as producers with Mr Davis directing the stage action and Mrs Ingram in charge of the music. Watch this space for further information!



For Children and Teenagers with Type 1 Diabetes

and their Parents, Carers and Families (Great Lakes, Gloucester and the Manning)

Come along for morning tea and a get together at a great family venue in Taree

Saturday, 8th December 2012

10.00am - 12noon

children's playground, movie & craft, DS/ipod lounge (pring your own DS/ipod)

Please RSV P: by Wed 5thth December

Contact Julie at manningt1diabetes@gmail.com
Or Rachelle 0402 801 625

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL P & C MEETING

25 October 2012

Present: P Cavanagh, A Ward, A Wise, J Garner, A Hoggett, T Kingston, R Starrett, K Hall, V Eather, J Eather

Apologies J Ingram, E Green, H Turnbull

Membership received from Jesse Eather

Previous minutes read and accepted: A Ward/P Cavanagh

Business Arising: Aled to pay faculty donation in one cheque and Pat will distribute. The amount is \$8000, \$6000 to be paid to school and added to the \$2000 school is holding from the Wool awards.

Working bee – a lot was achieved as well as further work identified.

Principals report

Working bee achieved a lot – thanks to all who attended.

Alternative Learning Pathways initiative – for students at risk of dropping out- being looked at by staff.

Proposal for participation in an Endurance Horse ride next year as a funding raiser.

Exemplary program nominations – Beef Week, Tri Challenge, Spirit Day.

School Funds and major items – with changes to funding (Local School, Local decision) there may be some funds available to major projects.

Treasurers report: Current balance as at 25/10/12 \$10,436.65

Year 10 Formal made a profit of approximately \$500 Moved and seconded Alison Ward/Alison Wise

Canteen Treasurers report: Balance as at 30 September \$33,741.11. Janet queried this amount and this will be checked again with Helen. Both Janet and Sharon have offered to assist Helen as she learns the ropes! Bus money needs to be paid to Pat so \$20,000 will be moved to the main account to facilitate this. Vicki reminded the meeting money will need to be kept aside for the big uniform bill that will come early next year.

Moved and seconded Alison Ward/Alison Wise

Chaplains Program Financial Report: Balance as at 30/9/12 \$15,178.6 as Government funds have arrived. \$10,000 to

be put into term deposit – Janet to investigate best deals available. \$1064 owed to the school for 4 weeks wages paid by them earlier in the year. Tony is still only Interim Treasurer and keen to pass over this role. Aled feels he may be in a position to manage the accounts for P & C but this will be decided at AGM.

Current contract about to end, meeting agreed Eulalie to be offered further 12 month contract. Pat endorsed the good work she was doing with students. Pat and Tony to meet to discuss role definition.

Moved and seconded Alison Ward/Alison Wise

Ag Committee report: Money currently held \$11,170. \$1705 currently owed to CRT.

Cattle being assessed next week with a view to selling some. Ag team meeting had been held minutes to be supplied.

Maintenance and new equipment requirements being assessed. Committee would like to target next year's local show and encourage student participation in all areas

Correspondence in:

As per list

CSG Committee – asking for P & C to cater for Saturdays event to be held at High School. Janet coordinating, desperately need more volunteers. Email and note to go out asking for same

Rotary –asking for assistance with setting up for RYSAP 24 November. Letter to go home to Year 10 parents.

Correspondence out - Nil

General Business:

Nominations for P & C award – discussed and voted on – winner to be announced at Presentation night.

School Bus: School has a goal of \$40,000. More fund raising required but hoping to be available by Term 2 next year.

New demountable has arrived.

Request from parents that awards process be clarified—ie how 1st in Year is decided. Pat to explain at future meeting.

Concern raised over recent "Healing day". Pat acknowledged concerns and assured it would not be presented again in that format. Further discussion regarding current religious education practices.

Meeting closed 9:10pm

Next meeting Thursday 22 November. Meeting at 6pm followed by meal at Gloucester Pantry – Alison Ward to arrange.

NEW BOOKS



KIDS' PARTY CAKES - "Quick and easy decorated cakes for any celebration." Creating fabulous cakes that kids will love is a major part of any celebration, but without experience and a reliable recipe, decorating cakes can be daunting. "Kids' Party Cakes" features 50 achievable yet extraordinary cakes that can be made with a minimum of fuss. The recipes are suitable for beginners and feature full-page photography and step-by-step instructions.



MY FIRST CUPCAKE DECORATING BOOK - Budding bakers will love these 35 recipes for making super-cute cakes! You'll learn how to make delicious cupcakes, cookies, cake pops and more -- and transform them into fantastic creations. All the projects are easy to follow with adorable artworks to guide you along the way; plus, each one has a grade so you can start with the easiest and then move on as your decorating skills improve.



THE WORLD'S BEST STREET FOOD - The street is where you'll find the heart of a cuisine and its culture – somewhere among the taco carts and noodle stalls, the scent of wood fires and the hubbub of fellow diners. 100 authentic recipes with simple, clear instructions for perfect preparation. Glossary of exotic ingredients with easy-to-find alternatives. Written by food writers from around the world with an introduction by Tom Parker Bowles.



THE ORCHARD BOOK OF HEROES AND VILLAINS - From the brave warrior, Beowulf, to the resourceful castaway, Robinson Crusoe, to the skilled rider who became Alexander the Great, the young heroes take on great challenges and terrible villains, from ruthless Viking chiefs, to hideous monsters and terrifying giants. Retold in a lively and humorous style by Tony Bradman and accompanied by Tony Ross's distinctive illustrations.

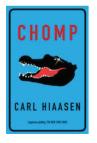


AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST INVENTIONS & INNOVATIONS - In conjunction with the Powerhouse Museum comes this comprehensive guide to Australia's most innovative inventions as well as their amazing creators. Full of facts, photos and fun surprises for curious kids and grownups alike.

Authors: Christopher Cheng and Linsay Knight



A BUS CALLED HEAVEN - A broken, old bus appears one morning, sad as a whale on a beach, right outside Stella's house. On the front of it, held up with packing tape, is a hand painted sign... "Heaven". For Stella, this decrepit old vehicle is special --this bus is "ours" - - a place for everyone to be together: hold meetings, play games and share stories. Author: Bob Graham



CHOMP - Carl Hiaasen's fourth book for children, *CHOMP*, has been yet another success. This book is packed with humour (think dead iguanas falling on people's heads) and yet at some points is extremely moving. Yes, it is a slightly odd and bizarre book, but this is what makes it so successful.



WILDWOOD - The first book in the epic fantasy series full of magic, wonder, and danger—nothing less than an American Narnia—from Colin Meloy, lead singer of the highly celebrated band the Decemberists, and Carson Ellis, the acclaimed illustrator of the New York Times bestselling The Mysterious Benedict Society.



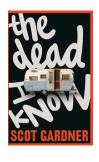
STORIES: ALL NEW TALES - The best stories pull readers in and keep them turning the pages, eager to discover more—to find the answer to the question: "And then what happened?" The true hallmark of great literature is great imagination, and as Neil Gaiman and Al Sarrantonio prove with this outstanding collection, when it comes to great fiction, all genres are equal. Stories is a ground-breaking anthology that reinvigorates, expands, and redefines imaginative fiction with contributions from some of the best writers in the world.



THE ARRIVAL - The Arrival is a migrant story told as a series of wordless images that might seem to come from a long forgotten time. A man leaves his wife and child in an impoverished town, seeking better prospects in an unknown country on the other side of a vast ocean. He eventually finds himself in a bewildering city of foreign customs, peculiar animals, curious floating objects and indecipherable languages. Author and Illustrator: Shaun Tan



WHO COULD THAT BE AT THIS HOUR?
- In a fading town, far from anyone
he knew or trusted, a young Lemony
Snicket began his apprenticeship in
an organization nobody knows about.
He started by asking questions that
shouldn't have been on his mind. Now
he has written an account that should
not be published, in four volumes
that shouldn't be read. This is the first
volume.



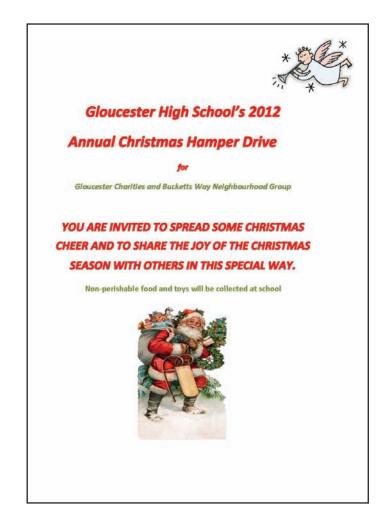
THE DEAD I KNOW - When Aaron gets a job at a funeral home, he surprisingly takes to it. But there are dark secrets hidden in Aaron's subconscious. He experiences dangerous bouts of sleepwalking and recurring dreams he can't explain: a lifeless hand, a lipsticked mouth, a man, a gun... Can he piece the clues together and figure out the truth of his past? Author: Scott Gardner



LITTLE ELEPHANTS - The wheat is ripe, but the harvester is broken and a plague of locusts is on the way. It looks as if Jim and his mother may lose the farm. But when Jim shows kindness to a stranger, their fortunes are set to change in the most surprising way imaginable! From the creator of the bestselling favourites Animalia, The Legend of The Golden Snail and The Jewel Fish of Karnak comes this inspiring and magical tale. Author and Illustrator: Graeme Base



THE JEWEL FISH OF KARNAK - Far away in Ancient Egypt, Jackal and Ibis are brought before the Cat Pharaoh to be punished for stealing from the town market. In a merciful moment, the Pharaoh decides to give the two friends one last chance: they must journey up the River Nile to the temple of Karnak and bring back something that has been taken from her - a beautiful and precious Jewel Fish. Complete with hieroglyphics and sparkling jewels, here is a cautionary tale set amongst the wonders of an ancient world. Author and Illustrator: Graeme Base





EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC ABUSE?

Receive a \$25 Woolworths voucher for completing a short questionnaire!

What is Domestic Abuse?

Physical and sexual assault

hitting you, hurting your through physical contact, threatening physical abuse/sexual abuse

Verbal Attacks

swearing , shouting at you, calling you names

Intimidation

threatening behaviour, stalking

Social Isolation

preventing you from having contact with family and friends **Controlling behaviour**

withholding access to your money

Malicious damage to property

smashing windows, damaging your belongings or your car

About the questionnaire

A lot of people who are abused by their partners of family members don't tell anyone about it. At the moment we don't really know why that's the case. If police and /or a professional don't know about the abuse, they cant do anything to help.

We are running a questionnaire to try to better understand why people don't tell anyone about domestic abuse. This will help us develop better services for victims of domestic abuse.

The questionnaire will be done over the phone with a female researcher, Emma Birdsey. Emma will arrange a time to do the questionnaire when its convenient for you.

By taking part in this questionnaire you'll be helping many other people that are experiencing domestic abuse and

violence.

Gift Voucher

To compensate you for your time, we would like to give you a \$25 Woolworths voucher.

This study is being conducted by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

How to take part

Tell someone that works at the abuse service you're currently using that you'd like to do the questionnaire they will then email Emma your phone number and first name or contact Emma from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research and leave your phone number and name.

CONTACT

Dr Emma M. Birdsey, Senior Research Officer at the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

emma_birdsey@agd.nsw.gov.au 02 9231 9158

Level 8, St James Centre, 111 Elizabeth St, Sydney NSW 2000

The aim of the survey is to improve services for people that have experienced domestic abuse.

Your answers will be confidential and participation on this questionnaire is voluntary

It will take approximately. 20 minutes to complete.



Hi Everyone,

If you haven't already heard, - "Santa is coming to Gloucester!"

Santa will be in Gloucester from Saturday 1 December to Saturday 15 December to have photo sessions with you. Santa's House will be at Endee Furniture One (50-52 Church Street Gloucester).

Hurry and book your photo session with Santa by phoning & prepaying at Harvey World Travel Gloucester (36 Church Street) - phone 6558 1055 or email gloucester@harveyworld.com.au.

This is a Fund raising project so all Businesses, Clubs, Sporting Groups, Schools, Churches, Charities and Adults are also encouraged to participate. Christmas is FUN!

Photo Packages are listed below

Combo 1 Cost \$25.00

1 x Half A4 size

1 x Postcard size

2 x Mini size

4 x Mini Size

Combo 2 Cost \$25.00 2 x Postcard size

Combo 3 Cost \$20.00 1 x A4 Print

Combo 4 Cost \$12.00 1 x Half A4 Print



All Profits will be donated to various Gloucester Charities. Cash Payments would be appreciated to reduce administration costs. Credit card transactions will attract a Credit card fee of 2% (MasterCard & Visa Only)

Santa in Gloucester has been brought to you by: Gloucester Advocate, Home Timber & Hardware, Blanch Real Estate, National Australia Bank, Shojon, Endee Furniture One and Harvey World Travel. Special Thanks to: Santa, Gloucester Business Chamber, Gloucester Men's Shed, Lynne Saywell, Sharon Benson, Jean Spokes, Jean Buettel, Darren Royce and Michael Bowman.





WORLD BOOK

WORLD BOOK STUDENT

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LÖÖKING FOR **SOMETHING?**

FIND IT on the **WORLD BOOK WEB**

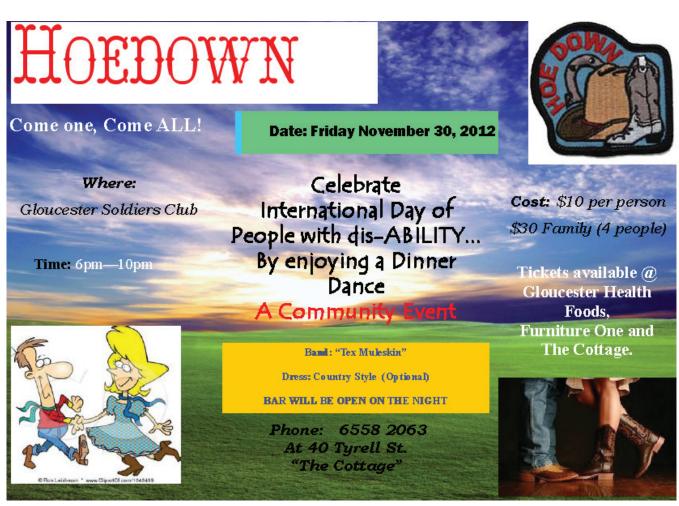
The World Book Web includes:

- Encyclopedia articles and other reference articles
- Interactive atlas and maps

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IT'S COMING SOONIIII THE GHS 2013 MUSICAL







CALLING FOR AUDITIONS

Thu Dec 6th, Period 1-4 (9:10am-12:50pm) Fri Dec 7th Period 3-4 (11:10am-12:50pm)

if you would like to audition, please inform Mr Davis or Mrs ingram in person or by email at <u>scott.davis10@det.nsw.edu.au</u>. Be prepared to sing a few bars from the song of <u>your</u> choice and read part of a scene from a provided script.

Those students interested only in being a member of the DANCE TEAM (Mrs Sorrenson), CHORUS (Mrs Ingram) or BACKSTAGE CREW (Mr Davis) should see the relevant teacher by TUE FEB 8, 2013.



GHS YR 10 DRAMA
PRESENTS

CINDERELLA: THE UNTOLD STORY

WRITTEN BY: JOHN O'HARA

WHERE EVERYTHING IS NOT AS IT SEEMS

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS SLIPPER?



GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL HALL FRIDAY NOV 30TH @ 7PM SATURDAY DEC 1ST @ 2PM & 7PM TICKETS: \$4.00 AT DOOR

STARRING: EMMA ADAMS, JEMMA CLARKE, MIKAYLA DONKIN, JACK FERRIS, SHELBY GREEN, HAYLEY HEDGES, SOPHIE KINGSTON, MEEGAN JOHNSON, JOEL L'GREEN, APRIL NAGLE, ALICIA SNEDDEN, ALEX STEADMAN AND HANNAH WEST.

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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