

School Calendar Term 4

Monday 05 November
Meadowie Macadamias - Year 11 Food

Friday 09 November
Remembrance Day Ceremony
Year 12 Formal
Last day of HSC
Newcastle Law Court - Year 11

Monday 12 November
Year 10 Yearly Examinations

Wednesday 14 November
Year 10 Mentor Meeting

Monday 19 November
Year 8 and Year 9 Yearly Examinations

Friday 23 and Saturday 24 November
RYSAP

Wednesday 28 November
Year 10 Drama Production

Wednesday 5 December
Year 6 Orientation Day

Monday 10 December
Presentation Night

Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 November
Multicultural Festival

CANTEEN - TERM 4 Phone 65589963

Monday 5 November
Elona

Tuesday 6 November
Lyndell

Wednesday 7 November
Jennie

Thursday 8 November
Grant L'Green

Friday 9 November
Elona

Monday 12 November
Elona

Tuesday 13 November
Maryanne

Wednesday 14 November
Paula

Thursday 15 November
Elona

Friday 16 November
Rachel

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SCULPTURE BY THE SEA

On Tuesday 30 October a group of Year 9-11 Art and Photography students travelled to Bondi to visit the annual *Sculpture By The Sea* exhibition. *Sculpture by the Sea* is an artistic competition which is situated on the headland around Bronte Beach to Bondi. It was a beautiful day and everyone was ready to take the two kilometre walk to check out all the amazingly diverse art that was installed along the coastline. Sculptors presented their pieces in the situated environment or the technical term 'installations'. The sculptures were very colourful, inspirational, thoughtful and visually amazing. Hopefully this will rub off onto our future artists.

After looking at the sculptures we walked along the beach promenade and were impressed with the graffiti murals that adorn the wall leading to the famous Bondi Pavillion. After lunch we walked around to visit the Cooree Aboriginal Gallery which is the oldest aboriginal gallery in Australia. The works were incredible and ranged from contemporary paintings to traditional burial poles and unbelievable weavings.

Exhausted and fulfilled we made our way home, brimming with ideas. A big thank you to Mr Steele and Mrs Jollow for taking us!

by Sophie Kingston



Photographys by Emma Adams



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



In this report, I'd like to mention some of the major projects and programs that we're pursuing through to the end of this year and into 2013. In terms of infrastructure work, we have a submission in to refurbish Room 19 to create seminar spaces and a more useful classroom. This is currently in its last stage

of approval and we should know if we can go ahead before the end of the year. We are also very keen to upgrade the Ag Farm facilities (particularly the yards area) to create a modern and flexible area to meet our stock handling needs. While we have a submission in with the Department of Education that we would love to get some funding from, we cannot rely on this occurring and are seeking other sources of funding to get started sooner! More news on this one at the beginning of next year. On the "new school bus" front, we are nearing our target of \$40000, and recently got a donation from Jane Westcott, Maureen Hjorth, Lisa Hollingsworth, Joanna Radford and Kerry Gardiner, of \$600 following the Recycled Fashion fundraiser recently held. Thanks, ladies, for your generosity. With a bit more fundraising, we aim to have the bus purchased hopefully by the end of Term 1 2013. Can I take the opportunity to thank all those staff, students, parents and community members who are consistently thinking about improving facilities for our students in a variety of creative ways. Please keep the innovative ideas coming!

Currently, we have a variety of people from the DEC and the local community exploring ways of better catering for students who may be at risk of suspension, avoiding school attendance or otherwise disengaged with the schooling process. We are at the "brainstorming" stage and hope to get a more complete idea of what this program looks like closer to the end of the year. Again, more news on this as it comes to hand.

Teaching and executive staff have been working hard on developing streamlined processes for Teacher Professional Support programs for 2013 and beyond. I am proud of the efforts and professionalism of my staff and I am impressed with their engagement into developing their own practice. Our theme, "Making good practice better", will be particularly important in light of planning for the implementation of new syllabus documents in Mathematics, English, History and Science for 2014. We will certainly be busy, but we're approaching this as a great opportunity to design our practices to cater for the 21st Century learner!

As you can see, there's plenty going on and plenty more to think about. I'll keep you posted!

Cheers!

Pat Cavanagh

BAKER SHIELD CRICKET

Last Monday, the Gloucester High School Baker Shield cricket side played against Great Lakes College Forster in Round 3 of the U/14 competition.

After losing the toss and being asked to bowl, Gloucester made an early breakthrough with Ben Reynolds removing one of the Forster openers. A couple of dropped catches proved costly in the ensuing overs with Forster breezing to 50 before a direct hit run out from Ben Reynolds secured Gloucester's second wicket. A series of solid partnerships and some wayward bowling saw Gloucester chasing 213 for victory. The best bowlers of the day were Ben Reynolds who finished with 3/48 and a late spell from Coen Durbidge who picked up 2/19.

Gloucester's run chase saw two early wickets fall (Coen Durbidge for 11 and Jye Barkwill for 4). Ben Reynolds provided some resistance scoring 20 and Blake Steadman 10 but a steady flow of wickets saw Gloucester eventually all out for 71.



CAREERS NEWS

Work Experience With Ausgrid, week of the 26-29 November 2012. Places are limited.

AUSGRID, with the support of Women NSW, is running a work experience week for high school aged girls who may be interested in taking up a trade. This is a fantastic opportunity! The week is open to young women 15 years of age or older, currently enrolled in school or TAFE and who want to try their hand at an electrical trade.

For information about the background to this initiative and other information about women and work, go to:

http://www.women.nsw.gov.au/news/items/ausgrid_joins_campaign_to_boost_the_number_of_women_in_trades

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FIRST YEAR APPRENTICESHIPS

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Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic – Stroud – Ref No. 12/13
Apprentice Bridge Carpenter – Stroud -Ref No. 13/13
Apprentice Greenkeeper -Tuncurry – Ref No. 14/13

The information packages on how to apply are available from, www.greatlakes.nsw.gov.au or call our Recruitment hotline on 02 6591 7383 and quote the reference number.

Mr Hemmerle



The Rotary Club of Gloucester & Gloucester High School

Invites All Year 10 Students to
RYSAP 2012
Friday 23 and Saturday 24 November 2012.

Commences at Gloucester High School
3:30pm on Friday 23 November with water play.
Friday evening will conclude about 10pm. Students
will need to be collected and taken home then.
Please bring your formal clothes and anything you may need for the
Saturday evening Formal Dinner to school on Friday.
They will be left in the assigned class rooms.
Saturday morning Breakfast starts at 8am Gloucester High School.
The program will conclude at the Anglican Church Hall
at 11pm Saturday 24 November.

Cost \$ 30 per student

Closing Date for Registration Monday 19 November 2012

Further Information
Phone Ashleigh Hickman 6558 2031

Registration Forms at GHS office

TERM 4 INFORMATION FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

To all students in Year 10.

The following information is relevant to all of you for the next few weeks leading up to the end of the year. There are several events that you will need to be aware of and that you will be expected to attend. As well as these you should also be preparing for your end of year examinations and final assessment tasks. Remember that these results will be part of your RoSA and you should make an effort to revise and prepare so that you achieve the best possible results.

Peer Support training will also be instigated for all Year 10 students; the training will be to prepare you to help orientate new Year 7 students to our school in 2013; this training will also be beneficial for your leadership skills in later life. After the training you will have to submit a written request to be considered as a Peer Support Leader for 2013. The following dates will be important for you to remember and mark on your calendars:

- Week 6 Term 4 – Year 10 examination period
- Wednesday 21 November – Peer Support Training
- Wednesday 28 November – last day to submit expression of interest in being considered as a Peer Support Leader.
- Friday 23 & Sat 24 November – RYSAP
- Wednesday 5 December – Orientation Day Year 7 Students 2013
- Wednesday 12 December – Social to coincide with Multicultural Visit
- Thursday 13 December – MAD Night – Multicultural Visit
- Friday 14 December – Multicultural Festival in Quad

I would also like to advise you that there will be an excursion to Jindabyne next year, you will be advised of the final costs at a later date, however you are now able to put a deposit down for this at the office which will secure you a place on the excursion. Your jerseys for 2013 will be ordered early next year. A committee has been formed to decide upon the style, colour etc. and they will inform you of their decision as soon as possible. Mrs Stanton has also arranged to have some jerseys here so that you can try them for size. We will get further details to you regarding costs at a later date.

If you have any other questions please see me.

Judy Ingram

Acting Head Teacher Wellbeing

AECG MEETING

The Aboriginal Education Consultative Group meeting at Gloucester High School has been postponed to Wednesday 28 November 2012.

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL POLICY FOR SENIOR STUDENT DRIVERS

Gloucester High School is committed to the wellbeing of its students, and appreciates that, if handled carelessly, cars and kids sometimes don't mix. In response to recent student questions, we offer the following set of guidelines to ensure that parents and students are fully aware of the school's stance regarding senior student drivers. All prospective senior drivers will be given this note over the coming days.

Gloucester High School's policy for senior student drivers is as follows:

1. ALL student drivers must have permission from a parent/carer to drive to and from school. This permission can be provided in the form of a signed letter from home or the slip below can be completed and returned to the office.
2. Students should be aware that they can only drive to and from school and are not permitted to use their vehicles to leave the school during the school day.
3. Students who transport siblings will need to provide a signed letter from home or the slip below can be completed and returned to the office.
4. Students who wish to transport a friend will need to provide a signed letter from their parent/carer, a signed letter from their friend's parent/carer, a copy of registration for the motor vehicle and COMPREHENSIVE insurance details.

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL POLICY FOR SENIOR STUDENT DRIVERS

I have read and accept the conditions as outlined in Gloucester High School's policy for student drivers.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please tick the appropriate boxes:

I wish to drive to and from Gloucester High School on school days

I wish to drive my sibling/s to and from Gloucester High School on school days

☐

Sibling's Name/s: _____

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I wish to drive my friend/s to and from Gloucester High School on school days
 (Letter from friend's parent/carer, copies of registration and comprehensive insurance attached)

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Friend's Name/s: _____



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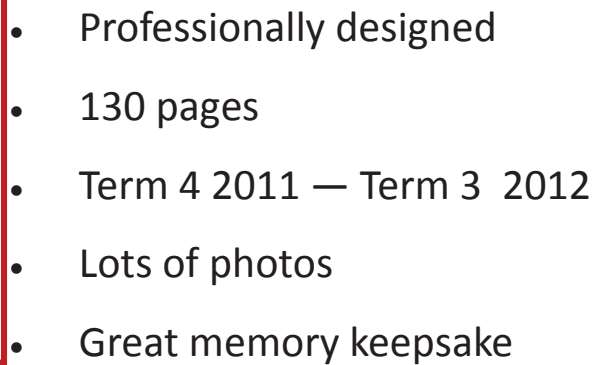
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CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

What does a school chaplain do?

A chaplain has a broad but clearly defined role within a school setting. The role of chaplain is to assist in providing pastoral care, and general emotional, spiritual support and comfort to students and staff. The chaplain works with the staff in carrying out this role within the school community. A key element of this role is assisting the principal and staff in the delivery of school welfare services.

The core work of schools is education/learning. Promotion and protection of the emotional wellbeing of students is an important element of school life. Special care for the healthy psycho/social development of students is a key element in the development of healthy attitudes towards learning. In particular in a high school setting during the adolescent years, students are in an ever- changing physical, emotional and social scene. A chaplain promotes and supports good health and wellbeing during these times of change and growth. Particular programs such as *Seasons for Growth* and resilience training are a part of the core work of chaplaincy in assisting emotional well-being. These social and emotional learning programs have positive effects in the development of social-emotional skills such as stress management and emotional recognition. Assisting students to understand and make good choices when emotions threaten to flare out of control is a key factor. The development of healthy self-esteem supports their ability to be successful learners during their maturing years.

Chaplains have to have a good working knowledge of childhood development, and work closely and in cooperation with all staff. Chaplains have a good working knowledge of the risks to student wellbeing and work closely with other community and professional services such as counsellors, social workers and community development officers. Chaplains are skilled in understanding the roles of other professionals and in discerning when referrals to professional staff are warranted. Chaplains adhere to a clearly defined Code of Conduct and are supervised in the role.

As chaplain of Gloucester High School, it is my privilege to be an integral part of this vibrant teaching and learning community where care of the students at every level is given the highest priority.

Eulalie O'Keefe

SHINE PROGRAM

For the past nine weeks, a group of girls from Year 9 have been participating in the *Shine Girl Program*, a program about realising your values, morals and believing in yourself. At the end of the program, we were treated to a farewell dinner to mark the end of the *Shine Program* and remind us how much we had grown throughout the time.

After all the girls had been pampered by a team of beauticians, getting their hair and makeup done, we made our way out to Fairways Restaurant, where family and friends were waiting. Everyone sat down to a beautiful meal and dessert, followed by presentation where Browyn the head organiser of the *Shine Program*, presented each of the girls with a small gift bag and said a few kind words too each of us.

Overall it was a lovely night, filled with laughter and joy. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time. We would all like to thank Browyn and all the of the organisers who helped make this *Shine Program* possible.

by Isabelle Everett and Jamie White



SUZANNE GERVAY TALK AND WRITING WORKSHOP

Last Thursday 24 October Gloucester High School Students had the privilege of listening to renowned author Suzanne Gervay. During this talk we learnt many things about Suzanne's family and how it impacted her writing. Most of Suzanne's writing focus on her concept of belonging and acceptance which really helps those of us who are studying, belonging for Year 12. Suzanne Gervay taught us how to read between the lines (especially in picture books) and see things in a different light. Overall it was a wonderful experience and I am sure the students appreciated the opportunity to have met and spoken to Ms Suzanne Gervay.

Caitlin Tonelli

In the afternoon session Suzanne Gervay held a writing workshop and students were asked to write for ten minutes. This is just a sample of what Reece Bowden, a student, produced.

I think the decline of the rock and roll genre is a damn shame. I don't mean to say that there aren't any purists out there that believe in keeping the spirit of rock and roll alive, but I can't help but feel that things will never be like they were in the 60's 70's 80's and even the early 90's. It's difficult to express my specific emotion towards this because I never experience any of the music, bands or scene first hand, however, I know how this music makes me feel today, whether it comes through my ipod earphones or the stereo in my car. It's such a passion and the connection I feel with the music and the artist who created it is particularly deep. I know there are others out there that feel the same way and I feel as though I have to find these people and work with them to ensure this music does not become forgotten and that the emotions and feelings that are stirred up inside of the listener remain as present as they ever were the first time a person felt them in a bar in a city, in a time I wish I could be a part of.



Gloucester High School's 2012 Annual Christmas Hamper Drive

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ESSENTIAL SECONDARY SCIENCE ASSESSMENT (ESSA)

The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) test for Year 8 students will be held on Tuesday 13 November 2012. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The test is a interactive multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

Mrs Doust

DIGITAL SWITCH OVER 30 DAYS TO GO!

Only 30 days to go for Northern New South Wales to be digital ready.

There are only 30 days left until analog signals will be permanently switched off in areas across Northern New South Wales. If you're not digital ready by 27 November you will no longer have access to free-to-air TV.

It is important for residents in areas of Northern New South Wales to be digital ready before the switch over date. Residents who haven't made the switch to digital TV are urged to get digital ready right now so they can continue to watch all their favourite TV shows.

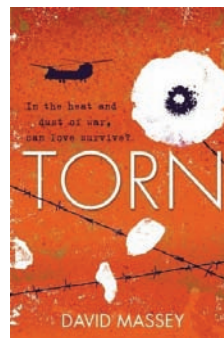
Northern New South Wales will be the sixth region to switch and will join more than 1.6 million households already enjoying digital-only free-to-air TV.

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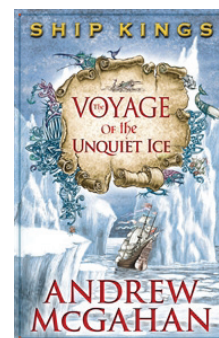
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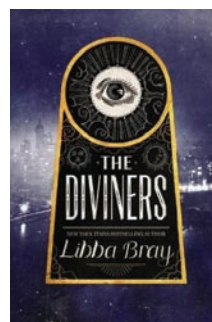
BURNING BLUE – *Burning Blue* tells the story of a girl who is scarred in a vicious attack. The story deals with ideas of beauty, family and personal relationships, as well as the many issues associated with Facebook and similar social networking sites. Award-winning author Paul Griffin has written a high-stakes, soulful mystery about the meaning--and dangers--of love and beauty.



TORN - Afghanistan. In the heat and dust, young British army medic Elinor Nielson watches an Afghan girl walk into a hail of bullets. But when she runs to help, Ellie finds her gone. Who is she? And what's happened to her? What Ellie discovers makes her question everything she believes in, even her feelings for the American lieutenant who takes her side. Author David Massey



THE VOYAGE OF THE UNQUIET ICE – As the book opens, Dow Amber – a young New Islander – is on board the Kings' battleship Chloe and about to take his test to qualify as a seaman. Courage, betrayal, an impossible journey. Dow's quest continues in this second adventure set upon the seas of a strange and compelling world. From award-winning author Andrew McGahan.



THE DIVINERS – An eighteenth birthday party is underway in an Upper East Side apartment where preppy young men are drinking illegal liquor and dancing with their flapper girlfriends to the latest music sensation – jazz. This wonderful book is the first in a four-book series set in New York City during the 1920s, at the height of the jazz age. The Author Libby Bray has perfectly captured the 1920s – the language, the clothes, the setting – it feels completely real and engrossing.



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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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