



NSW Department of Education and Training

## GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

# 2012 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

### Champions

U/12 Jacob Bird and Claire Maslen

U/13 Ryan Pilmore and Lily Nixon

U/14 Brodie O'Brien and Lauren Cameron

U/15 Callan Radford and Bronte Davis

U/16 Danyon Wilkinson and Lily Burrows

17+ Rick Williams and Kate Radford

### Runners Up

Harry Bird and Tiana Durbidge

Angus Cliffe and Mia Bowden

Jye Barkwill and Anita Westley

Cameron Williams and Laura Bignell

Daniel Hughes and Jess Ward

Jackson Davis and Stacey Mitchell

### Champion of Champions

### Champions

Kate Radford and Callan Radford

### Runners Up

Stacey Mitchell and Wyatt Hall

### Ironman/Ironwoman

### Champions

Kate Radford and Jackson Davis

### Runners Up

Rick Williams and Mikaela White



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Today Mr Mike King, Ms Toni Corbett and I interviewed the students of Year 12, formally beginning a program of support designed to prepare them for what will be the most focussed and intense year of their schooling to date. Indeed, there are many who consider the rigors of Year 12 to be more difficult than university study. To state that Year 12 students need to be well prepared for what awaits them is certainly an understatement. Today marked the beginning of a journey designed to help students with organisation, motivation, efficiently applied hard work and celebration for a job well done. I told many students today that I wish that there had been a culture of support at my high school (all those years ago!). I was not a bad

student (my teacher may disagree somewhat), but suffered through not knowing **how** to go about effective study and exactly **how** to measure my work and the time committed to it. Hopefully the senior class of 2012 will benefit from the collective wisdom we offer. This benefit will only accrue, however, if what is suggested is embraced, consistently practiced and forced to become a habit for positive growth. Parents and students are invited to an information night at 6:30pm Monday 27 February, at which we will present some of the information parents and students need for a fruitful and happy HSC year. I urge all parents and students to attend. You may just find a “gem” of an idea that makes a real difference to your HSC results and, perhaps, your future. I look forward to seeing you there!

My excitement about working with our wonderful Year 12 is matched by my enthusiasm for a number of major projects that are in the pipeline for this year. Our School Strategic Plan 2012 -14 has, as its four focus areas, *Leadership; Quality Teaching; Engagement and Attainment; and Curriculum and Assessment*. Three projects that we will be undertaking this year all involve collaboration of staff in improving outcomes for students. The *Peer Partnerships* initiative has been designed by Mr Steve Frankcombe to systematically foster improvements in teaching, through teachers observing and critiquing the work of other teachers in a supportive and developmental environment. Such quality peer-to-peer interaction, while challenging, has been proven by a wealth of research to be the most powerful form of professional learning available. The P<sup>2</sup> *italics* program, as it has been dubbed, fits beautifully with its “sister” project – the Bucketts Way Community of Schools initiative known as *Quality Collaborations*. This project aims to have teachers cross the Primary / Secondary frontier by, again, working together so that Secondary teachers see how things are done by their colleagues in local public schools, and vice versa. The third project is the second coming of the successful eLearning program launched last year. In phase 1 of this program, Stage 3 students will submit creative written work via Moodle for their Year 9 counterparts to review and critique, using feedback rubrics developed in class. What a great learning model for all years involved! Thanks to Toni Corbett and Alison Wise (Barrington Public School) for their collaborative planning of what will surely be another blockbuster event.

But schools are not always characterised by student performance and exciting initiatives. Sometimes they are places where reflection about more fundamental things takes place. Sometimes they are visited by sadness and loss. On behalf of the school community, I would like to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Donna Pung, and especially to Daniel and Brianna. I trust you find comfort in the memory of your mother and draw strength from her courage. You are among friends. Vale, Donna Pung.



# Gloucester High School

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Deputy Principal: Mr Mike King

## Attention all Parents and Carers – Important Message!

You will all soon be receiving a confidential letter regarding the *Priority Schools Program*. This program provides funds to directly support students in schools, with a focus on improved Numeracy and Literacy outcomes. To have **any chance** of receiving the funding, we need to have a 100% response to the survey enclosed in the envelope! So, please take the time to fill out the survey accurately and truthfully. **I must stress that any information in the survey remains absolutely confidential.**

When you receive the envelope:

1. Fill in the survey form;
2. Put the survey form in the envelope, seal the envelope and write your child's full name on the tear-off tab;
3. Give the sealed envelope to your child to return to school by Friday 9 March 2012.

The sealed envelopes will remain sealed and will be posted from school.

**The school will not open any envelopes.**

Please, please, please assist the school by returning the survey before the due date.

Thank you for your support!

Pat Cavanagh  
Principal  
23 February 2012

# CHAPLAINS CHAT

## New Beginnings

A New Year brings lots of new energy. We begin with a sense of hope, of expectation, of enthusiasm. A new year is full of promise.

As I walk around the playground meeting and chatting with well-known students and greeting the new Year 7 students the heightened energy and general air of excitement amongst these students is a delightful experience.

There is a joyful freshness filling the school as the new students begin to find their way around and make new friends, as they experience a varied curriculum delivered by many different teachers.

Amongst the seniors there is a strength and generosity that is both comforting to the new students and encouraging to the whole school community.

It is as if there is a new flame, and new spirit within the school community, a community that already has the great gifts of hospitality and welcome and desire for excellence at its core.

As Chaplain I write a prayer that I hope can be prayed by others:

May the Spirit of the Living God stir the flame of enthusiasm and generosity and excellence, that the many gifts given to teachers and all staff of this school be used for the greater good of all students. May this Spirit be a force of harmony in the whole community, and a power bringing happiness to the work of teaching and learning. May this Spirit give strength, consolation and wisdom when times are tough, and an increased capacity to move into the unknown, see the opportunities in each new day, and serve our present age with compassion, imagination and courage. May the hope and promise of this New Year be carried in the hearts and minds of all students and teachers and may our families and wider community be blessed in all their needs. Amen.

Eulalie O'Keefe



### Gloucester High School Breakfast CLUB

8:00am- 9:00am

Every THURSDAY

VENUE: Hall Kitchen

Cereal and Toast With various spreads

HOT MILO AND juice

And Sometimes Pancakes



## UNIFORM ORDERS

The last order for this Term will be sent to the supplier on 16 March 2012.

Make sure you are prepared for the colder months and order your Hoodies now.

Order forms are available at the canteen and orders and money should be left with Mandy by this date.

Vicki Eather.

## HEAD LICE

Head lice outbreaks sometimes occur at school. If your child has head lice please treat your child and inform us. Daily combing of dry hair with conditioner can get rid of head lice. You should continue to send your child to school. For more information please visit the link below.

<http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/search?search=headlice>

## BUSH POETRY AT THE SALEYARS



**Greg North Is back after being Australia's Champion Male Bush Poet in  
2008, 2009 & 2010**

plus

Our Favourite Local Bush Poets - Gabby, Claire and Wyatt Hall

Also the Fabulous Toe Tapping Bowden Brothers

6:30 for 7:15pm - Saturday 31 March 2012

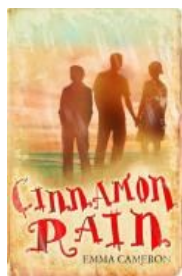
At the Gloucester Saleyards \$20 per person

Bring a picnic for your party plus a rug and or cushion

**Tickets available from Webb Bros, VIC and Gloucester Health Foods**



## NEW BOOKS



CINNAMON RAIN is a verse novel about a group of teenagers coming to terms with changes in their lives and how these events impact on their friendship. It's beautifully written and deals with powerful issues. With its strong themes of growing up, friendship, choices and belonging, *Cinnamon Rain* is an ideal text for Upper Secondary students.

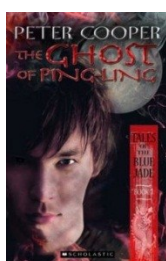
Author Emma Cameron



A SINGLE SHARD by Linda Sue Park is a Newbery award-winning title that hasn't been published in Australia before and has been taken up by University of Queensland Press. It's a simple and very moving story of Tree-ear, an orphan who dreams of being a potter. It's a story of courage, friendship and love. Suitable for Lower Secondary



THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE is suitable for Lower Secondary readers. It's the new novel from Deborah Ellis whose previous books have been extremely popular. The story is based on the author's personal experience, in this case visiting and talking to the people of the Leprosy Mission Hospital in Kolkata, India. The story focuses on the experiences of a young girl with leprosy and her struggle to survive as she is cast out and abandoned.



THE GHOST OF PING-LING is the first book in *The Tales of the Blue Jade trilogy*. It's a terrific adventure story with lots of appeal for boys and girls as well. It combines adventure, fantasy and Asian mythology with echoes of the ever-popular television series *Monkey*. Suitable for Lower Secondary. Author Peter Cooper



SEA HEARTS is lyrical, sad, beautiful, tender and frightening. When a young sea-witch uses her magic to coax selkies out of the ocean and onto land they are transformed into irresistibly alluring women who captivate the men of the town. This novel is constructed and awash with desire, heartache, human weakness and the unforeseen consequences of all-consuming love. Suitable for upper secondary. Author Margo Lanagan



WISDOM'S KISS by Catherine Gilbert (sister of *Eat, Pray, Love* author Elizabeth Gilbert) is one for the girls, It's a romantic, witty and thrilling fantasy adventure for Lower to Mid Secondary. It's about a magical family, a kingdom under threat and one very unusual cat.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### NEW BOOKS

There are currently 18 exciting new titles on display in the Library. The titles of the books (other than those outlined in this newsletter) are:

#### Non Fiction

*Crime Fiction since 1800, Detection, Death, Diversity* (Knight, S)

*Great Australian Aviation Stories* (Haynes, J & Dellit, J)

*Kardashian Confidential* (Kardashian)

#### Fiction: Novels

*Dead I May Well Be* (McKinty, A)

*Dreaming of Amelia* (Moriarty, J)

*Me & You* (Ammaniti, N)

*Partners in Crime* (Christie, A)

*Pronto* (Leonard, E)

*The Old Devils* (Amis, K)

*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (Doyle, A)

#### Fiction: Short Stories

*Between the Dark and the Daylight and 27 more of the best Crime & Mystery Stories of the Year*  
(Gorman & Greenberg eds)

*My Father's Tears & Other Stories* (Updike, J)

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2012

Years 7, 8 & 9 are welcome to sign up for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2012.

The Challenge 2012 runs from 1 February to 1 September 2012.

Books read from 1 September 2011 can count towards the 2012 Challenge.

A condition of entry is students will receive PRC certificates and appear on the PRC Honour Roll.

Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge: at least 15 PRC books (listed online) and no more than 5 personal choice books.

All Student Reading Records are submitted online using the student's own username and password.

To successfully complete the Challenge students must have their online reading record entered and validated by September 1, 2012.

A reading log can be used to keep a personal ongoing record of books read (ID number, title and author).

Students who complete the challenge for four years (do not have to be consecutive) receive a gold certificate.

For further information, have a chat to Ms Grey or if you have already signed-up please let her know. **GHS Library has 341 titles that appear on the PRC Reading List!**

**Students can register online from the 5 March 2012!**

## GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL - FEES 2012

The school requests fees to enhance educational and sporting programs held by teachers at the school. These contributions help provide additional educational resources for the benefit of students.

The level of elective subject contributions is determined by the Principal in consultation with the P&C.

### **ELECTIVE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS**

Subjects chosen in the Key Learning Areas such as Creative Arts and Technology and Applied Studies incur an elective subject fee which is required to cover the cost of materials used and consumed in the course.

Should students or their families be experiencing difficult circumstances, financial assistance can be provided through Student Assistance Scheme funds. These funds may be used as a safety net to assist payment of elective subject contributions, school uniform, textbooks, school excursions, camps or stationery needs. These applications are considered by the school Student Assistance committee.

Information about the "Education Tax Refund" and items you can claim relating to your child's education, is also detailed below.

If you require any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lyn Harwood, School Administrative Manager, School Office.

### **EDUCATION TAX REFUND**

The Australian Government is helping you with the costs of educating your kids. For more information please visit our website at the following address-

<http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/central?news=news/education-tax-refund-2012>





# GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL -2012

*Please return this sheet to school with your payment. Thank you.*

<b>JUNIOR CONTRIBUTION</b>				
<b>Years 7 &amp; 8</b>	Whole year	046-001	\$40.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$10.00	
<b>Years 7 &amp; 8 PRACTICAL</b>	Whole year	046-003	\$40.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$10.00	
<b>Years 9 &amp; 10</b>	Whole year	046-001	\$48.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$12.00	
<b>SENIOR CONTRIBUTION</b>				
<b>Years 11 &amp; 12</b>	Whole year	046-002	\$60.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$15.00	
<b>TAFE STUDENTS</b>	Whole year	046-002	\$40.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$10.00	
<b>ELECTIVE SUBJECTS - Years 9 &amp; 10</b>				
Agriculture	9/10	043 010	\$40.00	
Drama	9/10	043 001	\$15.00	
Food Technology (\$25 per term)	9/10	043 031	\$100.00	
Graphics	9/10	043 023	\$50.00	
Information Software Technology	9/10	043 008	\$40.00	
Music	9/10	043 045	\$40.00	
Photographic/Digital Media	9/10	043 049	\$50.00	
Technics - Metal	9/10	043 021	\$60.00	
Technics - Wood	9/10	043 022	\$60.00	
Visual Arts	9/10	043 040	\$35.00	
<b>ELECTIVE SUBJECTS - Years 11 &amp; 12</b>				
Building & Construction VET	11/12	043 026	\$60.00	
Drama	11/12	043 002	\$20.00	
Early Childhood	11/12	043 037	\$20.00	
Food Technology	11	043 032	\$50.00	
Food Technology	12	043 032	\$20.00	
Hospitality Food costs per year	11/12	043 033	\$100.00	
Industrial Technology	11/12	043 020	\$60.00	
Info Processing & Technology	11/12	043 007	\$40.00	
Metals & Engineering VET	11/12	043 027	\$60.00	
Music	11/12	043 046	\$50.00	
Photography/Video/Digital Imagery	11/12	043 050	\$60.00	
Primary Industries	11/12	043 013	\$20.00	
Software Design Development	11/12	043 008	\$30.00	
Visual Arts	11	043 041	\$50.00	
Visual Arts	12	043 041	\$30.00	
			<b>Total</b>	\$
<b>STUDENT'S NAME</b>		<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATE</b>	

# Rick van der Zwan



Wednesday 7th March 2012

Gloucester High School Hall

7pm-8:30pm

**Guest Speaker:** Associate Professor Rick van der Zwan

**Topic:** Understanding the Adolescent Brain

Tea, Coffee , slices and cake provided

## Also

An Art exhibition by Gloucester High School students expressing men and women's brains is to be awarded by voters choice.

For more information contact Kelley Chapman,  
Community Development Worker on 65582454 or  
email: [neighcentre@bwng.org.au](mailto:neighcentre@bwng.org.au)

Rick is currently the Associate Professor, School of Health & Human Sciences (Psychology) and the Director, Laboratory for Cognitive Neuroscience and Behaviour at the Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour

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# Rick van der Zwan



Thursday 8th March 2012

Breakfast at Fairways Restaurant and Bistro

Gloucester Country Club

8am-9:30am-\$10pp

**Guest Speaker:** Associate Professor Rick van der Zwan

**Topic:** The Difference between Men and Women's brains and how to celebrate the difference

## Also

An Art exhibition by Gloucester High School students expressing men and women's brains is to be awarded by voters choice.

Tickets available from Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Centre,  
14 Queen St, Gloucester

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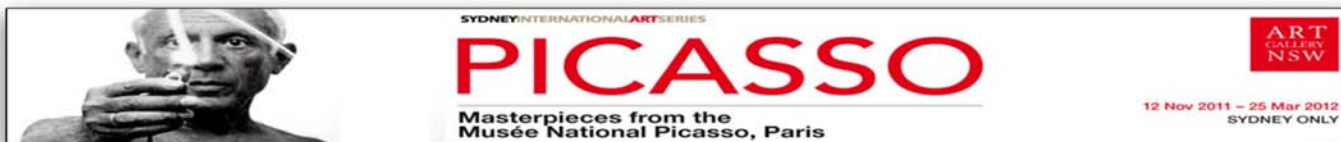
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# Art Excursion



**16th March 6am depart - 7.30pm return  
\$40 per student  
please pay at the office by 2nd of March**

**Permission notes available from Mr Steele**

**This excursion is for yrs 9, 10, 11 & 12  
visual arts & photographic digital media students**

## Gloucester Junior Magpies Ruby League Football

Gloucester Junior Magpies Rugby League Football Club is looking for players from twelve through to sixteen years to play in the Group Three Competition this year.

The club understands that travelling may be an issue with some families and have acquired a bus to transport players to the games.

For more information please phone the Registrar on 6558 9005 or come to the Rec. Centre on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4pm-5pm.

## TAREE TIGERS HOCKEY CLUB AND GIVE HOCKEY A GO.

Are you looking for a great team sport to play? Then come to **Taree Tigers Hockey Club** and give Hockey a go. **There is a free starters pack for all new junior players.** It is a great team sport for boys and girls of all ages and Taree Tigers Hockey Club is looking for players in 2012 for both Junior and Senior competitions. No matter what your age or ability we have the junior Boys or Girls or senior team just for you. **Training Commences Monday 5 March so please contact Di Cubbin on 65526870 or Tony Lewis on 65510986 for more information.** So come on, give hockey a go in 2012.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR—TERM 1

Thursday	23 February	Vaccinations - Year 7 & Year 10
Thursday	23 February	P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Monday	27 February	Year 12 Student/ Parent HSC Evening
Friday	2 March	Clean Up Australia Day
Tuesday	6 March	Ext. Maths Excursion Year 11 &12
Thursday	8 March	Biology Excursion - Diamond Head
Friday	16 March	Art Express and Picasso
Friday	16 March	Mathew Doyle Workshop
Monday—Wednesday	19-21 March	Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Thursday	22 March	P&C Meeting
Monday	2 April	Year 10 Work Experience
Thursday	5 April	Excellence Assembly

## CANTEEN—TERM 1

Phone –65589963



Monday	27 February	Elona
Tuesday	28 February	Helen T
Wednesday	29 February	Darryl and Vicki
Thursday	1 March	Alison
Friday	2 March	Elona
Monday	5 March	Elona
Tuesday	6 March	Lyndell
Wednesday	7 March	Jennie
Thursday	8 March	Pauline

## 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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