



NSW Department of Education and Training

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

BEAU TALKS HIS WAY TO NEW ZEALAND!

Beau Hebblewhite is the Rotary District 9650 Public Speaking Champion after winning the District Final at Inverell. His prize is a Rotary sponsored holiday for two weeks to New Zealand which he plans to take later this year after completing his HSC. Beau has successfully charmed the judges through each stage of this competition with his enthusiasm and sense of humour, as well as his dedicated promotion of 'Hebby's Pies'. In the final he was able to convince his audience that Hebby's Pies should become a substitute for beer in our diets!

Beau has been competing in the Rotary Public Speaking Competition since the end of October last year when he was chosen as the Gloucester Rotary Club representative ahead of fellow GHS students Luke Grey and Rick Williams. Since then he was successful in the rounds at Forster and Walcha before the final. Beau thanks his parents and the Gloucester Rotary Club for their support and encouragement in getting him to each of the rounds and the final.



Greg Leighton

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



In this fortnight's report I would like to mention some of the upgrades to our physical environment that have either already taken place, or are going to occur in the very near future.

- The latest stage of downpipe refit and maintenance has occurred, so we should have more storm water going where it should from now on!
- Resurfacing of the tennis courts has been completed (thanks to a \$21000 Premier's Sporting Challenge grant, \$5000 from Leighton Holdings, \$1000 from Gloucester Shire Council, and some school money coming from grounds maintenance). Thanks to Mr Adam Cameron for his tireless pursuit of this upgrade. They look fantastic, and will certainly be an asset to our school!
- The school has been vigorously pursuing the refurbishment of our woodwork and metal work facilities, and we should hear in the coming month or so about whether we have been successful in receiving funding to go ahead with this.
- Our next round of cyclic maintenance will focus on the repainting of several classrooms, hallways and the administration area. This is a long overdue process that will breathe new life into our school environment.
- Mr Steele's art students are currently working hard on designing and creating replacement mural panels for the main quad area. The existing panels have reached their "use by" date, and will be replaced as the new artworks are completed. Thanks to Mr Steele and his students for their work!
- Mrs Ingram and Mr Davis are currently investigating upgrading our school hall, replacing expensive-to-run conventional lighting with cheaper and longer-lasting LED lighting; investigating the installation of a large screen and built-in projector for assemblies, productions and parent presentations; and looking into the purchase of industry level OH&S equipment for the hall. These enhancements will add to what is already a great facility.
- I will be working with school leaders and the SRC in reviewing the environmental audit that took place in 2011, and conducting a new one for 2012, to prioritise work that needs to be done for this year and next.

As you can see, it's all happening at the moment with regards to the school's physical environment. If you have any suggestions about other projects that you think would enhance the school, please contact Alison Ward, P&C President, or the school directly.

Finally, just a quick reminder that it's not too late to hand in the sealed PSP surveys. Remember, we need 100% return for us to have any chance of gaining the extra support for students that PSP funding will provide. Thanks so much to those parents who have already returned the survey – your support is much appreciated.

STUDENTS TRAIN IN FIRST AID

A group of fifteen Year 11 and Year 12 students successfully completed a two day First Aid course held at Gloucester High on the 13 and 14 of March. The program was organised through the Royal Lifesaving Society of Australia (R.L.S.S.A.) and was presented by Murray, a knowledgeable and engaging presenter. Murray shared many first hand stories to assist the students in understanding the importance of providing first aid to an ill or injured person in a caring and compassionate manner. Students demonstrated bandaging techniques, role-played and managed accident scenarios and gained their CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) qualifications over the two days.

The group also learned that there are two emergency contact numbers: 000 or 112 (mobile phones).



Wearing our R.L.S.S.A. pool safety 'Keep Watch Designated Child Supervisor' hats

MOCK TRIAL REPORT

Gloucester High School's Year 11 Legal Studies class competed in its first round of the NSW Law Society's Mock Trial Competition last Thursday at Scone Court House against Scone High School. The team was composed of two Barristers- Luke Bartlett, Harry O'Reilly assisted by Solicitor- Jack Wilson, Court Officer- Holley Borham and two Witnesses- Sarah Everett and Ashlea Cameron.

Gloucester was defending a criminal charge of break, enter and larceny against their client played by Sarah. Interestingly the teacher in charge of the Scone team was former Gloucester High School student Anne Carter.

The prosecution case was that the defendant, a TAFE student had met some acquaintances at the 2011 Mona Vale TAFE Open Day and decided to watch some DVDs at the victim's house. It was alleged that the defendant returned to the house with another student and stole 30 DVDs. The defendant was charged with break and enter and larceny under section 112 of the Crimes Act 1900 NSW.

Barrister Harry O'Reilly astutely pointed out to the court that the indictment indicated that 50 DVDs were stolen and that the DVDs were not the property of the alleged victim but their flatmate. These technical faults in the prosecution's case left the magistrate with no choice but to acquit the defendant of the charge leaving Sarah free to resume her normal life.

Luke Bartlett was so excited by the win that he coined the expression "We mocked it!" They then demolished Scone Subway's stores of food with a celebratory feast. We would like to thank Bartlett Transport for the use of their vehicle. Thanks Karna. Round 2 awaits us against Wauhope High School at Wauhope, so lots of travelling in the early rounds.



FINAL STAR STRUCK FOR ALEX

Alex Bratfield a talented Year 12 music student ,will be appearing at the 2012 Star Struck Production for the final time.

Alex has been a featured guitarist and vocalist at this prestigious event and has performed a variety of songs since 2009.

A highlight for Alex was performing alongside his brother James, when they played James' composition which was featured in the 2010 production.

Alex was also invited to perform at the Xstrata Coal Sponsorship launch at Pokolbin Estates last week.

Congratulation Alex. Your excellent efforts have been well rewarded.

Judy Ingram



ENCORE

A group of 22 Students from Years 10, 11 & 12 Elective Music classes travelled to Sydney Opera House on Monday 19 March to attend 2012 Encore Concert.

This concert featured many of the best performances from 2011 HSC. The students were very impressed by the standard of the performances and were able to gain a good insight as to the requirements for an exemplary HSC performance.

The students were also thrilled to be visiting the Opera House and to have travelled over the Harbour Bridge on its 80th Birthday!

I would like to congratulate the students on their excellent behaviour. They are great ambassadors for Gloucester High School.

Judy Ingram

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

On Friday the Senior Boys Soccer team played Bulahdelah Central School at Bulahdelah. The boys played very well in what turned out to be a very tough game for them. The Bulahdelah team played with plenty of determination but our boys stood up to the pressure and ran away with the game in the second half. The GHS team had quite a few chances to score early especially with Beau Hebblewhite playing brilliantly down the left hand side putting in several dangerous crosses that just lacked the final touch from the strikers. Matt Wise and captain, Rick Williams controlled the central midfield throughout the game, being too strong and skilful for their opposition. Rick's hard work on the right set up Jack Skelton for the only goal of the first half. After halftime, Rick Williams scored after good midfield pressure, Matt Wise put in a third and Tom Wood pressured the Bulahdelah defence into conceding an own goal. After a couple of "over the top" tackles and a red card to Bulahdelah the GHS boys settled quickly with Rick scoring a second and Callan Radford completing the goals. All the boys played very well, supporting each other and working as a team, however Hadiyah Virzi-Hartigan, Mitch Kellner and Daniel Clarke deserve a mention for their dependable work in defence, giving Buladelah very few chances to shoot at goal. Our next opponents will be Muswellbrook.

Mr Greg Leighton

Energy Drinks are BANNED From School

No energy drinks permitted on school grounds. When students arrive at school on the bus, they are to enter school grounds immediately.

Please refer to the following link.

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/studentsupport/studentwellbeing/schoolcanteen/softdrink_flyer.pdf

BAKER SHIELD CRICKET

On Friday 9 March, Gloucester High School hosted Great Lakes College Tuncurry in Round 1 of the Baker Shield cricket (U/14's). After Captain Coen Durbidge won the toss and elected to bat on Gloucester No.1, openers Bryce Lacey and Jye Barkwill got Gloucester off to a steady start. After being 0-10 after 7 overs Bryce Lacey fell for 4 with the score on 12. This brought Captain Durbidge to crease who looked in promising form until he was caught down the leg side for 3. At 2-12, Ben Reynolds strode to crease and proceeded to bat beautifully, playing some glorious shots to all parts of No.1. He was ably supported at the other end by opener Jye Barkwill who was eventually dismissed for a well compiled 18. Ben continued to bat well and was joined late in the innings by Brodie O'Brien. Ben was dismissed for 45 and Brodie a hard hitting 14 to see Gloucester make 5-109 off their 35 overs. Josh Wilson and Josh Grey the not out batsmen on 1 a piece.

Great Lakes College Tuncurry started their run chase nervously with Brodie O'Brien capturing an early scalp, followed by Jye Barkwill who clean bowled the other Great Lakes College opener with a lovely outswinger. The visitors were reeling at 2-5 with Gloucester bowling a great line and length to restrict the scoring opportunities of the batsmen. Justin Berry took the first of his two wickets when Ben Henley took a great catch at mid wicket. Ben Reynolds run out saw Great Lakes College slump to 4-24 and the hosts well and truly on top. This triggered a middle order collapse with Justin Berry taking his second wicket, Ben Reynolds and Lachlan Mcleod and Jack Davis each taking a wicket while another run out finished the innings. Great Lakes College Tuncurry all out for 36.



ABORIGINAL DANCE & MUSIC WORKSHOPS

On Friday 16 March, Matthew Doyle, a professional Aboriginal musician, presented hands-on music and dance workshops for 30 students in Years 7-10. Matthew is a descendant of the Muruwari people from the Lightning Ridge area and grew up in southern Sydney on Dharawal and. Matthew is a skilful didjeridoo player who performs original and traditional music. Among Matthew's significant achievements is the fact that he started the Year 2000 with his sunrise didjeridoo performance on top of the peak of the Sydney Opera House for the ABC Millennium broadcast.

In the Music Workshop Matthew told us that the didjeridoo originated from an Aboriginal group in north-eastern Northern Territory. Matthew also mentioned that it took him three weeks of practice every day before he could circular breathe. Matthew demonstrated the didjeridoo, clap sticks (mostly used by the singers), boomerangs, the "shakers" and a "drum" made from kangaroo skin that only Aboriginal women would have used. The singers are the storytellers and the didjeridoo provides the song.

In the Dance Workshop Matthew told stories and shared Aboriginal culture while he demonstrated Aboriginal dance movements and techniques. There are many different styles of dance and they are ways of telling history and stories. Matthew taught us two traditional dances: the Welcome Dance and the Water Dance. In the Welcome Dance the boys and girls split into two and Matthew taught each group their special moves. Men and women dance differently and the main difference is in how they move their feet.

We really enjoyed both workshops. Matthew is a really nice, knowledgeable person who makes things easy to understand. It was a fun experience and we learnt many interesting facts about Aboriginal culture. We were very fortunate to have Matthew Doyle visit us because he is one Australia's leading Aboriginal performers.

Candice Taylor & James Hotson





Sarah Attwood, Brianna Pung, Matthew Doyle and Jordan Dunn playing the clap sticks.



Students were given the opportunity to sample ochre face-paint at the end of the workshops Matthew Doyle and Brianna Pung.



Matthew Doyle with his didjeridoo.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Two Weeks to Easter and Holidays.

The first term is quickly coming to a close and Easter will soon be here. I know that every student, every teacher and all the support staff are looking forward to this time to rest and recover from what has been a very busy term.

During the six weeks before Easter many people make an extra effort to make time for prayer, to be more committed and more responsible in all the tasks they have to do, and to be kind to others. We humans are so much more than a body and a brain. We have spiritual and emotional depths that make us unique and special. We need to be reminded sometimes to attend to these parts of our being, and the six weeks before Easter is a dedicated time where we can take stock and think about ways to become a little more human, a little kinder, a little more responsible. Becoming the very best person we can be, and growing into our full potential is the goal and the hope. One ancient philosopher noted that "The glory of God is a human being fully alive, fully free."

A chaplain sees the great efforts of the teachers to teach well and effectively, and to support each student in being able to learn and grow. A chaplain sees the many ways in which students are growing. A chaplain sees the visible signs of enthusiasm, liveliness and harmony across the school.

In these last two weeks before Easter the challenge is before all of us to be aware of our own inner depths that need renewing and growth. The challenge is before us all to be aware of those needing a little kindness, of those needing a helping hand, and of those who are trying to do their very best in the face of many difficulties and challenges. I wish all the grace and strength and courage to grow a little in these last two weeks of the term, and to prepare well for the great time of Easter.

Breakfast Club: It has been a great joy to see 35-50 students come to breakfast club each Thursday morning and enjoy food and the company of other students. I am very thankful for the kind assistance of several students who enjoy serving and helping in the kitchen. Next week, 29 March we will be cooking pancakes so do come and enjoy a change from toast and cereal.

Eulalie O'Keefe
Chaplain

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



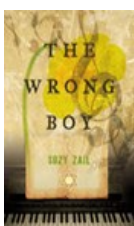
THE INK BRIDGE - Omed is a young boy who, in dreadful circumstances, flees Afghanistan. Arriving in Australia, he meets Hec, who has his own tortured past. Suitable for Mid to Upper Secondary readers. Author Neil Grant



THREE SUMMERS - From multi-award-winning author Judith Clarke, this is a magnificent and deeply moving story about two girls, a life-long friendship, and the heart's search for the real true thing. Suitable for Upper Secondary readers.



ONE LONG THREAD by Belinda Jeffrey is suitable for Upper Secondary readers. It follows on from *Brown Skin Blue*. When divorce rips Ruby Moon's family apart and tragedy traps her twin, Sally, in a cocoon from which she might never escape, Ruby learns that love is never simple. A beautiful and engaging tale from an exciting Australian storyteller.



THE WRONG BOY by Suzy Zail is set against the background of the Holocaust. It's devastating, moving, uplifting and impossible to put down. It will raise many points for discussion, including the way we label villains and victims. Suitable for Mid to Upper Secondary readers.



THE SHINY GUYS is a dark, sometimes funny novel about how fantasy and reality can merge, especially when electricity is involved. Suitable for Mid Secondary readers and Upper Secondary. Author Doug MacLeod.



EREBOS is a great read! It's a thriller that shows what happens when the boundaries between a virtual game and real life start to blur. A fabulous read for students in Lower to Upper Secondary. Author Ursula Poznanski



QUEEN OF THE NIGHT is the follow-up to Leanne Hall's award-winning title *This is Shyness*. *Queen of the Night* is a story about the impossibility of recreating the past, and the pain of facing up to reality, about finding the truth when you can't quite see clearly. Suitable for Mid to Upper Secondary readers.



THINGS A MAP WON'T SHOW YOU - An unforgettable collection of short fiction, poetry and comic art from Australia and beyond. Sometimes funny, sometimes dramatic, always compelling, this collection featuring both established writers and emerging talent will broaden your horizons and excite your imagination. Suitable for lower to mid secondary

SEATBELTS MUST BE WORN!

Newcombes Bus Company advises that students travelling on buses that provide seatbelts **must wear the seatbelt provided**. The law requires all passengers to use the available restraint. For further information please refer to the following website:

<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/road/travel/bus1.htm>



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Time and date:

Wednesday
28 March 2012
6.00 - 8.00 pm

Venue:

CWA Rooms
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SHAKESPEARE in Gloucester

TWO BIG SCHOOL DAYS

Informative workshop session with director and actors following the performance.

performances

All performances take place at
Gloucester Soldiers Club Auditorium (RSL)
Denison St, Gloucester

Thursday 10th May 2012

10.00 am

Friday 11th May 2012

10.00 am

\$10.00 per head

*BBQ Lunch
available*

info & bookings

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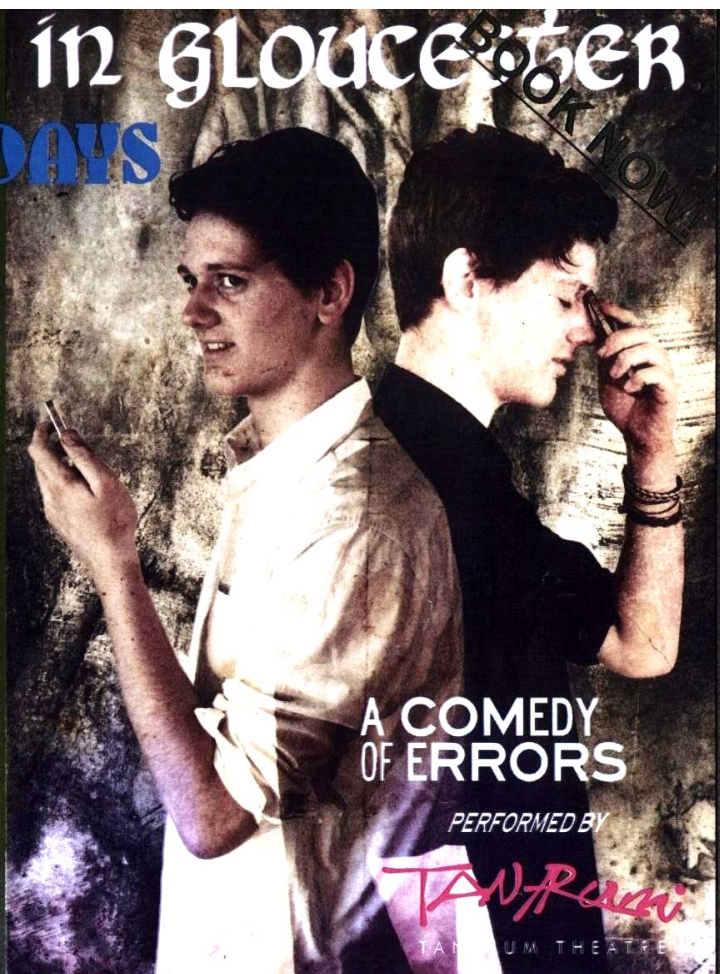
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97.7 Breeze FM



Gloucester High School



BREAKFAST CLUB

8:00am- 9:00am

Pancakes

Thursday 29 March 2012



Tonia and Suzy from the National Australia Bank
love cooking pancakes for the Gloucester High Students

No Breakfast Club

Thursday 5 April 2012

Hunter Region National Parks presents:



DISCOVERY
WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

'Easter 2012'

'Wild World of Waterbugs' at Woko National Park

Scoop and identify the wild, weird and wonderful waterbugs at Woko!

When: Tuesday 17 April 2012

1pm-3pm.

Tour costs: \$10 per person.

Booking and pre-payment is essential for all tours as numbers are limited. Book online at <http://www.wildwildworld.com.au> or contact our Regional Office on ph 02 49848200. Payment by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) is required at time of booking.

Bookings are Essential. Fees apply.

The Gloucester Project invites you to:

The Tucker Patch Open Day

Sunday April 1st 2012

11.00am – 2.00pm

68 Cemetery Road, Gloucester

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Costa Georgiadis

The new television host of ABC's Gardening Australia

Come see the new location of the Gloucester Project's demonstration market garden and see the plans.

Gloucester's food future beckons!

Guided tours • Entertainment

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The Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) is a series of presentations on positive parenting for people with children aged 3-12 years. The course covers:

- The Power of Positive Parenting
- Raising Confident, Competent Children
- Raising Resilient Children

DATE: Tuesday 20th March, 2012

TIME: 9.30am-2.30pm

VENUE: Taree Community Health Centre

PRESENTERS: Rebecca Sams, Paul Crittenden, Stacey Shoobridge from the Children, Young People & Families Counselling Team

COST: Free!!

BOOKINGS: Essential.

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

Please call Taree Community Health Centre on 6592 9315 to register to attend.

Lunch, Tea, coffee and refreshments provided

Please note: Childcare will not be available

www.triplep.net

SCHOOL CALENDAR—TERM 1

Thursday	22 March	P&C Meeting
Monday - Friday	26-30 March	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday -Thursday	2-5 April	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday	2 April	State swimming - Homebush
Wednesday	4 April	School Cross Country
Thursday	5 April	Students last day - Term 1
Friday	6 April	Good Friday
Monday	23 April	Staff Development Day - Term 2
Tuesday	24 April	Student return to school
Wednesday	25 April	ANZAC Day

CANTEEN—TERM 1

Phone –65589963



Monday	26 March	Elona/ Nickki
Tuesday	27 March	Reena
Wednesday	28 March	Darryl and Vicki
Thursday	29 March	
Friday	30 March	Elona
Monday	2 April	Elona
Tuesday	3 April	Kate
Wednesday	4 April	Helen T
Thursday	5 April	Elona

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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