

School Calendar 2014

TERM 4

Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 December

Year 10 Drama Production

Friday 12 December

Year 12 Standard English to Miller

Monday 15 December

Year 7 to 10 Reports to be issued

Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December

School Development Days

2015 - TERM 1

Monday 26 January

Australia Day Breakfast

8am Billabong Park

Tuesday 27 January

School Development Day

Wednesday 28 January

Year 7, 11, 12 return to school

Thursday 29 January

Year 8, 9 and 10 return to school

Thursday 5 February

Swimming Carnival

Monday 9 February

On Stage - Year 11 and 12 Drama

Wednesday 11 February

University Road Show - Years 11 and 12

Thursday 12 February

Year 12 Interviews

Tuesday 17 February

Zone Swimming Taree

Thursday 19 February

Aboriginal Parent Get together

Monday 23 February

Year 12 Parent Teacher Information Night

Thursday 26 February

P&C Meeting

Thursday 5 March

Open Netball Gala Day - Taree

Monday 9 March

Parent Teacher Evening

Tuesday 10 March

Spirit Day

Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 March

Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Monday 23 March 2015

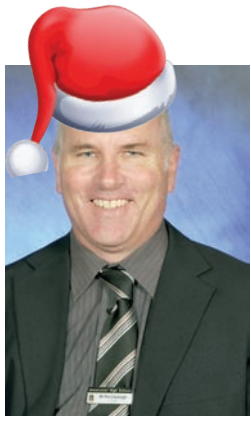
Year 7 SRC Speeches



GREAT TEACHING, INSPIRED LEARNING

As a part of our new planning process for the next three years, the school is required to seek the opinions of all stakeholders: staff, students and parents. This is a great step, as it will help to ensure that our planning process has legitimate input from everyone involved in the school community. To this end, I recently engaged some Year 11 (or should we now call them Year 12?) students in a Student Focus Group activity in which we discussed what great teaching looks like in support of learning. Using the Quality Teaching model, students discussed Significance, Intellectual Quality, and Quality Learning Environments using a "Plus, Minus, Interesting" chart. After writing down what they see as examples of great teaching, a follow up discussion allowed everyone to share and expand upon the ideas generated. The group has agreed to use these initial discussions as the foundation for developing a school-wide survey of students to gain a wider range of data. This is planned for early Term 1, 2015. It was wonderful to work with such enthusiastic, lucid and positive people. Their ideas were all well considered and proactive, with a real focus on what great teachers do in their classrooms. The information gained has certainly clarified a couple of directions for the Plan, and I look forward to continuing this conversation next year!





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Well, 2014 has been an exciting year at Gloucester High School. Major refurbishments to the school's woodwork room and TAS staffroom have paved the way for the construction, during 2015, of a Federally funded Metal Industries Trade Skills Centre. These upgrades will mean that, by the beginning of 2016, our Industrial Arts facilities will finally be state-of-the-art. Considering how well students have performed up to this time, I can hardly wait to see the quality of their future projects using these new facilities. The school also saw the renovation of one of our old and seldom used science labs, Room 19, into a new demonstration room and seminar space.

The seminar space will be set up as an Aboriginal resource room which can be used by staff, students and parents as a meeting and planning space, as well as an extra learning space for senior students. I am happy to announce that a long-awaited upgrade to the school's Agriculture facilities has been approved and planning is now underway. Before long, the old cattle handling facilities will be demolished and replaced by a larger covered area more suitable for the handling that our students do before showing and parading cattle. Our school bus purchase was finalised this year and a new shed was built to house it in. The bus has been a great resource, in terms of both convenience and reducing the cost of excursions for parents. A process of preparing staff for their bus driver's licences will begin before the end of this term.

An exciting program that has run throughout this year is the Resilience for Learning Hub project: a multi-agency, "whole of village" approach to providing support for students at risk of repeated suspension from school, chronic truancy or school refusal, and to support those students requiring extra literacy and numeracy assistance or help with assessment tasks. This initiative has served as a circuit breaker for these students, and has provided them with a meaningful program of study social support. The school has funded the extension of Hub hours throughout 2015, so that it can operate for three whole days each week. We also aim to increase the input of community members in the day to day operation of the Hub.

2015 sees the beginning of a new three year cycle of school planning, in which the conventions of how planning occurs have been fundamentally changed. The new planning process requires schools to consult with all stakeholders as an initial and formative step, rather than as a final "sign-off". To this end there have been a number of data gathering opportunities from staff, students and parents to provide the "base-line" data to inform our planning. Focus groups have been conducted with all three groups, and the data gathered has begun to be analysed to support and inform our strategic directions for the next three years. Personally, I think this approach is well overdue, and look forward to the development of a dynamic plan of attack that will be clearly focussed on quality teaching and learning and will lead to enhanced outcomes for all students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff (teaching, non-teaching and support staff), for their diligent and professional efforts throughout the year. Mr Steve Tonitto and Mr Andrew Herps have filled positions within the TAS faculty admirably. Also, thanks to Sally and Jamie Andrews who have filled a shared position in the PDHPE faculty. Mr Kent Baker has filled in extremely well, teaching in the Maths faculty and Mr Scott Warner has served enthusiastically in the Resilience for Learning Hub.

I would like to acknowledge a number of staff members who have, or will be, leaving our school. Earlier this year, Mr Dave Garland earned a promotion to Head Teacher TAS at Dungog High School. Mr Lyle McLucas retired from teaching earlier this year. Mr Arthur English, Mr John Stokes, Mr Roger Marmion, Mrs Leisa Moar will all be retiring from teaching at the end of this year. Thank you all for your contribution to Gloucester High School and to public education. Mrs Nicole Dwyer will be leaving us for the wilds of Gunnedah at the end of the year. Good luck out there, Nicole, and thank you for your great contribution to the school's Agriculture program and for the assistance you have given our students over the years.

Thank you to my fantastic Executive staff: Mr Greg Leighton, Ms Myree Ribbons, Mr Phil Dowle, Mr Mik Wisely, Mrs Mary Doust and Mr Mike King. You are all thorough professionals, willing and able to work as a team in moving Gloucester High School forward, with creative and energetic enthusiasm and a clear focus on students and the quality

of the teaching we provide. I am truly fortunate to have a complement of people who are willing to go the extra mile, whether it be relieving in a higher position, taking on extra duties or providing guidance and leadership for their staff. Thanks team: it has been another great year working with you. I would like to publically acknowledge the work of Mrs Mary Doust, who has served as Head Teacher Science since 2012. I am fortunate to have been able to work with Mary for over 15 years. In her short time here at Gloucester High School, Mary has proven herself to be an integral part of our leadership team. Mary has gained, through merit, the position of Head Teacher Science at Wingham High School and I wish her well there. Wingham's gain is certainly our loss. All the best Mary, and thanks for your huge contribution to our students. Also worthy of the highest praise is my School Administration Manager, Mrs Lyn Harwood, whose dedication, hard work, flexibility, creativity and sunny disposition make coming to work a pleasure, and even make School Finance seem interesting! Lyn has been ably supported in the SAM's role through much of this year by Mrs Chris Moulds. And what a great team they have been! Thank you ladies. And to my fantastic office and support staff: what a great bunch of helpful, hard-working, supportive and professional people you are. We are, indeed fortunate to have you.

An event such as Presentation Night does not "just happen" it takes careful planning, methodical lead up and highly developed liaison skills. I would like to publicly thank Judy Ingram, for her tireless work in coordinating such a high quality occasion. I recognise also the great work done by our office staff, but in particular Patrice Reynolds, who's proof-reading, collating and printing of programs and certificates was nothing short of outstanding.

Presentation Nights are showcase events for schools. They celebrate the effort, commitment and achievement of students, and recognise the diligence, support and creativity of teachers and support staff, and the ongoing and invaluable contribution of families and the wider community. The partnership that constitutes modern education has many facets which all contribute in some way to the development of each child. One major component, though, is the capacity of the individual to make the decision to learn, and to learn well. Well done, each and every one of you. Your hard work and enthusiasm are being rightfully acknowledged. Throughout the year, you have taken the steps needed to be responsible for your learning. You have made your education your own. We celebrate that decision, and applaud your success.

Merry Christmas and a happy safe holiday. See you all in 2015.

Cheers

Mr Pat Cavanagh



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a wonderful charity initially organised through Samaritans Purse. Australia sends the gift boxes to seven different countries. Kasey Wilson, Summah Laverick and Hailey Dobson of the Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood class thought it was a great idea to involve the high school. Roll call classes and individual gathered toys and money for thirty boxes. Thirty boxes that will hopefully put a smile on a young boy or girls face, who would other wise received very little.

Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood would like to thank everyone who contributed to such a successful charitable organisation.

Mrs Louise Harris



EFTPOS FACILITY IS NOW AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce that our school office now has EFTPOS facilities to provide parents/carers with the option of making any payments (over \$5) via debit cards, Mastercard and Visa.

If you have any outstanding fees it would be greatly appreciated if you could please pay these by the end of term.

Accounts Receivable

VARICELLA VACCINE (CHICKEN POX)

Year 7 students that missed out on their Varicella vaccine (Chicken Pox) as part of the NSW School-based Vaccination Program are required to attend a clinic at the Gloucester Medical Centre. The clinic will be held February 2015. Students will receive letters confirming the date early next year. Any student that has already turned 14 years by the date will require two doses of the vaccine.

Gloucester Medical Centre

PURCHASING A NOTEBOOK

As you know the DER Laptop program for students has been discontinued. This means that Year 9 students will not be provided with a laptop in 2015. Many high schools have embarked on a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), in which families purchase devices for their children to use at school and at home. Recent meetings with staff, students and parents have all led to the acknowledgement that, if purchases are made by parents, the school needs to provide some guidelines surrounding the type and capacity of device that we think will meet student educational needs and can cope with the wireless and software demands that exist. Year 9 students will need a device. Parents may also choose to purchase devices for students in Years 7 and 8. While the school encourages this, we realise that the expense may be prohibitive and, therefore, won't be making this compulsory. Mrs Chris Moulds has compiled a specifications list, so that parents are well-informed when purchasing a device. <http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/parents/purchasing-a-notebook>

CAREERS NEWS

Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

- The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.
- Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.
- Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at www.ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'
- Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'

Mr Mike De Angelis

CRICKETERS GO CLOSE IN HUNTER SEMI

Gloucester High School's Open Boys Cricket team played Newcastle High in the Semi Final of the Hunter Region's Jim D'Courcy Shield last Monday.

Winning the toss and electing to bat first, Gloucester lost opener Brodie O'Brien in the first over. This brought Captain Ryan Yates to the crease and he played some glorious cricket shots on his way to a quick fire 30. Coen Durbidge was solid at the other end until he was dismissed for 18. Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals and the home side were 5-80 at drinks. After drinks, Ben Reynolds continued on with his gritty knock while watching on as more wickets fell. The score had reached 8/101 when Reynolds was dismissed LBW for 19. Kenneth Wamsley batted well in the lower order scoring 19 not out to guide Gloucester to a respectable 130 all out.

With 130 to defend, the Gloucester bowlers started well with the early scalp of Studdert for 11, caught in the gully by Jye Barkwill off the bowling of Ben Reynolds. Another wicket to Reynolds had Newcastle 2/18 and realising they were in a game. Ryan Yates bowling first change captured another wicket to have Newcastle 3/46. Newcastle steadied and went to the drinks break 3/60 with the game well and truly in the balance. Looking for a breakthrough after drinks, Yates brought his opening bowlers back on and Reynolds and Hamilton bowled extremely well. Two dropped catches in the space of three overs proved costly for the home side with Newcastle advancing to 3/86. Yates again came on to bowl and dismissed Zanardi for 70 and Newcastle were 4/97. Another wicket to Yates and at 5/105 Newcastle still had work to do. 28 not out to Jay Toby guided Newcastle home 6/132 with three overs to spare. Ben Reynolds 2/25 and Ryan Yates 4/25 were the pick of the Gloucester bowlers.

Mr Adam Cameron



LIBRARY NEWS

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2014 Awards

Congratulations to Paula Edwards and Amy Campbell, recipients of Platinum Certificates for completing the Challenge for seven years. Special congratulations to Bryce Lacey who received a PRC Medal for completing the Challenge from Year 3 to Year 9 inclusive – an outstanding achievement.

The 2015 Challenge runs from 2 March to 21 August. **Books read from 1 September 2014 can count towards the 2015 Challenge.**



A GOOD CAUSE

For ages I have wanted to shorten my hair and send the trimmings to Pantene Beautiful Lengths who, together with Look Good... Feel Better, provide free real-hair wigs to women who have lost their hair through cancer treatment. Pantene Beautiful Lengths checks the quality of the hair – it needs to be natural and healthy – before making the wigs and sending them to Look Good... Feel Better to deliver to cancer patients across the country. On Saturday 6 December I got my wish. 30cm was cut off my hair by Anne at Hair@Booral. Donated hair must be 20cm in length or more. It takes 6-8 ponytails to create one wig. I hope that my ponytail gets used to help make a wig... and I am proud that I did it. I hope that others can do the same thing. Please donate your hair or help spread the word.

For more information visit <http://www.beautifullengths.com.au>

Lily Tiedeman

Year 7



QUICKSMART 2014

Quicksmart students have finished up for the year with a Christmas celebration last Friday. We have had a huge success this year with 16 students having completed the Quicksmart program.

We would like to thank all the Quicksmart Instructors, Julie Schumann, Tess Nolan and Janelle Davis, for their hard work and commitment to the program in 2014. Also a big thank you to the P&C for acknowledging the program and awarding us with the Outstanding Program/Activity of the year for 2014.

We are very excited to announce that the Quicksmart program will be running in 2015.



SENIOR STUDENTS SHARE IN CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

A Year 11 fundraising event, Merry Mufti Day, was held on Tuesday 9 December. Staff and students were able to send candygrams to their favourite someone and have photos taken with Santa. Everyone was encouraged to dress up as their favourite Christmas character (with prizes for the best dressed) and to bring a gold coin or dry good donation to support a local community group. The purpose of the event was two-fold. The students wanted to begin fundraising for their senior formal, and they also wanted to spread some Christmas cheer and help a local community group. The students decided that all food and gold coin donations collected on Merry Mufti Day would go to Gloucester Meals on Wheels to assist in providing Christmas hampers for their clients. Year 11 students were thrilled with the response from the school community and collected a number of food donations and \$226.55, which was presented to Mrs

Margo Steadman, coordinator of the Meals on Wheels program. Several Year 11 students will also be helping to deliver some of these hampers on the last day of the school year. Year 11 students are to be commended and congratulated for their effort, enthusiasm and Christmas spirit. It has been a very rewarding experience to see the leadership from the Year 11 group. The fact that fifteen students (one-third of the year group) are members of the fundraising committee speaks volumes about their cohesiveness as a year group.

Ms Keirstead
Year Adviser



PRESENTATION EVENING - 8 DECEMBER 2014

Gloucester High School staff and students gratefully acknowledge those businesses and individuals, listed below, who have made donations towards Presentation Night 2014.

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG)

Australian Defence Force

Barrington Trophies

Caltex Australia

Class of 63

Commonwealth Bank

CWA Day Branch

CWA Evening Branch

Forster Bus Company

Donna & Geoff Kemp

Gloucester Advocate (Fairfax Media Group)

Gloucester Arts & Cultural Council INC (GACCI)

Gloucester Bookstore

Gloucester Business Chamber

Gloucester Dental Surgery – Mr Hedditch

Gloucester District Tennis

Gloucester Lions Club

Gloucester High School P & C

Gloucester Real Estate

Gloucester Rotary Club

Gloucester Shire Council

Gloucester Soldiers Club

Gloucester Thunderbolts Swimming Association

Gloucester Veterinary Surgery

GWG Constructions

Jayem National Education JNE

Lodge Gloucester

Majestic Family Store

McRaes Fashion Centre

Mid Coast Connect

Dr David Gillespie M.P.

Hon. George Souris M.P.

Mrs J Nolan

Mrs J Ingram

Mrs S Landers

Mrs V Coombes

Newcastle University

Newcombes Coach Lines

Perenti Produce

Quota Club of Gloucester

Rob Moore & Associates

Ruben F Scarf

Tamsins@Roundabout

Townsend Electrical – Mr & Mrs K Townsend

University of New England

Yates & Twomey



ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 7

Azren Snow	Academic Excellence in Year 7B Excellence in Science Excellence in Mathematics Excellence in History Excellence in Geography
Hamish McClure	Academic Excellence in Year 7K Excellence in Geography Excellence in Design & Technology Excellence in PD/H/PE
Shelby Foot	Academic Achievement in Year 7M Excellence in Music
Kyra Edstein	Excellence in English Excellence in Visual Arts Excellence in PD/H/PE
Jasmine Keen	Excellence in English Excellence in Science
Cadel Beard	Excellence in History
Tahnee Yates	Excellence in Geography
Ebony Hughes	Excellence in Visual Arts
Cameron Redman	Excellence in Design & Technology Excellence in LOTE
Sophie Dunn	Excellence in Music
Grace Forrester	Excellence in Music
Paula Edwards	Excellence in LOTE
Lillian Tiedeman	Excellence in LOTE
Jordyn Crook	Excellence in PD/H/PE

ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 8

Laura Dunlop	Academic Excellence in Year 8B Excellence in English Excellence in Mathematics Excellence in History Excellence in Visual Arts Excellence in Music Excellence in Drama Excellence in Aboriginal Studies
Charlotte Mackintosh	Academic Achievement in Year 8K Excellence in Visual Arts Excellence in Design and Technology
Cameron Welch	Academic Achievement in Year 8M Excellence in History
Madalyn Bignell	Excellence in Geography
Emily Cameron	Excellence in Science
Nina Samson	Excellence in Design and Technology Excellence in Drama Excellence in LOTE Excellence in Aboriginal Studies
Hunter Hodge	Excellence in Design and Technology
Harrison Clarke	Excellence in Music Excellence in PD/H/PE
Liam Chester	Excellence in Music
Ella Hooke	Excellence in Music
Jenna Davis	Excellence in Drama
Molly Danton	Excellence in LOTE Excellence in Aboriginal Studies
Tayla Predebon	Excellence in Aboriginal Studies
Andrew Hughes	Excellence in PD/H/PE



ACADEMIC AWARDS - YEAR 9

Mia Bowden	First in Year 9 First in English First in Geography First PD/H/PE First in Drama First in Visual Arts
Ruby Pippen	Second in Year 9 First in Science First in Mathematics First in History First in Commerce
Jacob Bird	Third in Year 9 First in Music
Olivia Gray	First in Food Technology First in Agriculture First in Industrial Technology Timber
Bodhi Hickman	First in Industrial Technology - Metal
Harrison Bird	First in Design and Technology
Chloe Harris	First in Information and Software Technology
Elijah Snow	First in Photographic and Digital Media

Benjamin Reynolds

First in PD/Health/PE

Leah Yarnold

First in Food Technology

Hamish Carson

First in Manufacturing Pathways - Metal
First in Industrial Technology Wood

Brianna Pung

First in Information & Software Technology

Jodie Harris

First in Agriculture



ACADEMIC AWARDS - YEAR 10

Hayley Johns	First in Year 10 First in English First in Science First in History First in Music First in Commerce First in Visual Arts
Coen Durbidge	Second in Year 10 First in Mathematics First in Geography First in Physical Activity and Sport Science
Erika Hughes	Third in Year 10 First in Photographic and Digital Media First in Drama



ACADEMIC AWARDS - YEAR 11

Jamie-Lee Bird	First in Year 11 First in English - Advanced First in Mathematics First in French Equal First in Community and Family Studies
Laura Bignell	Second in Year 11 First in English - Standard First in Mathematics Extension 1 First in Chemistry First in Biology First in Primary Industries First in Agriculture
Jasper Hoggett	Third in Year 11 First in Physics First in Music
Shannon Baker	First in English - Extension 1 First in Visual Arts
Kasey Wilson	First in English Studies Equal First in Community and Family Studies
	First in Exploring Early Childhood
Ethan Hamilton	First in Ancient History
Jalil Virzi-Hartigan	First in General Mathematics
Tynika Campbell	First in PD/H/PE
D'arcy Tuckwell	First in Industrial Technology - Wood
Chloe Haynes	First in Drama
Callan Stewart	First in Software Design and Development
Peter Harris	First in Metals and Engineering
Isabel Everett	First in Hospitality
Joshua Westley	Excellence in Building Construction



SPECIAL AWARDS YEAR 7

Kyra Edstein	Effort and Commitment to Study
Madelaine Blanch	Effort and Commitment to Study
Jasmine Keen	Effort and Commitment to Study
Jordyn Crook	Effort and Commitment to Study
Cheyenne Whitfield	Academic Improvement
Emily Murray	Academic Improvement
Laura-Jean Rowney	Academic Improvement

SPECIAL AWARDS YEAR 8

Madalyn Bignell	Effort and Commitment to Study
Andrew Hughes	Effort and Commitment to Study
Lincoln Cox	Effort and Commitment to Study
Olivia Allardice	Academic Improvement
Cody Smith	Academic Improvement
Bonnie Redfern	Academic Improvement

SPECIAL AWARDS YEAR 9

Blake Steadman	Effort and Commitment to Study
Kylee Fitzgerald	Effort and Commitment to Study
Indira Virzi-Hartigan	Effort and Commitment to Study
Sage Denton	Lucas Kemp Memorial Prize for Effort and Commitment
Tiana Durbidge	Academic Improvement
Sarah Crook	Academic Improvement
Benjamin Henley	Academic Improvement
Ruby Pippen	CARER Award
Indira Virzi-Hartigan	Tim Westcott Memorial Prize

SPECIAL AWARDS YEAR 10

Hamish Carson	Effort and Commitment to Study
Brodie O'Brien	Effort and Commitment to Study
Andrew Chong Sun	Effort and Commitment to Study
Oihanu Barff	Academic Improvement
Tia Dougherty	Academic Improvement
Blake Gibbons	Academic Improvement
Emerson Ross	Academic Improvement
Hamish Carson	Robbie Sandford Memorial Prize for Woodwork
Jordan Dunn	Service to the School Community
Benjamin Reynolds	Commitment to Music
Jodie Harris	Michelle McMinn Memorial Prize for Agriculture
Tia Dougherty	Uncle Jimmy Clarke Memorial Prize

SPECIAL AWARDS YEAR 11

Shannon Baker	Service to the School Community
Chloe Haynes	Service to the School Community
Shannon Baker	Effort and Commitment to Study
Callan Stewart	Effort and Commitment to Study
Tynika Campbell	Effort and Commitment to Study
Tynika Campbell	CARER Award
Laura Bignell	Excellence Award
Shannon Baker	Highly Commended Award

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Long Tan LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARDS

Ryan Yates	Year 10
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DUKE OF EDINBURGH NAVIGATION SHIELD

Wyatt Hall	Outstanding Progress through the Duke of Edinburgh Award
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BLACK OPAL AWARD

Jamie-Lee Bird	Awarded to the student who has achieved the highest Ongoing Performance Assessment Log scores across 2014
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SPORT AWARDS 2014

SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS

BOYS

12 yrs -	Nil
13yrs -	Dylan Schultz
14yrs -	Harrison Clarke
15yrs -	Lachlan Howard
16yrs -	Brodie O'Brien

GIRLS

Jasmine Keen
Emma Johnston
Melanie Thompson
Mia Bowden
Sandi Thompson

ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS

BOYS

12yrs -	Nil
13yrs -	Jacob Sopher
14yrs -	Harrison Clarke
15yrs -	Jayden Mackintosh
16yrs -	Luke Boorer

GIRLS

Amelia Carson
Ella Blamires
Olivia Allardice
Rashelle Franks
Natalie Schneider



Champion of Champions

Swimming –

Olivia Allardice and Callan Radford

Athletics –

Natalie Schneider, Lachlan Clarke (GHS Gift)

Regional (Hunter) Representatives

Harrison Clarke and Kieran Schneider

House Shield

Belbora

Sportsperson of the Year Awards

Female Sportsperson of the Year

Olivia Allardice

Male Sportsperson of the Year

Harrison Clarke

GHS Sports Award

Ryan Yates

GHS Sports Award

Kieran Schneider

Records Broken

Harrison Clarke (100m – 12.33sec). Previous Brett Fraser 1993 (12.50sec)

Harrison Clarke (Long Jump – 5.55m). Previous Peter Franks 1961 (5.39m)



NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

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FICTION

The Narrow Road to the Deep North by Richard Flanagan

Winner of the 2014 Man Booker Prize

August, 1943. In the despair of a Japanese POW camp on the Thai-Burma death railway, Australian surgeon Dorrigo Evans is haunted by his love affair with his uncle's young wife two years earlier. Struggling to save the men under his command from starvation, from cholera, from beatings, he receives a letter that will change his life forever. This novel is a story about the many forms of love and death, of war and truth, as one man comes of age, prospers, only to discover all that he has lost.



What the Raven Saw by Samantha Ellen Bound

The raven doesn't want you to read his story. What if you find out the location of his treasure? Or worse, what if you learn his secret – that ravens can talk? But you should read it, even though the raven wants to be left alone. A pesky pigeon, a beady-eyed weather hen, a ghost boy and a love struck scarecrow will make sure this story isn't just about one grumpy raven. With their help, the raven will uncover a thief, sing his own song, and discover there's more to life than being magnificent. Just promise that you won't steal his treasure.



NEW TITLES IN SERIES

PATRICK HEDSTROM

Buried Angels (#8): Easter 1974. A family vanishes from their home on an idyllic island off the Swedish coast. They have left everything behind -- including their one-year-old daughter, Ebba. Now, years later, Ebba has returned to the island. She and her husband have suffered the loss of their only child and are looking to make a fresh start. But within days, their house is the target of an arson attack. Detective Patrik Hedstrom takes on the investigation, aided by his wife, crime writer Erica Falck... and they are soon consumed by the hunt for a killer who will stop at nothing to keep the past buried...



NEW SERIES

THE HEIR CHRONICLES by Cinda Williams Chima

The Warrior Heir (#1): Before he knew about the Roses, 16-year-old Jack lived an unremarkable life in the small Ohio town of Trinity. Only the medicine he has to take daily and the thick scar above his heart set him apart from the other high-schoolers. At least, until one day Jack forgets his "medicine". Suddenly, he is stronger, fiercer, and more confident than ever before.



The Wizard Heir (#2): Seph McCauley has spent the past three years getting kicked out of one exclusive private school after another. And it's not his attitude that's the problem: it's the trail of magical accidents -- lately, disasters -- that follow in his wake. Seph is a wizard, orphaned and untrained, and his powers are escalating out of control. Worse, as the magical accidents that plague him grow in intensity, Seph makes a discovery: the stories he's been told about his parents' life and death are fabrications.



The Dragon Heir (#3): For centuries, wizards have avoided making war on each other for fear of waking the legendary dragon that sleeps at Raven's Ghyll. But it is a new age. The patriarch Nicodemus Snowbeard is rapidly failing. The Wizard Houses of the Red and White Rose have united against Claude D'Orsay, Master of Games and keeper of the Dragonhold, and a moment when he and his sadistic son Devereaux seem poised to seize control of all of the magical guilds.

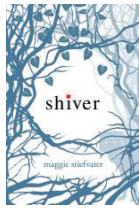
STARBOUND by Amie Kaufman and a Spooner



These Broken Stars (#1): It's a night like any other on board the Icarus. Then, catastrophe strikes: the massive luxury spaceliner is yanked out of hyperspace and plummets into the nearest planet. Lilac LaRoux and Tarver Merendsen survive. And they seem to be alone. Lilac is the daughter of the richest man in the universe. Tarver comes from nothing, a young war hero who learned long ago that girls like Lilac are more trouble than they're worth. But with only each other to rely on, Lilac and Tarver must work together, making a tortuous journey across the eerie, deserted terrain to seek help...



This Shattered World (#2): Jubilee Chase is captain of the forces sent to Avon to crush the terraformed planet's rebellious colonists, but she has her own reasons for hating the insurgents. Flynn Cormac is leading the rebellion. Flynn does the only thing that makes sense when he and Lee cross paths: he returns to base with her as prisoner. But as his fellow rebels prepare to execute this tough-talking girl, Flynn makes another choice that will change him forever. He and Lee escape base together, caught between two sides in a senseless war.



THE WOLVES OF MERCY FALLS by Maggie Stiefvater

Shiver (#1): Sam's not just a normal boy — he has a secret. During the summer he walks and talks as a human, but when the cold comes, he runs with his pack as a wolf. Grace has spent years watching the wolves in the woods behind her house — but never dreamed that she would fall in love with one of them. Now that they've found each other, the clock ticks down on what could be Grace and Sam's only summer together.



Linger (#2): Enter Cole, a new wolf who is wrestling with his own demons, embracing the life of a wolf while denying the ties of being human. For Grace, Sam, and Cole, life is harrowing and joyful, enticing and alarming. As their world falls apart, love is what lingers. But can it be enough?

Forever (#3): The story continues — only now, the stakes are even higher than before. Wolves are being hunted. Lives are being threatened. It's becoming harder and harder to hold on to one another. In the conclusion to Maggie Stiefvater's bestselling trilogy, love is the question — and the answer.

BARTIMAEUS by Jonathan Stroud



The Amulet of Samarkand (#1):

When the 5,000-year-old djinni Bartimaeus is summoned by Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, he expects to have to do nothing more taxing than a little levitation or a few simple illusions. But Nathaniel is a precocious talent and has something rather more dangerous in mind: revenge. Against his will, Bartimaeus is packed off to steal the powerful Amulet of Samarkand from Simon Lovelace, a master magician of unrivalled ruthlessness and ambition. Before long, both djinni and apprentice are caught up in a terrifying flood of magical intrigue, murder and rebellion.



The Golem's Eye (#2): Two years have passed and the young magician Nathaniel is rising fast through the government ranks. But his career is suddenly threatened by a series of terrifying crises. A dangerous golem makes random attacks on London and other raids, even more threatening, are perpetrated by the Resistance. Nathaniel and Bartimaeus travel to Prague, enemy city of ancient magic, but while they are there uproar breaks out at home and Nathaniel returns to find his reputation in tatters. Can he rescue it from his adversaries in the government bent on his destruction?

STUDENT 2015 TIMETABLES AVAILABLE via EMAIL

The timetable for next year is almost complete. A copy of each individual student's timetable will be emailed to the student's school email account on 27 January 2015.

To be prepared on your first day back, students need to read their emails. A printed copy will be provided on the students first day back at school in the new year.

Mrs Chris Moulds

NSW SCHOOL-BASED VACCINATION PROGRAM 2015

The program for 2015 has changed a little. The only difference is that Year 9 males will no longer be offered HPV as this age group has now been caught up, while Years 11 and 12 will be offered a single dose of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine if they have not received two previous doses.



Further information is available from the NSW Ministry of Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx> and the NSW

Department of Education and Community (DEC) website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/immunisation.php. The Association of Independent Schools NSW (AISNSW) and the Catholic Education Commission NSW (CECNSW) have also been communicating with their schools about these program changes.

Vaccines to be offered in 2015

ALL Year 7 Students:

- Varicella vaccine (Chicken Pox) as a single dose - for any student who has not had the disease
- Diphtheria, Tetanus and pertussis (Whooping Cough) (dTpa) adult vaccine – as a single dose to all Year 7 students who have not received a previous dose.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine – in a 3-dose schedule with 2 month gap between doses one and two and a four month gap between doses two and three.

All Year 11 & 12 students:

- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine as a single dose. ONLY FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED TWO PREVIOUS DOSES. Approximately 5% of students will require this vaccine.

CONSENT FORMS

Year 7 – a single consent form with opportunity to consent for all three vaccines on the one form.

Years 11 & 12 – a single consent form for MMR. **Forms will be sent home early next year.**



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GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL P & C

Meeting 27 November 2014

Meeting held at Mograni Lookout prior to Christmas celebration dinner at Faull's Ridge.

Present: Pat Cavanagh, Mike King, Rachel Starret, Kim Hall, Eve Green, Janet Garner, Narelle Bignell, Christina Battams, Sue McLeod, Sue Dark

Apologies: Kalen Danton, Robyn Hooke, Fiona O'Brien

Minutes of Previous Meeting – read by Rachel

Motion; Accept minutes of previous meeting

Moved: Sue

Seconded: Narelle

Accepted

Business Arising From Minutes:

- Chaplaincy- on 28/11 need to submit application for 2015 funding, (Mike King) Likelihood of success of funding application high as we have had program in past. The program will be administered by the school directly, not through the P&C. A survey of students suggest satisfaction with Chloe so the program will keep functioning in a similar way.
- Sports Shirts – current stocks no longer available, a new stockiest will not be sought as it is not mandatory uniform. Donate current stocks of shirts to the school

Moved Rachel

Second: Narelle

Motion carried

- Narelle submitted Certificate of Currency.
- Motion: Reimburse Narelle \$450 paid for insurance

Moved: Kim

Second: Christina

Motion Carried

- Hot water system broken in canteen- school will fix
- Rachel has not had time to look for hat supply
- Robyn Hooke will take over uniform supply

Principal's Report:

- Pat thanked P&C for being active and supporting school.
- RAM money has come in ~\$300000 Mark McClure, Janet and Pat had meeting regarding school plan
- There are a few temporary staff positions; Agriculture, English, office.
- Head Science has been replaced
- Ask P&C to vote for School Program Award

Correspondence In:

- P&C Federation journal
- Bank Statement
- LW REID- uniform catalogue

- P&C Federation –eBulletin
- Certificate of Currency

Correspondence Out:

Email re help for Orientation night

Treasurer's Report:

Tabled

Balance:\$7891.05

Motion: Accept Treasurer's Report

Moved: Sue D

Second:

Mike

Motion carried

Canteen Report

Rachel will discuss with Kalen

\$23000

Motion: Transfer \$10000 to working account

Moved: Janet

Second: Eve

Motion carried

Chaplaincy –Report

Balance: \$19314.21

AG Sub Committee Report:

Tabled

Motion: Accept Ag Sub-committee report

Moved: Narelle

Second: Mike

Motion carried

General Business:

Year 12 Formal – Hors d'oeuvres made by Home Economics class were delicious

Thank you to Pat and Mike De Angelis for all the help for HSC students to submit university applications and early entry applications – some students are already benefitting.

Meeting Closed 6:50pm

Next Meeting 2015





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Education &
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Attention Year 12

GLOUCESTER LOCAL AECG

Gloucester local AECG would like to invite the community to come and join our AECG. A meeting will be held on Monday 15 December 2014 at 2:30pm. All welcome.

About

The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. is a non for profit Aboriginal organisation that provides advice on all matters relevant to education and training with the mandate that this advice represents the Aboriginal community viewpoint.

The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. promotes respect, empowerment and self-determination and believes the process of collaborative consultation is integral to equal partnership and is fundamental to the achievement of equality.

The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. advocates cultural affirmation, integrity and the pursuit of equality to ensure that the unique and diverse identity of Aboriginal students is recognised and valued.

Structure of the NSW AECG Inc.

The primary role of the NSW AECG Inc. is to promote active participation by Aboriginal people in the consultative and decision making process of education and training related matters.

Our strong member base is key to the organisation being the peak advisory body regarding Aboriginal Education and Training at both State and Commonwealth levels. As a wholly volunteer based organisation, our key focus is 'community first'; the educational rights of Aboriginal people in NSW being our driving force.

The NSW AECG Inc. has local, regional and state networks that enables effective communication allowing Aboriginal community viewpoints to be echoed throughout the organisation.

Local AECG's

All the members of local communities can become members of the local AECG but only Aboriginal adults (18 years and over) can vote and hold office bearers' positions. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer make up the local AECG Executive. Other members make up the local committee. Meetings of the local AECG's shall be held at least three times a year at a venue, date and time to be decided upon by the members.



GHS YEAR 10 DRAMA
PRESENTS
THE SMALL
POPPJES

By David Holman



Clint's first day at school just got a whole lot worse!

Starring

**Tia Dougherty, Jordan Dunn, Maddie Eveleigh, Rashelle Franks, Molly Hutchen,
Kimberley Mitchell, Lily Nixon, Natalie Schneider, Patrick Skelton,
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GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Fri Dec 12 @ 7:00pm

Sat Dec 13 @ 2:00pm & 7:00pm

**Tickets: Adults \$6.00, Concession \$4.00 at the door
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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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