

School Calendar 2014 TERM 4

Monday 1 December

Save a Mate - Year 10

Tuesday 2 December to Friday 5

December

Multicultural Week

Wednesday 3 December

Orientation Day - Year 7

Friday 5 December

Barrenjoey High School Band Visit

Monday 8 December

Auditions for 2015 Musical - this week

Presentation Night

Tuesday 9 December

Year 12 Christmas Fundraiser

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

CANTEEN

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Monday 1 December

Elona

Tuesday 2 December

Nikki Durbidge

Wednesday 3 December

Leonie Hughes

Thursday 4 December

Melissa Feeney

Friday 5 December

Elona

Monday 8 December

Elona

Tuesday 9 December

Jenny Scarborough

Wednesday 10 December

Jennie

Thursday 11 December

Alison

Friday 12 December

Elona



NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Friday 21 November, Emme Moulds, Chloe Haynes, Isabelle Everett, Liam Chester, Emily Cameron and Kasey Wilson attended the National Young Leaders Day conference at the Sydney Olympic Park. There were about 2300 young leaders, all wanting to learn and be inspired to follow their leadership pathways by the motivating works of the guest speakers.

The first speaker was Lucy Thomas. She is the founder of Project Rockit, which is all about anti-bullying. She told us about her personal struggles with bullying of the family of someone she was very close to which inspired her to start Project Rockit.

The next speaker was a professional Rugby Player, as well as an Olympian, Jeremy Rolleston. He talked about his two dreams in life and how he had experienced a lot of knock-backs trying to achieve them. His first dream was to play for the Wallabies and his second dream was to make it to the Olympics. After a series of injuries and rejection, he still never gave up and achieved his dreams.

The last speaker was Alex Malley, a CEO of a successful company, TV host and the only person in the world who has ever interviewed Neil Armstrong. He taught us that if we can dream it, we can do it and to never give up on what we are passionate about.

Despite the 42 degree heat and almost getting lost on the way there, it was a really fun and motivational day. I enjoyed hearing the stories of people who never gave up and did what they could to live their dream and inspire people.

Emily Cameron



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



The year is fast evaporating, but we are still busily getting on with the work of education! Exams are finished and staff are putting the final touches on their reports. With the Multicultural Festival and Miller High School visit just around the corner, and the school's Presentation Night soon after that, there is certainly some work yet to do!

I would like to take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank our wonderful Parent and Citizens Association team. Our final meeting last night saw us round off a great year's work – and all in the spectacular surroundings of the Mograni Lookout. Our Christmas dinner at Faull's Ridge was a great way to celebrate the huge contribution of this group to the ongoing support of student learning at our school. Thanks to Deb and John Faull for their great food, service and

hospitality! The P&C is an active group of people who have worked hard and cooperatively to help fund the purchase of many items across the school including interactive whiteboards, student and teacher resources, literacy and numeracy programs and a variety of infrastructure assistance. I would particularly like to thank the outgoing members of the group: Tony Kingston, Janet Garner, Rachel Starrett, Alison Ward and Darrel and Vicki Eather. They have worked tirelessly to support the school, and for this I thank you. I would also like to appeal to current and future parents to become involved in this dynamic group. We always have lively and constructive discussions focussed on how the school can continue to improve our delivery of a quality education to the students of the district. Don't be shy! Set aside a couple of hours on the fourth Thursday each month and help contribute to our great school!

Cheers! Pat Cavanagh



ASSESS OUR QUALITY OF GHS LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

The capacity of teachers to teach and students to learn is directly impacted by the quality of the learning environment. Quality learning environments are characterised by spaces where explicit criteria of the work being done is being followed, teachers are able to communicate high expectations and students develop the capacity to take direction. Quality classroom learning environments are created when students and teachers work productively in clearly focused learning situation. In such environments teachers are able to set high explicit expectations at the same time developing positive relationships between the teacher and their students. However in some cases the relationships between students and other students or their teachers is so poor that it distracts from our core business, learning. Gloucester High School, as part of its annual review processes is seeking to involve students in a review of student management practices. The objective of this review is to maximise on-task learning within every lesson in 2015.

In the coming weeks a sample of students will be approached to take part in a focus group activity that is designed to establish student perceptions regarding classroom learning environments. There will be opportunity for students to express opinions and reflect on the practices of our school. Students approached will be taking home a permission slip to participate in this very worthwhile activity. I hope that parents whose students are approached will take the opportunity to support this initiative. The outcomes of this process will be reported in the near future as well as form part of our planning for 2015.

Mr Mike King

YEAR 10 PEER SUPPORT

A large group of Year 10 students participated in the Peer Support training on Wednesday 26 November. The day involved a range of activities to assist in developing the skills which are necessary for the effective facilitation of Peer Support groups. The day began with a discussion centred on student expectations of the leadership training, as well as good leadership and positive communication skills. Students learned that groups can be dynamic and through a range of games, learned how they can help identify individual similarities and differences within groups and encourage maximum participation of all students. Smaller group sessions throughout the day provided the Year 10 students with opportunities to develop an understanding of how to empathise with the needs of group members and establish agreements for working together, develop skills in effective communication and strategies in managing a group. All students who completed the training were then encouraged to apply as a Peer Support Leader. We are pleased to state that some of the participants are Peer Support Leader for Orientation Day next Wednesday 3 December and for 2015. Orientation day will provide students a chance to demonstrate their newly developed leadership skills and apply the cooperation, energy and enthusiasm that were on display during the training day. Year 10 students have described their experiences exciting, fun, awesome, great and worthwhile. I would like to congratulate the students for a wonderful training day. It was pleasing to see the students working together with enthusiasm, maturity and responsibility. The Peer Support program is off to a great start for next year!

Mrs Judy Ingram and Ms Carol Layton

HUNTER CRICKET TRIALS

Yesterday, three students from Gloucester High School attended the Open Boys Cricket trials at Maitland. The students were Ryan Yates, Ben Reynolds and Ethan Hamilton. All acquitted themselves well on the day. After the first session, Ryan and Ben were selected to continue in the selection process. After being named as 13th man last year and with that trial experience, Ryan was selected as wicketkeeper/batsmen for the team. Ryan will now head to Bathurst in Term 1 next year for the NSW CHS cricket carnival.

Congratulations Ryan and well done to Ben and Ethan for representing the school and themselves on the day with distinction

Mr Adam Cameron

HELPING TEENAGERS CELEBRATE SAFELY

Parties are part and parcel of a teenager's life. While most celebrations go off without a hitch, they can go wrong and get out of hand – particularly if the party is unplanned. Here are some tips to help ensure your teenager and their friends have fun but remain safe.

Time to party: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/time-to-party>



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

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 2-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.

TALENTED STUDENT PLAYS WITH ORCHESTRA OF THE MID NORTH COAST

Laura Dunlop a talented music student from Year 8 is currently performing with Sinfonia, an orchestra of the Mid North Coast. I recently attended a concert given by this talented group and would like to congratulate Laura on her effort in the string section where she played second violin alongside her mum Michelle. It was great to witness the professional approach the group had towards providing a varied and entertaining repertoire of music ranging from Bach to Broadway to songs from movie soundtracks. Congratulations Laura I thoroughly enjoyed the concert and was very impressed with Laura ability.



Judy Ingram

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL 2015 MUSICAL ANNOUNCED



Seussical, the hit Broadway musical comedy based on the books of Dr. Seuss, will be the GHS musical for 2015. Debuting on Broadway in 2000, the play seamlessly intertwines the characters, stories and themes from cherished classics, including Horton Hears a Who!, The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz and Oh, the Thinks You Can Think! After a Broadway run, the production spawned two US national tours and a UK tour. It has become a favourite for school, community and regional theatres.

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

CAREERS NEWS

Year 12 Graduates

Those students who are university bound will need to ensure that their School Recommendation Scheme (SRS) choice is first preference by Tuesday 2 December. Offers will be released on Thursday 4 December. After this round it's important that students go into UAC "Check and Change" and change their first preference to the university and course that they truly want. Remember, this round will be based on ATARs. Students will know their ATAR's prior to this round, so common sense and a realistic appraisal of their choices are very important. Remember, many courses and universities offer bonus points for living in a regional area, being of indigenous descent or successfully completing the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) documents. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any assistance with your preferences.

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 De Angelis

TRY-A-TRADE DAY 2014

Last Wednesday 19 November, approximately 60 Year 9 students attended the annual Try-A-Trade Day. This year the event was held at the Gloucester Recreation Centre which proved to be an excellent venue with lots of room and shelter from the 80% chance of rain that unfortunately bypassed Gloucester.

Try-A-Trade was developed collaboratively with the Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group, Enhancing Gloucester Skills and Gloucester High School. The day-long event provided the opportunity for students to gain valuable career advice from local industry representatives, employers and trade qualified trainers. Students were encouraged to engage with professional workers within the industry, ask questions and take notes for future reference.

Several students opted to attend off-site sessions and observed daily business operations at Speldon Agriculture (Maslen's Dairy) and / or DRIFTA Kitchens. These 'tours' of the facilities provided a very realistic view of how a particular business operates and complements the local community.

This is a very unique opportunity and a privilege that is only possible due to the support from the local community and the outstanding efforts of Karlie Lister and the team at the Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group. Try-A-Trade enhances the Gloucester High School Careers program and provides present-day, realistic information so students can more successfully navigate their career path by making informed, planned and thoughtful decisions. Furthermore, it assists students in making relevant choices for how and where they will complete their Work Experience requirements when they begin Year 10 in 2015.

Many people were amazed at how many sausage sandwiches small, lanky, adolescent male students can pack away. So, a special thanks to the Lions Club for cooking on the day and Darrel's Gourmet Butchery and Hebbys Bakery for providing lunch.

Gloucester High School would also like to thank: NSW Ambulance, Fire and Rescue NSW, Rural Fire Service, Mid Coast Connect, VERTO, North Coast TAFE, NSW Parks and Wildlife Service, Calco Surveyors, First National Real Estate, Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group, Chris and Sally Maslen, The Tucker Patch, DRIFTA Camping and Trailer Kitchens, LevelTec and the Holiday Coast Credit Union for making this day a success.

Mr Michael De Angelis



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, that 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>

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,
Isabel Snowden, Sandi Thompson, Karla Tollis, Starr Welch, Josh Wilson**

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
(Suitable for the whole family!)**

MANNING AND GREAT LAKES HIGH SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY DISPLAY COMPETITION

This competition has been running for several years in our region and has built a lot of credibility and support. The total prize pool for this year's event was over \$3000 coming from local business including Bunning's in Taree. This year we entered nine students' works across two categories, Year 7 Technology and Year 9 Industrial Technology Metals.

I had great delight to find out three of our entrants had won a prize. Nick Watts-Toohil in Year 9 won a \$40 prize, Olivia Corbett and Kyra Edstein won \$20 awards. Nick create a beautiful fire place tool stand with tools from twisted mild steel, while our Year 7 entrants created owl shaped door stops. The students have been invited to attend the presentation of prizes at Taree Art Gallery on Friday 28 November. I would like to thank all students who entered and especially congratulate our prize winners!



'A very Proud'
Mik Wisely
Head Teacher TAS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE TAS DEPARTMENT

We would like to acknowledge the support our school has received from Drifta Kitchens. Luke Sutton has been involved with our school for more many years through employment opportunities of our students, industry visits to his workplace, Try- a-Trade sessions for our students, supplying our school with a constant supply of marine grade plywood off cuts, aluminium checker plate off cuts as well as offering his larger tools and equipment to us if our students have any specialised work that needs to be done. To top all that off, Drifta Kitchens has made a donation of a Cordless Drill set worth over \$400 to us recently which is highly appreciated by students and staff. The relationship that is developing between our organisations is directly benefiting the students of Gloucester High School and the TAS faculty, Gloucester High School and the greater school community thanks Luke and Drifta Kitchens for your support now and into the future.



Mik Wisely
Head Teacher TAS

PRESENTATION NIGHT

The assembly will take place in the school hall on Monday 8 December 2014. The assembly will commence at approximately 7:00pm and will conclude at approximately 9:30pm. We would ask you to be at the school hall at 6:50pm in order for you to be seated before the evening proceeds.

Recognising the positive contributions that students make is a vitally important way the school can promote excellence and encourage our school motto "Strive to Excel". We look forward to your attendance.

ITINERARY - MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL 2014

Tuesday 2 December

11:38am	Miller students arrive at Gloucester Station – transported to school.
12:00pm	Meet with host students in Senior Quad.
12:30pm	Assembly – Introducing students.
12:50pm	Lunch time as normal.
1:35pm	Miller students to visit GHS classes.
2:25pm	Miller students to rehearse in hall
3:15pm	School finishes. Travel home with host students.
7:00pm	Dinner with host families or out at Roundabout Inn

Recipient, 2014 FRRR ABC
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Wednesday 3 December

9:00am	Rollcall with host students
9:10am	Students travelling to The Bucketts Walk
11:00am	Swimming at Gloucester Olympic Pool or river
12:00pm	Lunch at Gloucester Olympic Pool or river (SRC BBQ). 1:00pm Return to GHS
1:30pm	Whole school activities (sporting/art/trivia/dance) 3:10pm Meet up with host students in quad to travel home.
7:00pm	Social–“Hero” Theme
10:00pm	Finish

Thursday 4 December

9:00am	Rollcall with host students
9:10am	Rehearsals in hall
11:10am	All students move to quad– canteen closed: Multicultural Food Fest, Music, Dancing...etc
12:30pm	Students move to hall for Drama performance
3:10pm	Meet up with host students in quad to travel home.
7:00pm	Music and Drama night in school hall 7pm \$4 at the door
10:00pm	Finish

Friday 5 December

9:00am	Rollcall with host students
9:10am	Final assembly and farewell
10:00am	Students board bus for transport to station – normal classes Period 2-6.
10:55am	Train departs

* Subject to change



CHRISTMAS MUFTI DAY

Year 12 are holding a Christmas themed
Mufti Day Fundraiser on
Tuesday 9 December

All you need to do is bring in a non
perishable food donations or a gold
coin. Which will be donated to needy
elderly people in Gloucester.

Orders for candy canes need to be
made by Friday 5 December

Santa Photos will be available for
\$1 for 4"x6" or \$2.50 for 5"x7"

**There will be a prize for the best
dressed**

Merry Christmas

Send sweet-toothed
messages to your
friends to
celebrate Christmas

Tuesday, W10
9th of December



Tuesday, W10
9th of December



Merry Mufti Day!

come as your favourite
christmas character
for a good cause

**Dry Food or Gold Coin
Donation**

CYRANO DE BERGERAC

Recently, Year 10 and 11 Drama students travelled to Sydney to experience the live theatre production of Cyrano de Bergerac; a romantic comedy based on the story of a love triangle. For some, this was the first proper live performance they had seen, which we all found entertaining through the plot structure, as well as costume and set design. The costumes that the actors wore visually reflected their personality. Everyone walked out of the theatre gaining inspiration and realising the importance of the actor's portrayal of each character.



We stayed back for the Question and Answer session with the actors and this made me realise, just how into character the actors were. After all, in order for them to convey an emotion on stage to everyone in the audience, it needs to be exaggerated.

Free time after this performance meant time to go and explore unfamiliar territory. Many went shopping, whilst others decided to take on Mr Davis' Scavenger Hunt. A challenge designed to improve/test group working skills, whilst completing a list of random acts that are worth points. The first to get to the total of 200 points, or the most points wins the prize... chocolate! And what a prize well worth running around Circular Quay taking restaurants menus, posing in a tight fitting place/ "I can't believe we all fit in here" selfie, getting a picture with a police officer, as well as getting four strangers to spell out YMCA with their bodies.

The bus trip home was a lot more subdued than the journey down due to an exciting and entertaining day and the batteries were running low. We would like to thank Mr Davis for preparing and offering this experience as we all had a fantastic day.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The Year 12 Exploring Early Childhood class has decided to run operation Christmas Child through our school. Operation Christmas Child is a program that is run through Samaritans Purse and involves filling a shoe box with small gifts like teddy's, pencils and other small toys. These boxes are then sent to kids in less fortunate countries like Fiji and Cambodia. The program aims to provide every child with one of these boxes at Christmas time. We have decided to ask each roll call class to fill one of these boxes as a group. The class will be able to decide together the age and gender of the child they wish to buy for. Each student that chooses to participate will need to bring in a small gift as well

as a small donation of 50c for the postage of the box. Individual boxes are also available. If any student would like to fill a box themselves please see Mrs Harris. Individual boxes will require a \$9 donation to cover the cost of postage. We hope to have these boxes filled and ready to be delivered by Week 9 so please get behind this great cause!



BEYOND BLUE BUS VISIT TO SCHOOL

On Tuesday 9 December the Beyond Blue Bus will be visiting Gloucester High School. This is part of an Australia wide tour happening at present. Students will be attending a one period session in the hall. Years 7 to 9 will be Period 1 and Year 10 and 11 will be Period 2.

From February 2014 to May 2015, the Beyond Blue National Roadshow will travel over 50,000 kilometres in a Big Blue Bus through every state and territory in Australia, visiting hundreds of communities across the 61 Medicare Local regions. Along the way, more than 200 events will be held to encourage all Australians to 'Take 1 step' for better mental health.

While the journey will be an adventure, the National Roadshow also has some serious goals:

- to encourage people to have conversations about mental health, reduce stigma and encourage people to support one another
- to create links between people and their local support services

The Roadshow will also provide an opportunity for people to pick up free Beyond Blue information materials and learn about our range of programs and Support Service.

Myree Ribbons

BLOCKBUSTER & BEYOND

With Mr Hoggett at the helm of Mockingjay 1 (aka the new GHS bus), Junior Book Club & Guests ventured into the wild world of tenpin bowling before the inevitable Macca's feast followed by the heroic Hunger Games extravaganza at the flicks. How many stars? EPIC (thanks, Luke).

Ms Grey



NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

[Blurbs and cover images courtesy of Booktopia: <http://www.booktopia.com.au>]

NEW TITLES IN SERIES



ELEMENTAL by Brigid Kemmerer

Sacrifice (#5): Michael Merrick understands pressure. He's the only parent his three brothers have had for years. His power to control Earth could kill someone if he miscalculates. Now an Elemental Guide has it in for his family, and he's all that stands in the way. His girlfriend, Hannah, understands pressure too. She's got a child of her own, and a job as a fire fighter that could put her life in danger at any moment.



OLD KINGDOM by Garth Nix

Clariel (#4): Clariel is the daughter of one of the most notable families in the Old Kingdom, with blood relations to the Abhorsen, and to the King. When her family moves to the city of Belisaere, Clariel finds herself at the centre of sorcery and intrigue: a plot is brewing against the old and withdrawn King Orrikan; her parents want to marry her off to a killer; and a dangerous Free Magic creature is loose in the city.



LOCKWOOD & CO by Jonathan Stroud

The Whispering Skull (#2): Life is never exactly peaceful for Lockwood & Co. Lucy and George are trying to solve the mystery of the talking skull trapped in their ghost jar, while Lockwood is desperate for an exciting new case. Things seem to be looking up when the team is called to Kensal Green Cemetery to investigate the grave of a sinister Victorian doctor. Strange apparitions have been seen there, and the site must be made safe. As usual, Lockwood is confident; as usual, everything goes wrong – a terrible phantom is unleashed, and a dangerous object is stolen from the coffin.



THE SHIP KINGS by Andrew McGahan

The War of the Four Isles (#3): Nearly three years have passed since Dow Amber escaped the ruin of the Twelfth Kingdom. In that time, war has raged across the Four Isles, but Dow himself has been hidden away by his Twin Islands hosts, relegated to a backwater of the war in the company of the beguiling Cassandra. But when word reaches Dow that Ignella of the Cave has been imprisoned on the infamous Ship Kings dungeon-isle of Banishment, he can be patient no longer.



ALL THE WRONG QUESTIONS by Lemony Snicket

Shouldn't You be in School (#3): Do you smell smoke? Young apprentice Lemony Snicket is investigating a case of arson but soon finds himself enveloped in the ever-increasing mystery that haunts the town of Stain'd-by-the-Sea. Who is setting the fires? What secrets are hidden in the Department of Education? Why are so many schoolchildren in danger? Is it all the work of the notorious villain Hangfire? How could you even ask that? What kind of education have you had? Maybe you should be in school!



THE HEREOS OF OLYMPUS by Rick Riordan

The Blood of Olympus (#5): Though the Greek and Roman crew members of the Argo II have made progress in their many quests, they still seem no closer to defeating the earth mother, Gaea. Her giants have risen -- all of them -- and they're stronger than ever. The gods, still suffering from multiple personality disorder, are useless. How can a handful of young demigods hope to persevere against Gaea's army of powerful giants?



PATRICK HEDSTROM by Camilla Lackberg

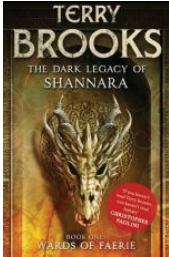
The Lost Boy (#7): Mats Sverin was Fjallbacka's financial director on a regeneration project worth millions. When he is found murdered, Detective Patrik Hedstrom must find answers. It seems Mats was a man who everybody liked yet nobody really knew -- a man with something to hide... Is it just a coincidence that his high school sweetheart, Nathalie, has returned to the area? What does she know about who Mats really was?



THE OLD KINGDOM by Garth Nix

Lirael (#2): Lirael, solitary daughter of the Clayr, and Sameth, the reluctant Abhorsen-in-Waiting, both seek the same man who may hold the key to an ancient evil stirring in the West. But the Dead cannot be laid to rest until the strange secret linking the fate of Lirael and Sameth is revealed.

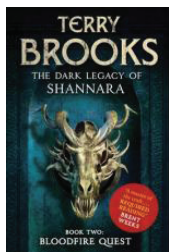
Abhorsen (#3): Beneath the earth, a malignant force lies waiting, greedy for freedom from its ancient prison. As the Old Kingdom falls once more into a realm of darkness and terror, the people look desperately to the Abhorsen, the scourge of the Dead, to save them. Yet Abhorsen Sabriel is lost, missing in Ancelstierre. Only Lirael has any chance of stopping the Destroyer. But what hope can one young woman have against a terrible evil with the power to destroy life itself?



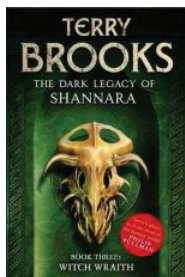
NEW SERIES

THE DARK LEGACY OF SHANNARA by Terry Brooks

Wards of Faerie (#1): There was an age when the world was young. It was a time before the coming of humans, a time when magic was the dominant power -- and it was named the age of Faerie. Ever since this time, a bitter war has been raging between the forces of good and evil. And it was during this age that the Elfstones protecting the Elven race disappeared. They have been missing for thousands of years. Now a clue to their location may have surfaced in the ancient diary of a princess, and it will be the beginning of an adventure that no-one could have anticipated.



Bloodfire Quest (#2): The quest for the long-lost Elfstones has drawn the leader of the Druid order and her followers into the hellish dimension known as the Forbidding, where the most dangerous creatures banished from the Four Lands are imprisoned. Now the hunt for the powerful talismans that can save their world has become a series of great challenges: a desperate search for kidnapped comrades, a relentless battle against unspeakable predators, and a grim race to escape the Forbidding alive.



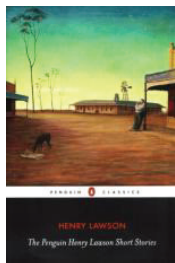
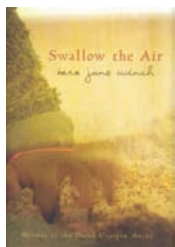
Witch Wraith (#3). For centuries, the Four Lands enjoyed freedom and peace, protected by a magical barrier from the dark dimension known as the Forbidding. But now the unthinkable is happening: the ancient wards securing the border have begun to erode -- and the monstrous creatures imprisoned there are poised to spill forth, seeking their revenge. Young Elf Arling Elesedil possesses the means to close the breach, but her efforts may be doomed when she is taken captive.

HSC ENGLISH

SWALLOW THE AIR by Tara June Winch

Winner of the David Unaipon Award for Indigenous Writers

When May's mother dies suddenly, she and her brother Billy are taken in by Aunty. However, their loss leaves them both searching for their place in a world that doesn't seem to want them. While Billy takes his own destructive path, May sets off to find her father and her Aboriginal identity. Her journey leads her from the Australian east coast to the far north, but it is the people she meets, not the destinations, which teach her what it is to belong.



THE PENGUIN HENRY LAWSON SHORT STORIES by Henry Lawson

Henry Lawson is a great observer of Australian life. Yet at his best Lawson transcends the very bush, the very outback, the very up-country, the very pub or selector's hut he conveys with such brevity and acuity: he make specific places universal. In this selection Lawson is revealed as an author whose delightful, humorous, wry and moving short stories continue to delight generations of readers.

THE AWAKENING AND SELECTED STORIES by Kate Chopin

Kate Chopin was one of the most individual and adventurous of nineteenth-century American writers. When her most famous story, "The Awakening", was first published in 1899, it stunned readers with its frank portrayal of the inner word of Edna Pontellier, and its daring criticisms of the limits of marriage and motherhood. From her first stories, Chopin was interested in independent characters who challenged convention.



Treehouse Theatre presents

TREE OF LIFE

2014



Journey through the eyes of refugee children.

Gloucester High School Hall

Thursday 4th December @ 7pm

Tickets \$4.00 available at the door

This project received a Heywire Youth Innovation Grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

Recipient, 2014 FRRR ABC
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P&C Minutes

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

Present: Mike King, Susan M'Leod, Robyn Hooke, Ray Fitzgerald, Christine Battams, Rachel Starrett, Narelle Bignell, Tony Bignell and Nikki Durbidge

Apoligies: Pat Cavanagh, Kim Hall and Kalen Denton

Munites of previous meeting read by Rachel

Moved: Eve

Second: Janet

Accepted

Business arising from minutes:

- chaplaincy - there is going to be another program, not yet announced
- Town Mountain man - BBQ, thankyou to helpers. Made around \$500
- School Tri-challenge - P&C needs to be reimbursed form school for costs
- Hall project installed and used for Year 12 Final Assembly

Principals Report:

- Staffing changes
- School planning team
- Trade Training Centre -TTC -Tender May-July 2015

Accepted: Narelle

Second: Suzie McLeod

Correspondence Out:

Nil

Treasures Report:

- No Treasures report
- Discussion about Treasurers Report

Chaplaincy Report:

- discssion about statement
- tabled -see report

Canteen Report:

- Tabled - see report
- Clarification re report

Ag Sub Committee:

- Tabled see report

Moved: Susie McLeod

Second: Rachel

General Business:

- Year 7 Orientation held - bbq a sucess and uniforms sold
- Sports shirts - no orders taken due to change in business of shirt provided

- waiting for feedback from staff
- Insurance claim re: canteen contents /property to include \$10000 property. To be asap
- Hats/uniforms - discussed

Meeting Closed

8:55pm

THE WICKING BED

A wicking bed is essentially a giant watering pot! in the form of a garden bed. The general idea is a gardent designed to draw water up from the reservoir below and bring water to the roots in the soil. Today we began to level out the soil and measure the tin in order to designate an area for the bed. We are hoping that once the beds are built the plants will be able to go longer periods of time with out being watered as the bed will be able to supply the required amounts of water when needed.

Sophie Middlebrook



Multicultural Festival 2014

'My Hero' Social

Come dressed as your greatest inspiration!

Wednesday 3 December

Tickets: \$4

Prizes for best dressed!

7 - 10pm



You're Leaving School and so is your Laptop

Be prepared for the exciting opportunities ahead of you with your unlocked laptop.
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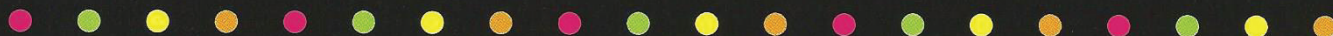
Education &
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Attention Year 12



Gloucester Christmas Carols

Sunday 14th December @ 7PM
Gloucester District Park



Proudly hosted by the Gloucester Combined Churches

Gloucester Breast Cancer Support Group Fundraiser Womens Tyre Changing Tips

Can we show you how to change a tyre and check your Oil and Water.

Book Now, Call in or phone 6558 1865
during Business hours

Tuesday 2nd December 2014 5.30pm –6.30pm

Ladies learn a tyre and check your pressures, Tips on how to make your Tyre changing easier.

We can show you also how to check your Oil, Window Washer water.

Enjoy all these services for \$5 ALL money to be donated to our Local Breast Cancer and other women's Cancer Support Group.

This is a Donation to our vital service offered to our Local Women in need of help by Local Women.



Next stop, Gloucester!

As part of *beyondblue*'s 50,000km National Roadshow, the big blue bus will visit Billabong Parkland, Gloucester! Free information about depression, anxiety and ways to stay well will be available. Come and chat to *beyondblue* staff and local service providers, check out Roadshow Rhonda – our beautiful old bus – and a enjoy a gold coin donation BBQ!

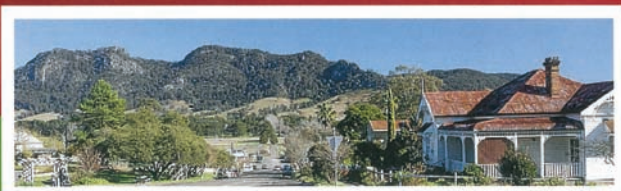
Date: Monday 8 December
Time: 3pm-7pm
Location: Billabong Parkland, Boundary St



www.beyondblue.org.au/take1step 1300 22 4636



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Sustainable Community Award
Gloucester
It's everybody's town



The Keep Australia Beautiful
National Judge
Comes to town 1-2 December 2014
Help make our town SHINE
We are the best in the state
Let's be the best in the country



For more information and to offer
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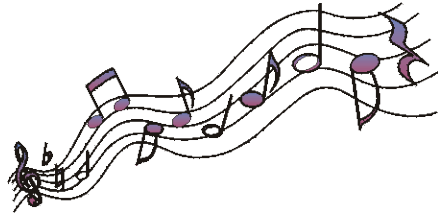
BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is in the hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30am until 9am. Come for a hot Milo, cheese on toast, fresh platters of fruit and lots of other breakfast items. All students are welcome.

Miss Chloe Walker

IT'S COMING SOON!!!!

THE GHS 2015 MUSICAL



Seussical

CALLING FOR AUDITIONS

Mon Dec 8th, Period 5-6 (1:40pm-3:15pm)

Tue Dec 9th Period 5-6 (1:40pm-3:15pm)

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

Those students interested only in being a member of the DANCE TEAM (Mrs Sorrenson), CHORUS (Mrs Ingram) or BACKSTAGE CREW (Mr Davis) should see the relevant teacher by TUE FEB 10, 2015.



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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