

## School Calendar

**Monday 30 November**

Last day of Multicultural Week

**Wednesday 2 December**

King Lear Drama Excursion

**Thursday 3 December**

Year 8 Science Excursion - Tuncurry

**Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 December**

Year 10 Drama Production -

Hating Alison Ashley 2pm and 7pm

**Friday 4 December**

Gloucester Horse Sports

**Monday 7 December**

Presentation Night 7pm school hall

**Tuesday 8 December**

Lions Club Youth of the Year presentation

**Thursday 10 and Friday 11 December**

Silver Duke of Ed Camp

**Sunday 13 December**

P & C Christmas Meeting

**Wednesday 16 December**

HSC results available

Last day of school for 2015

**Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December**

Staff Development Day

**Monday 21 December to Monday 25 January**

School Holidays

**Tuesday 26 January**

Australia Day Breakfast - 8am Billabong Park

**Wednesday 27 January**

School Development Day

**Thursday 28 January**

Years 7, 11 and 12 return to school

## CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

**Monday 30 November**

Elona

**Tuesday 1 December**

no volunteer

**Wednesday 2 December**

Reena Skelton

**Thursday 3 December**

Elona

**Friday 4 December**

Rachael Blanch

**Monday 7 December**

Elona

**Tuesday 8 December**

Jenny Scarborough

**Wednesday 9 December**

Ruth Edwards

**Thursday 10 December**

Kylie Johnston

**Friday 11 December**

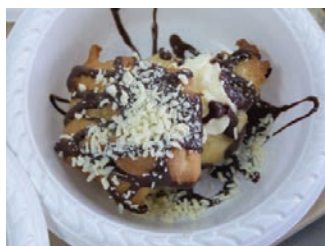
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## MULTICULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Over the past weeks, Mrs Harris, Ms Ribbons and their team have been busy in preparation for our Multicultural Food Festival held on Thursday 23 November. This was a great opportunity for student to try different types of foods from around the world, cooked here in our very own kitchen. We also had bush tucker available, organised by Mrs Burton with student helpers who served a taste tester of traditional Aboriginal foods. Thursday's lunchtime was extended to celebrate this wonderful experience.

These teams have put in many hours which made the day a success! Congratulations and well done to all for your amazing effort.



## PRESENTATION NIGHT

The assembly will take place in the school hall on Monday 7 December 2015. 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. If your child is receiving an award you will be notified by post in the coming weeks.

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.



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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to our wonderful Miller High School kids and staff! This is the tenth anniversary of this amazing program and we are really happy that we've been able to share lives, stories and friendships over the years. As I type this, the strains of music are wafting through my office and I'm having to sit a bit further away from my desk, due to all the food I've just eaten! The Multicultural Food Festival that always accompanies the Miller visit has been an overwhelming success. So much food – so little time! This year's visit will also involve a camping trip up at the Barrington Tops. The weather should have cooled down a bit by then. I'm sure everyone will have a great time. A big thank you needs to go out to Mr Scott Davis for his ongoing hard work in organising this event. It is certainly no easy task, and Scott has, as always, performed exceptionally under pressure!



Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will read about the first real steps of the Student Teacher Understanding Network (STUN – formerly known as Students as Learning Partners). Laura and Charli observed my lesson with Year 7 Mathematics, then sat down with me to review what went on. I was impressed with their critical feedback and ability to ask probing questions. We have another couple of observations planned before the end of the year, which will serve as training sessions for all the students involved in the group.

This is a busy time of year, with many students involved in a lot of activities – both curriculum based and extra-curricular. We need to remember that we will be working through to the end of term, so we can go into the holidays tired but satisfied with a job well done. All the normal expectations regarding attendance, manners and classroom participation remain in place. Now is not the time to drop the ball. I remind parents that our Presentation Evening will be held on Monday 7 December beginning at 7:00 pm, with door opening at 6:30 pm., and I look forward to celebrating with you the exceptional talent and achievements of our students.

## ITINERARY MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL 2015

### Friday 27 November

6:30pm Music and Drama night in school hall (Tree of Life + Cast From the Storm).  
9:00pm Finish

### Saturday 28 November

7:00am Students meet at GHS & travel to Polblue (Barrington Tops)  
8:30am Pitch camp & morning tea  
9:30am Walk to Horse Swamp & Polblue Falls  
11:30am Lunch and paddle under falls  
1:30pm Walk back to Polblue  
3:30pm Non-camping students return to GHS  
5:00pm Meet up with host students at GHS to travel home

### Sunday 29 November

10:00am Camping students leave Polblue for GHS  
11:30am Meet up with host students to travel home

### Monday 30 November

9:00am Rollcall with host students  
9:10am Final assembly, 10th Anniversary Ceremony and farewell (whole school)  
10:10am Students board bus for transport to station – normal classes P2-6.  
10:55am Train departs

## CAST FROM THE STORM

The honesty and bravery of these young performers is well beyond their years.

From the creators of Tree of Life, Treehouse Theatre brings you it's new production, Suitcase Stories. Witness 30 stories of the refugee experience; powerful fusions of spoken word, movement, sound, light and projected imagery.

Experience first-hand stories direct from the young people who lived them. Originally from Iraq, Syria and Sudan, these students now attend Miller Technology High School Intensive English Centre. These bittersweet true stories will make you smile, cry, laugh out loud and leave you feeling inspired. Come join us for a night of incredibly moving and powerful performances. We will also be featuring performances from our talented Gloucester High School, Music and Drama students. Friday Night 7pm in the school hall. Tickets available at the door \$4.

**Treehouse Theatre & Gloucester High present**

# Suitcase Stories

**True life stories of the refugee journey**



**Join us for a night of incredibly  
moving and powerful performances.**

**Also featuring performances from our talented GHS  
Music and Drama students**

**PLUS**

**A viewing of the acclaimed documentary  
CAST FROM THE STORM.**

**Gloucester High School Hall**

**Friday 27th November @ 7pm**

**Tickets \$4.00 available at the door**

# TEN YEARS OF GLOUCESTER MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Ten years ago when we first came up with the concept of a Gloucester Multicultural Festival I had recently arrived at GHS from Miller High School, where the rich and diverse mix of cultural groups represented in the student population was a significant part of the school culture and daily life. At Gloucester I was immediately impressed by the amazing community and wonderful students at the school, but could see that many of these students had very limited exposure to other cultures and in many cases did not have a reference point from which to understand many of the issues which were



happening elsewhere in Australia and around the world and which they were seeing on the news every night.

And so the idea of the Multicultural Festival was born – I made contact with the extraordinary Ruth O'Brien (who I had worked closely with back at Miller) to float the idea of a group of students from the Miller Intensive English Centre coming up to Gloucester and her suggestion of using her Drama program as part of the visit then developed into a key part of the program.

As soon as the first group arrived it was immediately obvious that we had something very special happening, with the visiting students being immediately welcomed into the lives of the Gloucester students and their families. The way in which the wider community embraced the Miller students and the concept of the Multicultural visit was also incredible to see.

With each year the program has gone from strength to strength as our humble start built quickly into a major school and community event, with the performance nights being a highlight of the program. Each year I was humbled by the number of members of the community who through hosting visiting students, or attending the performance evening, spoke about how this program had changed their view on issues relating to multiculturalism and refugees in Australia, as well as their understanding of the richness of other cultures. With each passing year, this understanding, tolerance and respect has become even more important.

My thanks must go to the incredible Mr Scott Davis who took over co ordination of the program when I moved from Gloucester a few years ago and has overseen the growth of the Multicultural Festival into the amazing five day event that it now is as well as to the uniquely wonderful Ruth O'Brien who continues to generate unbelievable levels of energy and enthusiasm to provide these special experiences to the students and community of Gloucester.

Thankyou for the invitation to come back to this, the tenth year of the program, this has been one of those incredible experiences which occur during your life which I look back on with extreme pride and feel very fortunate to have been able to play my part.

Mr Kevin Costa



# ICAS UNSW GLOBAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all student that participated in the ICAS Mathematics competition.

Results:

Ethan Bird	Distinction - Top 7% in Australia
William Bowden	Credit
Umi Chan	Credit
Zahr Renshaw	Merit
Lleyton Richards	Credit
Kyra Edstein	Credit
Stephen Dunthorne	Participation
Paula Edwards	Participation
Laura Dunlop	Credit
Andrew Hughes	Participation
Mai Bowden	Participation
Bryce Lacey	Participation

## AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Australian Mathematics Competition was held on Thrusday 30 July.

Results:

Ethan Bird	Certificate of Credit
Elizabeth Howarth	Certificate of Proficiency
Zahr Renshaw	Certificate of Participation
Lleyton Richards	Certificate of Proficiency
Paula Edwards	Certificate of Proficiency
Andrew Hughes	Certificate of Proficiency
Jacob Bird	Certificate of Proficiency
Bryce Lacey	Certificate of Proficiency
Laura Bignell	Certificate of Proficiency
Jamie-Lee Bird	Certificate of Proficiency
Alexander Graham	Certificate of Participation
Victoria Pilmore	Certificate of Proficiency

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOUSE CAPTAINS 2016

### Belbora

Captains - Jye Barkwill and Oliva Chapman

Vice Captains - Cormac Campbell and Charli Bruce

### Kurricar

Captains -Bodhi Hickman and Rashelle Franks

Vice Captains - Blake Gibbons and Molly Hutchens

### Mograni

Captains - Brodie O'Brien and Lily Nixon

Vice Captains - Bryce Lacey and Natalie Schneider

### Tibbuc

Captains - Blake Steadman and Isabelle Snowdon

Vice Captains - Josh Wilson and Karla Tollis



## LAPTOPS

If you are wondering what kind of laptop to buy for Year 9 and 10 students, please refer to our website, under the Parent Channel <http://www.gloucester-schools.nsw.edu.au/parents/purchasing-a-notebook>.

The biggest trap to be aware of is the Wireless capabilities. In order for the student to connect to our WIFI, the laptop must contain a dual band wireless card. This will ensure that you can connect to our 5GHz wireless. (2.4GHz wireless card is usually for home Wi-Fi.) If you see these part numbers 802.11 a/b/g/n, it is essential that the "a" and the "n" is listed. Alternatively if the laptop does not contain a dual band wireless card then it will be essential for your to purchase a USB Dual Band Wireless device. We have been overwhelmed by the response of Year 9 students to this program and thank you for the parent support of this concept. We do, however, understand that some students maybe having difficulties to obtain a suitable device and we will be contacting parents directly to provide advice and assistance in this matter.

Where students need assistance with downloading the free student copy of Microsoft Office or the suite of Adobe products, self help is available from our website under the Student Channel <http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-channel> or see the TSO at lunch time.

## TRADE SKILLS CENTRE UPDATE

Progress has been excellent on our new Metals Trade Skills Centre. The builders are hoping to stay on schedule and complete the work by start of school 2016. Modifications are completed. Painting has commenced and flooring is down and completed. Safety lines have been marked on the ground and the machines have started to arrive. They look space age compared to the equipment we had. Teachers will receive some support and be given training on all the installed machines.

The COWA or covered learning area also is nearing completion and is an attractive modification to the building. This area will be used for large scale work and possible automotive work down the track. Mr Rob Seale has been working with builders over the past couple of weeks putting the finishing touches on some decisions and placement of items.

Our metals program for 2016 is looking very exciting and we cannot wait to get students in the centre and using this great resource for our school and our town.

Mr Mik Wisely



## PIONEER FISH FARM EXCURSION

On Tuesday 3 November, thirteen Year 9 students from the Marine and Aquaculture Studies course had the opportunity to visit the Pioneer Fish Farm along Buckets Road, Gloucester. The business is operated by Mark and Vicki Scifleet.

The students experience firsthand, the commercial harvesting of approximately 1200kg of “plate size” Silver perch (*Bidyanus bidyanus*). The fish were netted, anesthetised and transported to the main shed for grading and purging. The fish are kept (purged) in ultra clean water for seven days before transport to markets. The majority of fish from the farm are sold to high class restaurants in Sydney where customers select a specific live fish from a tank and it is then prepared fresh for them.

Out on the farm, Mark explained the process of pond design from construction to maintenance. Water is exchanged through the ponds to maintain quality with the effluent water flowing into a large storage pond at the bottom. From this effluent pond, neighbouring farms use the nutrient laden water to irrigate extensive pastures producing fat cattle for market.

Back at the shed Mark discussed topics such as fish quality and presentation for market. The Pioneer Fish Farm produces all their own fingerlings from several different brood stock strains that the farm keeps from year to year. This ensures that the health and quality of the fingerlings are of excellent quality and maintains optimal genetic diversity in the ponds. Students then took the opportunity to ask questions about the operation.

A big thank you to Mr De Angelis for giving up his time to drive us “all the way across the river” in comfort and safety. I would like to thank all the students who attended for their excellent behaviour on the farm.



## VACCINES TO BE OFFERED IN 2016

### 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 recent adult dose.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine – in a three dose schedule with two month gap between doses one and two and a four month gap between doses two and three.

### CONSENT FORMS

Year 7 – a single consent form with opportunity to consent for all three vaccines on the one form will be sent home with Year 7 - 2016 students Term 1 next year. Vaccination dates are yet to be confirmed.

# STUDENT TEACHER UNDERSTANDING NETWORK (STUN)

On Thursday, Charli Macintosh and Laura Dunlop began the process of evaluating a lesson as part of the STUN program. As part of this initiative, students are required to observe a lesson and at the end provide some constructive criticism to the teacher. In this case, we were sitting in on a Year 7 Mathematics class being taught by our guinea pig, Mr Cavanagh. Before the lesson, we were told certain things to focus on for the lesson and to observe how successful he was at achieving these goals. When giving our feedback, our aim is to help the teacher to improve the quality

of lessons by asking questions of the teacher to gauge how effective he thought his lesson was, and to possibly suggest ways his targets could be achieved more productively. We look forward to continuing the program and contributing to positive student outcomes.



## GOOD HUMOUR, AND INTERESTING CONVERSATION

From Friday 20 to Sunday 22 November, Mr and Mrs Cavanagh accompanied ten Duke of Eddies (mainly Bronze but with a couple of Silvers thrown in) up to the Barrington Tops for three days of walking, talking and squawking (the squawking mainly caused by Laura's high risk cooking technique!) Trudging from near Polblue to Gummi Falls on Friday, we met a friendly but ugly dog, with whom we shared a snack before heading onwards. Upon arrival, we overcame the heat with a cold shower below the falls, before pitching tents and preparing dinner (or, in Lara's case, throwing it on the ground!) Some fireside mind-benders and some of Lachy's magic tricks followed, including an impossibly hard conundrum involving people's ages and weights.

Day two saw us trudging again, this time from Gummi Falls, across past the pine forest to Horse Swamp campsite, which we shared with the affable chaps from the Scone Fisherman and Sociable Club. Another hot walk was rewarded with another icy dip beneath a waterfall – this time Polblue Falls. At tea time we were regaled by an impromptu concert from one of the Scone chaps, who, with his beerbox, stick and duct tape guitar, played a selection of some of Slim Dusty's finest numbers. The crowd went wild!



Day three dawned with the smell of the Scone chaps' sausages tempting us from across the road and reminding us that semi-cold porridge, fruit bars or cheese toasties really were a distant second to a Fisherman and Sociable Club early morning fry-up! Walking through cloud for most of the day, Sunday's walking certainly was in stark contrast to the previous two scorchers. Some of the group were satisfied with the short way home, whilst the remaining brave, intrepid pioneering folk chose to take the (longer) less travelled track – just because we could!

Mrs Cavanagh would like to thank the kiddies for their great company, good humour, and interesting conversation. They are all great advertisements for their school and their parents.



## YEAR 10 PEER LEADERSHIP COURSE

Year 10 students attended a Peer Leadership course last Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 November. The course was run by Ms Pickett, Mr Elliott and Mr Davis and was held at the Baptist Church Hall.

The Peer Leadership course aim is to increase the Year 10 student's skills in establishing relationships, understanding leadership, experiences faced by leaders, different interaction styles and key elements of communication. This was achieved through fun information and activity sessions. Hailed as a resounding success by all involved, student leaders will quickly be able to test their skills when they conduct several activities with the Year 6 students on Orientation Day on Monday 23 November 2015.

The Peer Leadership Organisers would particularly like to thank the Baptist Church for supplying such an excellent venue for the training days.



## SPORTS & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Sport and Physical Activity is a valued part of our school's curriculum, contributing to the development of the whole student. It provides a vehicle for social, physical, emotional and moral learning. This time of year it can get quite hot during a PE or Sport lesson.

Students are reminded they must bring a hat, water and sunscreen (sunglasses are optional) to practical PE and Sports lesson. We have a supply of sunscreen here at school and encourage all students to use it.

Sunscreen is provided to students during PE and Sport lessons.



# GLOUCESTER SINGS EUROPE

Just a brief update on the five students who will be singing in Europe in 2016.

Recently Hanu, Liam and Nina were members of the NSW Secondary Schools Choir that successfully performed at Sydney Opera House as part of the Secondary Schools Choral Festival. Hanu, Grace and Mauatua were participants in the recent Capers production in Tamworth, where Hanu and Grace were featured artists and Mauatua was a member of the choir. I was fortunate to be able to attend this event and was incredibly proud of these students who were outstanding in their performances in this professional show.

Our fund raising efforts are continuing and funds are rolling in to help us get these kids to Europe. They have sung at several events including View Club and Patchwork Group Christmas parties, a very successful concert in Krambach and a gig at the Fox Den.

If you would like to come along to hear these talented students perform they will be singing at

- Carols in the Park on Sunday 13 December
- A barbecue at Woolworths and a raffle in the main street on Saturday 19 December
- The Christmas Raffle at the RSL Club on Sunday 20 December

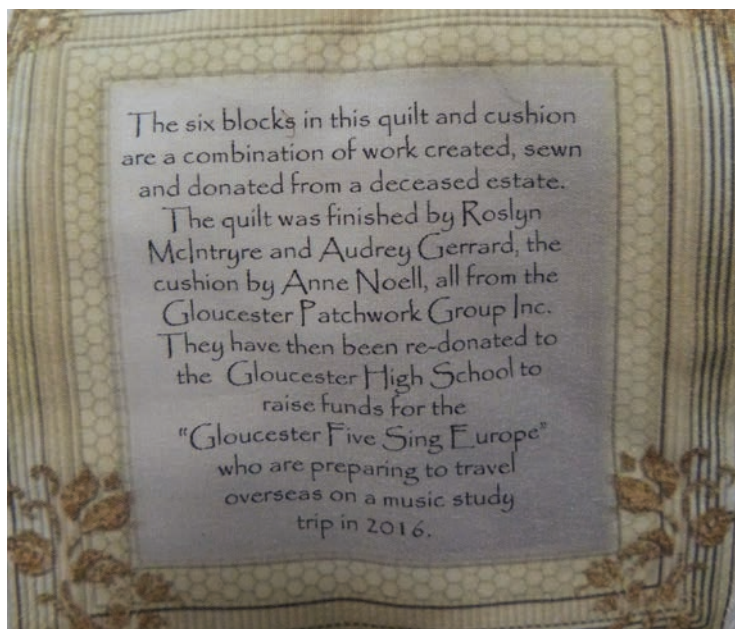
So please come along to support these hard working students.

We would like to thank all those who have generously donated to the group so far. We are very grateful and certainly appreciate your fantastic contributions.

There will be more events planned in the new year, including a concert here at Gloucester High, which we hope will be well supported by the community.

Thank you again for your generosity I know that all the students really appreciate what has been done for them.

I would also like to congratulate all five students for the tremendous effort that they have put in over the past few months. It has been extremely busy for them and their families and yet they continue to appear to perform or help out in other ways at all times. They are a great bunch of kids and are a credit to their families, their school and their community.



Judy Ingram  
Music Teacher



# Son et Vin

sounds & wine

Saturday 5 December, 6pm til 11pm

*Tugwood Estate Winery*

450 Mograni Ck Rd, Gloucester

## Featuring:

The Bowden Bros  
Steve Yarnold Band  
Ben & Maddie  
Mia Bowden

A fundraiser by The Rotary Club of Gloucester  
to assist Mia Bowden with her 12 month  
Youth Exchange to Tours, France  
commencing Jan 2016.

- Family friendly
- BYO plus cellar door
- Rotary BBQ
- \$5 courtesy bus
- \$20 entry - pay at the gate

(\$15 Schoolies - \$40 Families)

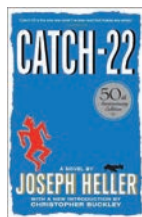


Why not make it your Christmas party?  
For group bookings,  
please contact Peter Markey 0418 633 060



## NEW BOOKS

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



### FICTION

**Catch 22** by Joseph Heller

Set in Italy during World War 11, this is the story of the malingering bombardier, Yossarian, a hero who is furious because thousands of people he has never met are trying to kill him. But his real problem is not the enemy – it is his own army, which keeps increasing the number of missions the men must fly to complete their service.



**Laurinda** by Alice Pung

Laurinda is an exclusive school for girls. At its secret core is the Cabinet, a trio of girls who wield power over their classmates -- and some of their teachers. Entering this world of wealth and secrets is Lucy Lam, a scholarship girl with sharp eyes and a shaky sense of self. As she watches the Cabinet at work, and is courted by them, Lucy finds herself in a battle for her identity and integrity.



**Pieces of Sky** by Trinity Doyle

Lucy's life was going as smoothly as any teenager's. She was the state backstroke champion, and swimming obsessed. Now her brother Cam is dead, her parents might as well be -- and Lucy can't bear to get back in the pool. All she has to look forward to now is a big pile of going-nowhere.



**One Foot Wrong** by Sofie Laguna

A child is imprisoned in a house by her reclusive religious parents. Hester has never seen the outside world; her companions are Cat, Spoon, Door, Handle, Broom, and they all speak to her. Her imagination is informed by one book, an illustrated child's Bible...



**Dead Ends** by Erin Lange

Dane Washington and Billy D couldn't be more different. Dane is clever and popular, but he's also a violent rebel. Billy D has Down syndrome, plays by the rules and hangs out with teachers in his lunch break. But Dane and Billy have more in common than they think -- both their fathers are missing. Maybe they'll just have to suck up their differences and get on with helping each other find some answers.



**The Scorpio Races** by Maggie Stiefvater

Even under the brightest sun, the icy autumn sea is all the colours of the night: dark blue and black and brown. They run the horses on the beach, a pale road between the black water and the chalk cliffs. It is never safe, but it's never as dangerous as today, race day.



**The Impossible Knife of Memory** by Laurie Halse Anderson

Hayley Kincaid is hoping for a normal life now that she and her father have left their life on the road. But it seems things will never be normal when your dad is running from a past that tortures him and you're trying to block out your own painful memories. Then Hayley meets Finn...



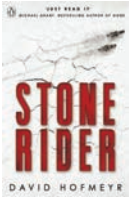
**The Poison Boy** by Fletcher Moss

Poison boy Dalton Fly, a lowly food taster to the rich, has a lucky escape after drinking laced wine. But his mate is less fortunate, and Dalton wants answers. Who murdered his friend and what were they were really after? He sets out to rescue his city from the poisoners within.



**The Last Summer of Us** by Maggie Harcourt

Three best friends crammed into a clapped out rust bucket of a car on a whirlwind road trip to forget their troubles and see out the end of the summer. But no matter how far they drive, they can't escape the hidden secrets and slow-burning romance that could upset the balance of their friendship -- perhaps forever.



**Stone Rider by David Hofmeyr**

Adam Stone wants freedom and peace. He wants a chance to escape Blackwater, the dust-bowl desert hometown. Most of all, he wants the beautiful Sadie Blood. Alongside Sadie and the dangerous outsider, Kane, Adam will ride the Blackwater Trail in a brutal race that will test them all, body and soul. The prize? A one-way ticket to Sky-Base and unimaginable luxury.



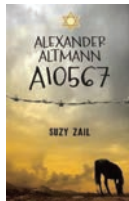
**Footy Dreaming by Michael Hyde**

Ben and Noah play on opposing teams in a footy-obsessed town. They each dream of playing on the G -- and this is their make or break season. Tensions rise as sledging goes too far. Will Noah lose his cool, and his chance, in the face of prejudice? Will Ben reject racism and forge his own path? Noah and Ben have the potential to play in the AFL. It's up to each of them whether they make it or not



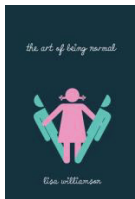
**Dropping In by Geoff Havel**

Sticks and Ranga live on the same street, go to the same school and love the same things -- skateboarding and PlayStation. When new kid James arrives in his wheelchair, Sticks isn't sure they can be friends. But Sticks quickly discovers they have a lot in common. Cerebral palsy stops James from doing some things but it hasn't dulled his sense of humour -- and he's pretty brainy, too. The only thing James can't do is join Sticks and Ranga when they go skateboarding -- or can he?



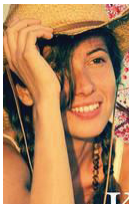
**Alexander Altmann A10567 by Suzy Zail**

"Don't let her know you're scared," Alexander's father had said to him the first time Alexander had sat on Sari's back. Fourteen-year-old Alexander Altmann doesn't need to look at the number tattooed on his arm. A10567; he knows it by heart. He also knows to survive Auschwitz, he must toughen up. Being soft will get him killed. Alexander will take any chance he's given -- and when that chance is caring for the German officers' horses he grabs it.



**The Art of Being Normal by Lisa Williamson**

Two boys. Two secrets. David Piper has always been an outsider. His parents think he's gay. The school bully thinks he's a freak. Only his two best friends know the real truth -- David wants to be a girl. On the first day at his new school Leo Denton has one goal - to be invisible. Attracting the attention of the most beautiful girl in Year 11 is definitely not part of that plan. When Leo stands up for David in a fight, an unlikely friendship forms.



**Under the Flame Tree by Karen Wood**

When Kirra leaves school to begin her first job on the station where she grew up, she is unimpressed to find herself partnered with a new employee who will barely speak to her. Daniel is undeniably cute, but he has a serious attitude problem and a mysterious past -- there are whispers that he's fresh out of juvenile detention, but no one will tell her why.



**Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling, illustrated by Jim Kay**

Prepare to be captivated by Jim Kay's dazzling depiction of the wizarding world and much loved characters in this

 **SCHOLASTIC - Book Club**

**Pick up your Book Club Catalogue Order (Issue 8) from the LIBRARY.**  
**Orders for this issue need to be returned and paid for at the Front Office by 25/11/15**

## YEAR 7 - 2016 ORIENTATION DAY



# CAREERS NEWS

## 2016 TAFE Students

Current Year 9 & 10 students who have submitted a TAFE Expression of Interest form to me will need to acquire a USI Number (Unique Student Identifier). I will need to record this number on the TAFE Application Form in the next couple of weeks. The USI Number will stay with you for life, and will maintain a record of all vocational education you complete. To create a USI go to: [www.usi.gov.au/](http://www.usi.gov.au/). You will need one of the following: Current driver's license, Medicare Card or a Birth Certificate (they work best in this order). I am happy to help students create a USI during lunch or recess in the Careers Office. Just come prepared with one of the above forms of ID. (It should only take five minutes).

## TAFE (TVET) 2016 GHSD Enrolments

Current Year 9 and 10 students who have completed an Expression of Interest Form for studying a single course through TAFE next year, **MUST PROVIDE MR DE ANGELIS WITH A USI NUMBER ASAP**. If you have trouble acquiring your USI, simply go to the Careers Office during lunch or recess with a copy of your Driver's License or Medicare Card and you should obtain one in five minutes.

## YEAR 9 Careers Students

Next year, during the final two weeks of Term 1, all Year 10 students will go out on Work Experience (nine days in total). Students will be given their Work Experience Forms (Student Placement Record) during Careers Lessons over the next couple of weeks. Some students are very keen and may want to organise their Work Experience over the holidays. Students are NOT permitted to complete a Work Experience over the holidays, but may make arrangements for the following term. They may choose to work for a particular employer for either one or two weeks. Most students choose two placements to experience more variety, but it's up to the individual. This will be discussed in detail during our lessons.

The dates designated for 2016 Year 10 Work Experience will be:

- Term 1 Week 10: 29 March – 1 April (4 Days)
- Term 1 Week 11: 4 April – 8 April (5 Days)

## ALL MY OWN WORK

This term, during careers lessons, all Year 10 students have been completing the compulsory Modules for *ALL MY OWN WORK*. All five quizzes need to be completed by Friday 4 December. The Board of Studies will not permit students who have not successfully completed all quizzes to enrol as a Year 11 student. Students need to provide evidence of completing all quizzes by printing out and submitting hard copies of the results page or emailing all five quizzes as an attachment to: [michael.deangelis@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:michael.deangelis@det.nsw.edu.au)

**\*\*Students must ensure that they enter their full name before beginning each quiz and achieve at least a 65%.**

## Hiring for Camp America Applications Online Info Session

Wednesday 9 December - 6.00pm to 7pm

Learn more about Camp America 2016 by joining the Online info Session. The session is a great way to find out everything you need to know about Camp America 2016 including upcoming January, Job Fair when camp directors will be hiring Australians on the spot. To register: 1300 889 067 or go to: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1655674151377857/>

# SUMMER FUN IN NATURE AROUND PORT STEPHENS

Join our Discovery Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this summer holiday. There's something for everyone.

## **Tomaree's WilderQuest treasure trail**

Thursday 7 January 2016, 9am–11.30am

Discover the sights, sounds and heritage of Tomaree as you step back to the time of World War II.

[www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-tomaree-treasure-trail](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-tomaree-treasure-trail)

## **WilderQuest wild world of rockpools**

Friday 8 January 2016, 1.30pm–3.30pm

Explore amazing rockpool creatures on Boat Harbour's headland.

[www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-wild-world-of-rockpools](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-wild-world-of-rockpools)

## **Spooky night walk**

Wednesday 13 January 2016, 6.30pm–8.30pm

Experience stories by dusk, the haunting ambience 'behind the scenes' of Tomaree's World War II gun emplacements, and then return by dark.

[www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/spookynight-walk](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/spookynight-walk)

## **WilderQuest bush to beach family discovery**

Thursday 14 January 2016, 3pm–5pm

Enjoy nature with fantastic family activities. For the young and young at heart.

[www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-bush-to-beach-familydiscovery](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-bush-to-beach-familydiscovery)

## **Bookings and information**

Bookings for all NPWS Discovery Tours are essential.

Book online following the links above, or phone 13000 PARKS (13000 72757).

All tours between \$12 and \$15 per person and families between \$36 and \$45.

For more information on tours, such as meeting points, please follow the web links or ask on booking. For general enquiries, phone Sue Olsson on (02) 4984 8210 (after 7 December 2015), or email [suzanne.olsson@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:suzanne.olsson@environment.nsw.gov.au)



[nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)



Gloucester Blue Light would like to offer students the opportunity to travel to Wet and Wild Sydney. The trip is being planned for Monday 18 January 2016 for students aged between 10-18 years of age. The cost of the trip is \$75 per person. Nomination forms are available at roll call or at the office. Please return applications forms to the Gloucester Police Station before Friday 18 December with full payment or deposit. If no one is present, please leave in the locked letter box in the driveway. Seats are limited.



## WET AND WILD SYDNEY

MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

**\$75 per person**

Includes: Transport, Park Entry and Lunch

- \$25 deposit required with application form
- Full payment required by 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016
  - Departure 6.00am - return 10.00pm
  - For students aged 10 - 18 years of age
  - Great Christmas present



### COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

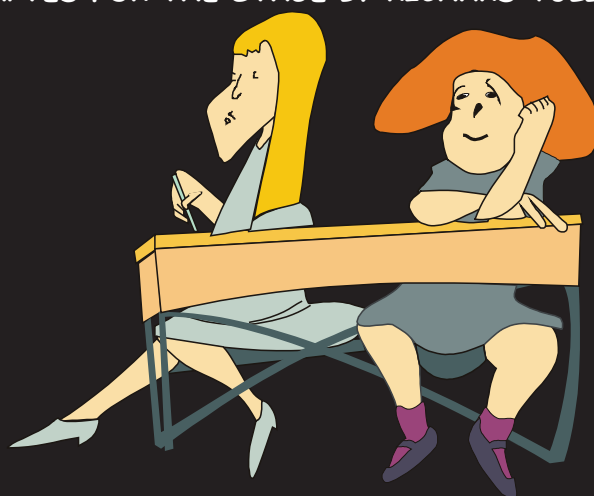
Nomination forms and deposit (or payment in full) are to be returned to the Gloucester Police Station (if no one is present, please leave in the locked letter box in the driveway).

Gloucester High School Year 10 Drama presents

# HATING ALISON ASHLEY

BY ROBIN KLEIN

ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY RICHARD TULLOCH



GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Saturday December 5, 20015 at 2:00pm & 7:00pm

Starring Jacob Bird, Mia Bowden, Bailee Dillon, Amber Franks,  
Tiana Harford, Holly Haynes, Max Hoggett, Gabe Hennessey-  
O'Reilly, Jasmin L'Green, Claire Maslen, Stephanie Maurer, Emmeline  
Moulds, Ruby Pippen, Indira Virzi-Hartigan, and Abbie Windred.

Tickets: \$4:00 at the door

#### 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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