

School Calendar 2016

TERM 4

Tuesday 25 October

Year 7 and Year 11 Biology to Sydney
Taronga Zoo Excursion

Thursday 27 October

AECG meeting 3:30 Room 19A

Monday 31 October to Friday 4 November

Year 11/12 VET Work Placement

Friday 4 November

Year 12 Formal
Save a Mate - Year 10

Tuesday 8 November

Year 8 VALID test

Friday 11 November

Remembrance Day - Assembly

Thursday 17 November

Year 7 Vaccinations

Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 November

Peer Support Training

Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 November

Year 9 Excursion - TBC

Monday 5 December 2016

Year 7- 2017 Orientation Day

Monday 12 December

Presentation Night

Friday 16 December

Last day of school for 2016

CANTEEN -Phone 65589963

TERM 4

Monday 24 October

Elona

Tuesday 25 October

Nikki

Wednesday 26 October

no volunteer

Thursday 27 October

Reena

Friday 28 October

Elona

Monday 31 October

no volunteer

Tuesday 1 November

no volunteer

Wednesday 2 November

no volunteer

Thursday 3 November

Melissa



AKOOSTIK FESTIVAL

On Friday 14 October, a highly talented group of Gloucester High School's finest strode onto the stage at the Wingham Akoostik Festival. Proud of upholding the tradition of performing ONLY original acoustic music, the group known far and wide as Samson and the Delightfuls, got to share the love with the growing Friday evening crowd. The line-up included Nina Samson (vocals and cello), Laura Dunlop (violin), Ayrleah Tull (vocals), Paula Edwards (vocals and guitar), Emme Moulds (vocals and music changer), Jake Moulds (guitar), Bodhi Hickman (mandolin) and Pat Cavanagh (vocals and guitar).

In our short time on stage, we sang Kokoda (a PC original), two songs by Ayrleah and Paula (Bonfire (it's you) and Epitome of Beautiful), and a great number written by Laura Zarb (Echo) and sung beautifully by Emme Moulds. Unfortunately we didn't get a chance to perform the other two songs we'd prepared (Morning Glory and Swamp Doggy), but I'm sure they'll rear their heads at some stage in the near future!

Can I take this opportunity to thank all the kids for their commitment to practising and for their guts in getting up on the big, scary stage – it takes some doing, let me tell you! Can I also thank those parents who transported the students and showed their enthusiastic support throughout their performance. Can't wait for next year!! By the way, I got a lot of nice comments about my shirt!



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PRINCIPALS REPORT



It is difficult to believe that we're already in Term 4! Year 12 have begun their HSC examinations and, so far, seem to be quite happy with their efforts. Last term ended with a number of significant events. Our Year 12 Farewell Assembly was a great mix of emotions, with laughing and crying in equal measure. It was great to farewell Year 12 in such style. They have been a great group of people, whose behaviour during their last days at school was exemplary. They certainly did leave with the dignity and respect expected of them. Thanks Year 12 and all the best for the remainder of your exams.

Another significant event was the school's annual Tri-challenge. A pinnacle of great organisation, collaboration and enthusiasm, the event went off without a hitch, due to the fantastic efforts of Mr Greg Leighton and his team. The weather was perfect and the participation rates were the highest we've seen for years. Enhancements this year included higher levels of first aid training for staff (including Bronze Medallion training for some) and the use of hand-held radios to improve our communications capacity. Well done to all those who participated, to all our marshals and other helpers and to the SES, Midcoast Council and local landholders for their cooperation and understanding.

For those of you who do not already know, the Tri-challenge day was Mr Mike King's last day at Gloucester High School. Mr King has been a huge contributor to the growth of students in the Gloucester area for many years now, and has made a significant impact at Gloucester High School and in promoting public education in general. I will miss our partnership. Being able to work so closely with someone with such experience and insight has been a privilege for me over the last six years. We have had a productive partnership and friendship, and I, as well as all of Gloucester High School, will miss Mike. Thanks, mate, and all the best for you and Jenny in your retirement.

Lastly, a brief reminder to parents that it won't be long until final exams and assessments for Years 7 to 11 will be taking place. The message from teachers will be: "Get those books out and spend some serious time doing some serious study!" If students are uncertain about what's expected, they must speak with their teachers, so they know what content to focus on.

Cheers!

Pat Cavanagh

HOMework CLUB

We are starting a Homework Club on Wednesdays in Room 1 during the second half of lunch. All Year 7 and Year 8 students are welcome!

BREAKFAST CLUB IS BACK THANKS TO GLOUCSTER IGA

Mr James Lovegrove and Mr Peter Trappell, owners of IGA Gloucester, have generously donated funds to support our breakfast program. These funds will enable us to purchase food items to provide students (who are unable to have breakfast at home) with a healthy breakfast at school together with their peers.

We are very grateful to have students, teachers and community volunteers who also support the program. Breakfast mornings are from 8:30am Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All are welcome as the program compliments the development of social skills.

TRI CHALLENGE 2016

The Gloucester High School Tri Challenge is a unique event, started in 1992 about the same time as the Gloucester Mountain Man Tri Challenge. This year it was very pleasing to have an increase in the number of competitors in the race and students marshalling around the course. The Tri Challenge training undertaken in sport may have had something to do with this. The course consists of a 10km bike ride, 4km kayak and 4 km run.

First to complete the course in a time of 1h:13m:42s was Andrew Hughes (Senior Male). Andrew was only a few seconds ahead of Kaito Sutton (Junior Male), the second individual competitor home in 1:14:04. Third individual was Cameron Dunlop (JM), in 1:17:14. Rhys Cox (JM) was the fourth individual in 1:23:30.

The first female competitor home and 16th overall was Kyra Edstein (Junior) in 1:29:02. She was closely followed by Tahnee Yates (Junior) in 1:32:47. Emily Ryan was the first Senior Female in 1:49:12, followed by Emme Moulds in 1:51:12.

The first team to complete the course, repeating their feat of last year and coming in third overall, was the Year 9 male team of Cadel Beard (B), Hamish McClure (K) and Jacob Moulds (R) in 1h:14m:07s. Hamish set a new leg record for the Kayak, more than half a minute better than the previous record. The first female team, and 13th overall was from Year 8, Charlotte Maslen (B), Tayla Hartley (K) and Isabella Erasmus (R) in 1:27:47. The first mixed team made up of Year 7 students, Tristyn Beard (B), Chloe Edstein (K) and Emma Ashton (R) (1:19:55) came in 8th overall.

The best Gloucester Primary School team finishing in 1:21:49 was Cody Howard (B), Aiden Coombes (K) and Kaden Schumann (R).

The best leg times were: Male: Bike – Andrew Hughes 25:32, Kayak – Hamish McClure 23:35 (New Leg Record), Run – Zeke Llewellyn 20:55. Female: Bike – Charlotte Maslen 32:35, Kayak – Kyra Edstein 25:09, Run – Emma Ashton 22:54.

In his last GHS Tri Challenge, Deputy Principal, Mike King was edged out for Staff honours by TSO Dave Fitzhardinge who finished in 1:11:57.



Congratulations to all the competitors for making the effort to train and compete.

The Tri Challenge does not happen without the support of a lot of individuals and organisations, so a very big 'Thank You' is in order for all those who helped make the event so enjoyable. The Gloucester Shire Council and the land owners along the course deserve a special mention for continuing to allow us to hold this special event. Thanks also to Barrington Outdoor Adventure Centre for the use of their kayaks and the training they provide for our students prior to race day. Thanks to Gloucester SES, Police and Ambulance for their support for the day, Jamie Andrews for the use of his truck, and Bernie Edstein for riding sweep for the bike leg. The barbeque volunteers both parents, students and staff deserve thanks for the food and drinks at Rocky Crossing. Last but not least the staff and students of GHS and GPS deserve a big thanks for their enthusiasm and co-operation throughout the day.



2016 TRI CHALLENGE

EUROPE TOUR

Recently, we (Oihanu Barff, Nina Samson, Liam Chester, Grace Forrester and Mauatua Barff) travelled to Europe as part of the West of the Divide Choir and Wind Ensemble. The whole touring group comprised of 177 members and represented 34 schools. The choir consisted of 40 people, which the five of us were a part of. The wind ensemble consisted of 80 people and the rest of the tour group were parents and supporters.

Throughout the trip, we represented our school, family and towns across 5 countries in Europe over 12 days and spent 4 days flying.

We performed in prestigious venues in Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, Hodonin and Prague.

Hanu and other senior students attended a Civic Reception with the Mayor of Hodonin before performing in the St Lawrence Church. The whole touring group attended a Civic reception in the Marble Hall in the Mirabelle Castle in Salzburg.

We attended workshops by the masters of their crafts and the results were impeccable. It was such a privilege to work with these stunning musical geniuses.

We performed in churches, cathedrals, castles, and schools. Venues which were unique, magnificent, memorable and beautiful.

We've learned first-hand the history of the countries we visited and all the stunning locations within, a varied amount of language (German, Czech and Hungarian!), some traditional Austrian folk dances and much more.

This amazing experience wouldn't have happened without the 18 months of planning done by Di Hall, Di Reichelt and Di Alexander (the fabulous 3 Di's!) and the huge amount of support the Gloucester community gave us five kids.

We would also like to specially thank our parents and Judy Ingram for all the time and effort they put into helping us get there.

Nina Samson and Liam Chester



LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE

The time we had in Europe was life changing. We will never forget the friends we made and the places we visited. We are so grateful that we were given this opportunity and that so many people donated money for us to attend.

We Travelled to Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest, Hodonin, and Prague." My favourite place that we went to was Salzburg because it was so clean and beautiful. There was an abundance of cathedrals, it was crazy! My favourite Cathedral was in Salzburg, the Salzburg Dom. It was humongous" said Mauatua! Our first performance was in the Dom and it was so much fun. The acoustics in the Salzburg dome were incredible, mostly because of the two to five second sound delay.

There were three groups that were part of the Europe tour. The supporters (parents and carers), The West of the Divide Wind Ensemble and The West of the Divide Choir that five students from Gloucester High School were a part of. Grace Forrester was a soprano, Oihahu Barff and Liam Chester were the only two tenors in the choir and Nina Samson and I were altos.



Mauatua Barff

GLOUCESTER STUDENTS SHINE IN MUSICAL TOUR OF EUROPE

A report from the Director of the West of the Dive Europe Tour.

The students who participated in this experience were absolutely perfect for the duration of the excursion. They represented their school, family and towns with distinction across 5 countries in Europe over the 12 days. Their behaviour during the long flights was impeccable. They were supported by a supporters group who not only enjoyed their own touring experience but supported the students at every concert we did along the way.



The students have made lifelong friends across the 34 schools and added two school visits in Europe assisting young students with their English language studies after entertaining them with a concert.

The students performed in prestigious venues in Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, Hodonin and Prague. Senior students attended a Civic Reception with the Mayor and Senior staff at Hodonin before performing in the St Lawrence Church Hodonin. The whole touring group attended a Civic reception in the Marble Hall in the Mirabelle Castle in Salzburg.



They attended workshops by the masters of their crafts and the results were immediately evident in their performances. They were so receptive to new ideas and music interpretation. Education at its best!!

They performed in Churches, cathedrals, castles, and schools. Venues which were unique, magnificent and memorable. I have attached a few photos of their performances.

The staff became an amazing team whose care and attention to detail in ensuring the safety and health of the students in their care was of the highest quality.

I am sure that the students have many stories to tell. They learned first-hand the history of the countries they visited which included a confronting excursion to Dachau in Germany which they took in their stride with the support of their teachers and parents. They will need to reflect for a long time on their experiences to know what they have learned in every Key Learning Areas!!

The three Arts Coordination Officers planned this trip over 18 months and were delighted that their efforts came to such a wonderful conclusion. Thank you for your support in this venture; it has given our country students an experience they will never forget. Their preparation was unique due to the geographical challenges they faced but their performances and their behaviour were world class.

They deserve a standing ovation which they received many times after their performances overseas. They certainly deserve recognition at a local level.

Kind regards

Di Hall

Musical Director

VALID 2016

The Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held Tuesday 8 November 2016. The test takes approximately 70 minutes. The VALID Science 8 test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years K–10 Syllabus. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values about science. Since students complete VALID Science 8 on a computer, **each student needs to bring headphones or earbuds** that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's teacher to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1, 2017. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

Our Principal or Mr McInerney are able to provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

2016 INTER SCHOOL HORSE EXTRAVAGANZA

Last Friday 14 October Amy Shultz competed in the 2016 Inter School Horse Extravaganza held at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre at Tamworth. There were children from schools as far away as the Snowy Mountains Grammar School, St Hildas, Gold Coast and everywhere in between. Amy competed in the 13yrs and under 15yrs Working Horse Challenge against 71 competitors. Amy also competed in the 13yrs sporting events. This event consists of ten sporting events and there were over 40 competitors in Amy's age group. Amy was awarded 13yrs Sporting Champion. Well done Amy!



TECHNOLOGY CLUB

To all those interested students the Technology club will be running this Thursday at lunch time in Room 23. We will be looking at programming mini games. For more information see Mr Sam Cornall.

2017 MUSICAL ANNOUNCED

Into the Woods, the hit Broadway show that was made into a successful Disney film, is the GHS 2017 musical. With music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine. the musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm and Charles Perrault fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests. The main characters are taken from "Little Red Riding Hood", "Jack and the Beanstalk", "Rapunzel", and "Cinderella", as well as several others. The musical is tied together by a story involving a childless baker and his wife and their quest to begin a family (the original beginning of The Grimm Brothers' Rapunzel), their interaction with a witch who has placed a curse on them, and their interaction with other storybook characters during their journey.



Auditions for the musical will take place in Week Eight 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!

P&C MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 27 October at 7.30pm in the school library. Please note the later start time. Please advise if there is anything to add to the agenda.

SRC YOUNG LEADER DAY

On Friday 25 November, members of the SCR will be attending the "National Young Leaders Day" in Sydney. The event was organised by Mr Davis and he will be attending this day for the school. The program consists of key note speakers, multimedia presentations, and interactive learning experiences to boost self-esteem and personal confidence. Over 23,000 students and their teachers will attend the day. Notes were handed out to students on Tuesday. Please return your notes and money to the office ASAP.

MAKE SURE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE?

Parents, if you have changed any details e.g. your address, mobile phone, home phone, email address or emergency contacts, please make sure you let the office know so we are able to keep an accurate record. It is important for us and your children that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School polo shirts are available from the school canteen for \$25. School hoodies are \$35 and need to be ordered. Girls skirts are made to order from Town and Country. Lowes at Forster are also a supplier of our school uniforms which include, the girls' skirts, shorts and pants as well as boys' shorts and pants. They are available in store or you can order online at <http://www.lowes.com.au/categories.aspx?deptid=754>

 **SCHOLASTIC - Book Club**

Pick up your Book Club Catalogue Order (Issue 7) from the LIBRARY. Orders for this issue need to be returned and paid for at the Front Office by 28/10/16

HSC ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES YEAR 12 - 2017

Year 12 (2017) students will be given their Assessment Schedule Booklets in Week 3. A copy can also be found on our school website at <http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/year-12/assessment>. This is an extremely important document as it outlines times of all HSC Assessment Tasks. Note - Teachers will give students details of each assessment task two weeks before the task is due.

POLICY FOR STUDENT DRIVERS

Gloucester High School's policy for student drivers is as follows:

- Student drivers who have their provisional licence are able to drive to and from school without having to provide a note from home.
- Students should be aware that they can only drive to and from school and are not permitted to use their vehicles to leave the school during the school day.
- Students who transport siblings will need to provide a signed letter from home
- Students who wish to transport a friend will need to provide a signed letter from their parent/carer, a signed letter from their friend's parent/carer, a copy of their driver's licence, a copy of the registration for the motor vehicle.
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Please click on the following link to download the permission form <http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-channel/application-for-student-drivers> and return to the office please.

STATE SPORTING AND CAMPDRAFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gloucester High School had three students, Jodie Harris, Charlotte Maslen and Amy Shultz and one former student Emma Johnston travel to Oakey to represent NSW at the Queensland State Sporting and Campdrafting Championships in the first week of the school holidays. There were three days of competition consisting of a formal gymkhana, sporting and campdrafting. Amy Shultz came 7th overall in her age group at the gymkhana with a 1st, 4th, 5th and 7th. Charlotte came home with two 5ths, a 7th and a 9th placing and Emma was placed 5th overall with a 2nd, 3rd, two 7th and a

9th. In the campdraft 12yrs – 15yrs Amy Shultz was placed 2nd overall and Emma 3rd. In the sporting day Charlotte came 2nd in the mug race and 8th in the flag race. Amy came 6th overall with two 1sts a 6th and 9th placings. Emma came 4th overall in her age group with two 1sts and a 6th. Jodie Harris competed very well and placed in the top 20 for most of her events, which was a huge achievement with nearly 60 kids in her age group. Over all three days of the competition, all the age groups were very large, mostly averaging around 45 kids in the younger age groups and extremely competitive. What you all achieved was amazing, well done to you all!



CHANGE IN NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE

Due to the school's transition to the new SENTRAL system, from Wednesday 25 October 2016 certain changes will come into effect.

At approximately 11 am each day, a SMS will be sent to the nominated mobile number if the student has been recorded as not arrived at school or is late with no explanation from parent/carer.

The following is an example of the SMS that will be sent:

Your daughter/son NAME was marked absent from school 01/08/16. Please reply with reason or contact us on 65581605.

You may reply to the SMS with an explanation, or ring the school on 65581605 or use the traditional method of sending a note into school the next day. All methods are acceptable. Your reply must include a reason. For example "Mary is sick" or "Mary has broken her leg & will be back 03/08/16".

During last term, school staff have been working on SENTRAL (electronic roll marking system) in preparation for going live, Day 1 Term 4 2016. Although this has occurred, it has not been without challenges and we would appreciate your patience whilst we are still in learning mode.

Please note the mobile number from which you receive the SMS can vary.

If you have any concerns regarding the accuracy of absentee data, please phone the school and we will act upon this information immediately. We look forward to successfully and accurately reflecting absence data. Thank you for your cooperation and patience whilst we are on this learning curve.

I AM VERY EXCITED TO BE GOING TO ENGLAND!

A month ago my aunty asked me to do a dot painting. I had no idea what for, but I set myself to work painting a series of paintings about my ancestor Samuel Hunt. A couple of weeks later I received an email telling me that my paintings were being sent to England to be put in an exhibition.

Shocked and surprised I started painting more. Over a series of emails between Sylvia (a lady in England, organising it) I was lucky enough to get one of my paintings on the front cover of a book.

Sylvia has organised for my dad and I to travel over to England next year in June.

I still have two more paintings to do by February. I am very excited to be going to England! I can't wait!

Brianna Martin



TIME FLYS BY SO QUICKLY!

Five seconds ago, I logged into my laptop and glanced at the date on my screen. I realised September has come to an end and I'd forgotten to write my YEPPER. How could the time fly by so quickly? Wasn't it only last week that I sent off the YEPPER for August? I'm so confused, I check my calendar over and over again to make sure I'm not mistaken with the dates.

On the 31 August I changed to my third and last host family. I am now living back in the city with the Delavault family. They are so kind and generous and I love how often they do activities with me and how alike they are to my family in Australia. I have two younger host brothers who are so similar to my brothers in Australia. Age, behaviour, personality and even a few physical features are similar. I find myself laughing alone at the table as we talk because it scares me how much the two families are alike. I have a host dad, Alain, a host mum, Benedicte, an older host sister Margaux (20), a host brother, Jules (16) and a younger host brother, Emilien (8).

On the very first day of September I headed back to school after three whole months of holidays! It was great seeing my friends again after the long break and I was eager to recommence classes. I re-entered school in Terminale, which is the equivalent of Year 12 in Australia. In France you can't choose your subjects but rather 'pathways' where certain subjects will be more occourant than others. You can choose Sciences (physics, chemistry, biology, maths, etc. ...) Literature (French, History & Geography and Foreign Languages) and Economics and Social Sciences (Economics and a balance of other subjects). I was placed into the Economics class like last year because apparently, it's the course with the 'lighter' work load. Of course we are talking 'the French workload' which permits you to eat, sleep and study. The French work and study hours are something that still amaze me. After school days from 8am – 6pm students have homework every day after school not to mention a 2-hour exam every Wednesday and other in class tests on top of that... oh and the two major exams at the end of the year. I'm just the exchange student and I find myself busy and stressed. One of the things that surprised me the most was when I looked at my little host brother's homework diary. I couldn't believe the amount of homework he had on a daily basis. He is eight years old and he goes to school for eight hours a day and comes home and has another hour or two of homework!

This month with the Delavaults we did lots of fun activities on the weekends. On the first Saturday I spent with the family they took me to La Ginguette. It's a restaurant, a dance venue and a games park all mixed into one and sits right beside the Loire River. The Friday and Saturday nights they have a big dance where everyone gets together and dances traditional and well known dances of any styles from line dancing to the waltz. I tried my best to slot into the crowd and mirror the moves of the people in front of me but found my long legs kept getting tangled or I'd slide in the opposite direction and crash into the dancer beside me. On the Sunday of the same weekend, the whole family went to a triathlon that Alain and Jules were competing in. I helped take pictures and cheer them on from the sideline. The weekend after that, Benedicte was volunteering at a small music festival. Margaux and I went along and had a great time listening and dancing to the French music. On the Sunday, we all headed to a picnic held by a club that the Delavaults are part of. The Canons belong to the same club and I was so glad I got to see them again. It made my day when my little host brother, Samuel, saw me and ran to give me a big hug.

On the next weekend, the 17th and 18th, I ran in a 10km marathon at Tours! Alain, Jules, Margaux and I ran in the race. There were around 5000 people who ran all together through the streets of Tours. It was such a great experience and I loved seeing all the creative costumes.

The last weekend, Benedicte and I went bike riding and the whole family walked along the Loire and fed some bread to a group of hungry ducks. Benedicte and I are really into scrabble at the moment. We play in Frenghish (but mainly



French words for me, with the exception if I'm really stuck). The Delavaults are great and very active so I'm never bored. They are a great and enthusiastic family for my last three months in France.

Another exciting event this month was the retro-themed school social. It was a great night dancing and listening to the classic French 80's hits. The dress-ups were great! Everyone was disguised in all sorts of retro themes, from the 20's puffy skirts and pearl bedazzled necks to the flower power hippy. At first I didn't have plans to go dressed up but a few days before the social my host mum and I rambled through our clothes and managed to put together a 'hippy' 60's look. My host brother was dressed up as Al Capone and carried with him a (fake) cigar.

It's been great to be back at school and start my mind working again, but only one month in and I'm already begging for the holidays. I'm excited and pleased that at school I can understand most of my courses (the exceptions being philosophy and economics; my classmates told me not to worry because even they don't understand what the teachers ramble on about). However, now that I'm starting to understand more, the teachers are also expecting me to do more. I've been doing the tests and some of the homework like the other students to try to fit in and get back into the rhythm of working.



Language-wise I'm feeling proud of my progress. I am proud to say that now I can understand almost anything anyone says to me (however, economics and philosophy are a couple of subjects that I still find extremely difficult). I'm reading French books, watching French films, writing my travel journal in French, and strangely, while writing this YEPPER, in my head I have to translate phrases from French to English! It's crazy how quickly we pick up a language when we are completely surrounded by it. However, the French grammar is something insane that lurks in the corner just waiting until the moment when you have to speak in past tense (one of the things I absolutely hate doing). I try my best. I work on the verbs with my host family and write out the verb conjugations over and over again. It's hard... I'm hoping that by the end of my exchange I will have a better handle on the grammar than I do now.

Like always, I'm loving the French food! I'm not sure how I'll manage food wise coming back to Australia. The other day my host mum asked me what foods I would miss the most when I head back home. I couldn't give her a straight answer, there are just too many delectable foods to choose from! I remember rattling off the obvious choices, the melt-in-your-mouth cheese... the soft freshly-baked baguettes... the warm pain au chocolat. However, I think what I will miss the most is the French culture of eating and the manner of mealtimes. The big 3 course lunches during the day, the Sunday breakfast of venoisseries from the bakery, the 'sweet-NEVER salty!' afternoon snack. It will be peculiar slotting back into the Australian 'snacky' style of eating.

All in all, September has been another fantastic month on exchange. I continue to be amazed everyday with the opportunities I'm presented with and the conversations (I am now able to hold in French) with so many great people. As time goes on I become more and more torn between Australia and France. One side of me desires to stay in this beautiful country and to keep on living the dream year but the other yearns for the familiarity of home. It scares me that in three more months and I'll be on that flight back to Australia.

TRANSITION INTO HIGH SCHOOL FOR 2017

A positive and enjoyable BBQ and Information night for next year's Year 7 students and their parents and carers was held at the School on Wednesday 19 October.

After first working on their handball skills and enjoying the P&C-cooked sausages, everyone moved into the Hall where our Principal, Pat Cavanagh, and Acting Deputy Principal, Trudi Edman, formally welcomed our 2017 intake and their family members to Gloucester High School.

Mr Mik Wisely, the Coordinator of the Transition Program, then provided an overview of our High School's transition program in which he and other High School staff have been regularly visiting the various feeder schools over the past few months engaging Year 6 students in exciting hands-on science, maths and engineering activities. These activities have been a real success and enjoyed by all. Mr Wisely also spoke of the transition activities yet to come, including the afternoon visits to High School by the Year 6 students that will start in Week 4 and the Orientation Day to be held in early December.

The 2017 Year 7 Adviser, Mr Tony Kingston, introduced himself to the students and family members, spoke a little about his teaching background, his involvement in the Gloucester community and his role as Year Adviser. Referring to research indicating that children benefit when their parents/carers are actively involved in their child's schooling, he also encouraged family members to consider becoming involved in the P&C next year.

Eve Green, representing the P&C, reiterated the invitation to parents and carers to become involved and that coming along to the monthly P&C meetings was a helpful way to gain information about the various activities happening at the school. The evening concluded with Mrs Lorraine Forbes outlining the various learning support resources and programmes available at the school to help students with their learning.

Families left the night with an individualised information package outlining various policies and procedures and further details about life at Gloucester High School.

A friendly and positive atmosphere prevailed throughout the night. Our thanks to the P&C for cooking the BBQ, to the staff from the High School and the various primary schools that attended, and to the 2017 students and their parents for making the night so successful.



SUMMER 6'S FOOTBALL, SUN AND A WHOLE-LOT-A-FUN!

GLoucester Soccer Club Inc SCORPIONS

Date: Wednesday 12th October 2016
(Training & Registration)
Time: 6pm
Location: Number 1 Oval – Grandstand

Registrations

10 -15 years	Registered junior	\$47.00
	Unregistered junior	\$52.00
16 – Seniors	Registered senior	\$55.00
	Unregistered senior	\$91.00

REGISTER ONLINE: gloucestersoccernsw.org
Registrations open from Saturday 24th September

Gloucester Scorpions Summer 6's Competition will be Wednesday nights -
0409 903 425 for more information

YEAR EXCURSION EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Dear Parents/Carers of Students in Year 11 in 2017

The Year 11 excursion has not run since 2014 due to lack of numbers. I am currently researching possibilities for 2017 with the aim of making this excursion more accessible to all students in the year group. It is imperative that a decision is made as soon as possible in order to book accommodation.

Below is a table comparing two possible alternatives.

GOLD COAST

Cost	Days
\$700 - \$800 (based on 2014 \$734) plus spending money	2 travel plus three days

Activities

Dream World, Movie World, beach, surf lessons and shopping

OR

MILSON ISLAND

Cost	Days
\$420	4 Days

Activities

Kayaking, Abseiling, beach, archery, fishing, Bushwalking, Orienteering, challenge courses, use of basketball court and other facilities

Please indicate on the form below which excursion is preferred. In order for the excursion to run it is necessary for ~ 80% of students to go. Please return to school as soon as possible.

Location Yes /No

Comments

Gold Coast Milson Island

Please contact Ms Jude Pickett if you would like to discuss this excursion on 65581605. Thankyou for your support.

BRAYDENS TRIP TO DEAF CAMP 2016

On Tuesday 13 September, mum and I had to get up really early at 3:30 am. We left for Taree at 4:30am to meet the Deaf Camp bus at McDonalds. It took about eight hours to get to the camp; I was so tired I slept for about four hours. When we arrived at our camp we were instructed to go to the hall to find out where our cabins were and what activities we were going to do. I was in cabin one. There were four boys in my cabin and we were all good friends. My first activity was circus tricks and it was really hard but my favourite part was the balancing board.

On Wednesday we had breakfast at 8:30. My first activity was building a raft, but first we had to find the stuff to build the raft. We used wooden planks, barrels and rope and metal mesh to hold it together. When it was finished we all got on it and it floated. Next we did sand sculpture. I didn't make anything but I took photos. Then we did rock climbing. I made it all the way to the top with the help of my team. Next I did swinging in the chapel. That was awesome! I pulled my legs all the way up and I leant back and I was spinning and spinning.

On Thursday we did laser tag, we did team mode and VIP mode. I did really well at it because I was a great hider and a good shooter; I got 77 kills. Laser tag was my favourite activity. Then we did canoeing in the river. I didn't really like that activity it was too much hard work. My whole body was tired and cramping. Next we did the vertical challenge we had to climb to the top and I made it. The last one was rock-it, it was so fun , I saw a jellyfish and it was a pink one. We had to get out of the water till the jellyfish was gone then we walked back to camp. After dinner we watched a movie, Paper Planes.

On Friday we left at 9:00am, it took us about eight hours to get back to Taree. Mum and Teliah picked me up at Taree and we went home.

I love going to deaf camp because it's really fun doing all the activities. The food is great and I make lots of friends. It is a bit sad I've only got two more deaf camps to go then I will be finished school.

Brayden Woolnough

critical stages presents

BY PHIL SPENCER
WITH LIVE MUSIC BY
JULIA JOHNSON

An evening of soul searching, toe-tapping and ghost hunting.

"The Dave Allen of modern storytelling"
(ABC 702)

"Simply delightful"
★★★★★
(The Brag)

Saturday 5th November Senior Citizens Centre

\$25 (non-member) \$20 (GACCI member) \$15 (youth 13 - 17yrs)
Tickets available at Gloucester Health Foods

Doors open 7:30pm
Not suitable for under 13 yrs

BYO: Nibbles & drinks
Presented by: GACCI

GACCI

critical stages NSW GOVERNMENT Arts NSW

Originally supported by the Sydney Theatre Company ROUGH DRAFT program. Critical Stages is supported by the NSW Government through ARTS NSW.

TAS060926

Tin Shed Events presents



BUCKETTS OF MOVIES

WHEN:

Friday 28th October at 7 pm for
7.30 pm screening

WHERE: Billabong Park

***BBQ AND DRINKS AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE OR BYO
GOLD COIN DONATION***

Come and see Heath Ledger and Julia Stiles in

10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU

COME AND JOIN US

Follow us on Facebook to find out more -
Tin Shed Events

TAS058238

? Need legal help

Legal Advice Clinics in Taree and Forster

FREE

We give free advice for everyday legal problems like:

- Social security issues with Centrelink
- Problems at work (unfair dismissal, redundancies, underpayment, bullying)
- Mortgage hardship
- Debt, fines and money worries
- Credit contracts, rental goods and mobile phone contracts
- Tenancy and housing
- Discrimination

Where?	Booking?	When?
Tobwobba Aboriginal Medical Service 68A MacIntosh St, Forster	Drop in Inquiries: 5525 1600	Wednesdays monthly 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group (by AVL/phone) 14 Queen St, Gloucester	By Appointment Call: 6558 2454	2 nd & 4 th Thursday of month 9:00am – 12noon
Ngarralinyi Radio Station 182 Victoria Street, Taree	Drop in Inquiries: 5525 1600	Wednesdays fortnightly 10:00am – 12:30pm
Manning Uniting Church 29 Albert Street, Taree	By Appointment Call: 6552 3850	Wednesday fortnightly 10:00am – 12:30pm
Forster Neighbourhood Centre 1 Coral Avenue, Tuncurry	Drop in Inquiries: 5525 1600	Wednesdays fortnightly 10:30am – 12:30pm

...and family law problems like:

- Dispute resolution
- Parenting arrangements
- Financial and property settlements
- Issues with FACS (DOCS)
- Child support

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Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group 88 King St, Gloucester **Provided by Walker Legal, Taree	By Appointment Call: 6558 2454	1 st & 3 rd Monday of month 10:00am – 12:30pm
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...or criminal law problems like:

- Criminal charges
- Bail and parole
- Driver's licence and traffic matters
- AVOs

Where?	Booking?	When?
Taree Local Court 85 Albert Street, Taree	Drop in	Tuesdays 2pm sharp
Traffic Duty Program Taree Local Court, 85 Albert Street, Taree **Provided by the Mid North Coast CLC	Drop in Inquiries: 6580 2111	Every Tuesday

Short legal advice sessions are free and available to everyone.





Circle of Security® PARENTING SERIES

Presented by: Rachel Starrett (Child & Family Health Nurse – Gloucester Community Health)
Andrew Harvey (Child & Family Counsellor – Gloucester Community Health)

Location: Booken Booken Cottage, Gloucester Health Campus

Dates: Tuesday 1st November to Tuesday 6th December 2016 (6 weeks)

Times: 10:30 to 12:30 Cost: Free / refreshments provided

Who should attend? Parents with young children (unfortunately child care cannot be provided but parents can attend with infants if necessary)

How to register: Contact Gloucester Community Health on 6538 5058 (Limited places available)

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

This is a 6 week parenting education program, which can help you as a parent to:

- Understand your child's emotions and what their behavior might be telling you
- Support your child's ability to handle their own emotions and improve their confidence and self esteem.
- Strengthen your skills in observing, understanding and connecting with your child
- Throughout the program a DVD with personal life experiences and illustrations will be used.
- To be run by Clinical Staff from Community Health who work with families / children



<http://www.lowes.com.au/CampusCategories.aspx?depid=754>

INVITATION

Breaking the ice in our community

Crystalline methamphetamine (ice) yarning sessions for family and elders. The Alcohol and Drug Foundation, in partnership with NSW Health and local Aboriginal agencies, is hosting a series of crystalline methamphetamine yarning sessions in New South Wales.

About this yarning session:

- This two hour yarning session is aimed at providing skills to family members and those affected by a loved one who using ice. This workshop will provide an opportunity to explore the specific needs of your community and effective effective ways to provide support.
- The training will be conducted by Dr Suzie Hudson, an experienced AOD clinician and workshop facilitator, with a specialisation in crystalline methamphetamines.

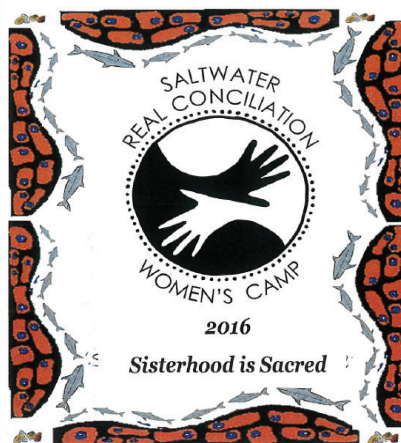
Forum details: Afternoon tea will be provided

Date: Tuesday 6 December, 2016

Time: 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Location: Biripi Community Bushland Hub, 39-41 Mudford Street, Taree

For more information and to RSVP, please contact
kylie.paulson@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au or phone 0428 542 384.



Sisterhood is Sacred

WOMEN & GIRLS ONLY
no boys over 3 years are able to attend

Saltwater National Park

Biripi Country

23-24-25th November 2016

Registration closes 24th October

To find out more and to register contact:

Sharon Donovan PH: 0410 620954 E: sdonovan@biripi.org.au

Natalie Jennings PH: 0437102552 E: eabilitylinks.port@booroongendjugun.com.au



Overnight camping is optional. Please bring your own camping gear

Camp set up from 9:00am Wednesday

ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE EVENT

Due to the struggle to obtain funding this year will we be asking for a fee of \$10 per person which cover all meals and activities?

Thank you for your understanding

BYO snacks or special dietary needs

If you do not register you are responsible for your own catering



Friday November 4 Moonlight Movie

John Wright Park Tuncurry



A night for all the family to enjoy.
Bring a chair... enjoy dinner and a glass of wine from one of our gourmet stalls.

DADDY'S HOME

 PG

Gates 5.30pm Movie approx 8pm
Kids entertainment till movie starts.

Entry \$5 kids under 16 free.

more info: www.lakesidefestival.com.au

This event is fully licensed. Under 18's allowed only under direct supervision of parents. No BYO or pets.



Forster Public School
Kitchen Garden Program
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SAVE THE DATE!

SPRING MARKET & Car Boot Sale

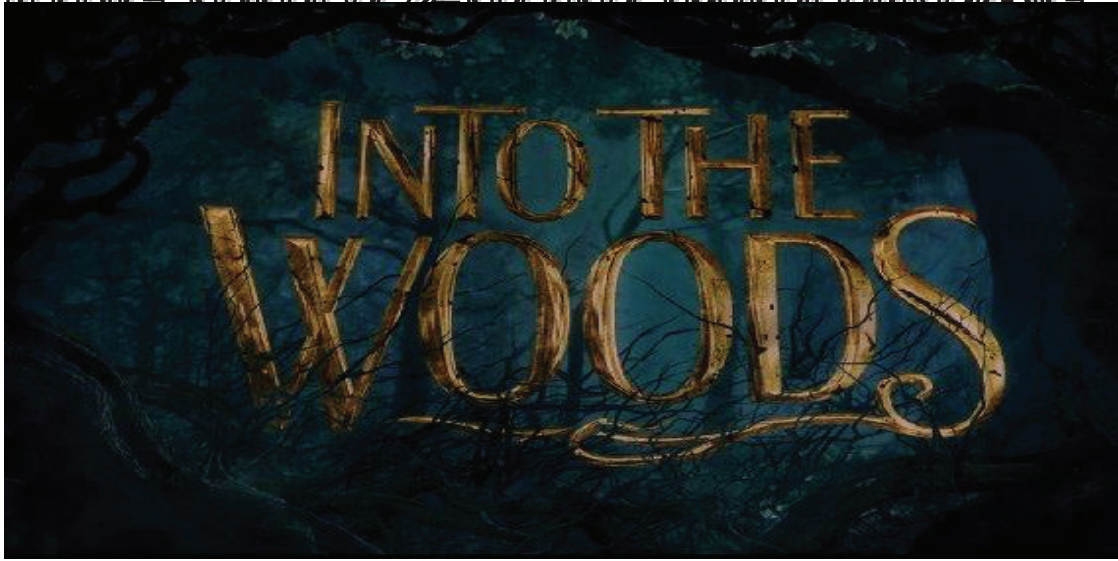
Saturday 14th November
Forster Public School Oval
8am - 12noon

Book a CAR BOOT OR MARKET SITE FOR \$25. Turn that junk or handmade wares into come cash for Xmas. Bring the family along for breakfast or lunch, bag a bargain and have a great day out. Loads of Market Stalls, Car Boot Stalls, Coffee and Food stalls, Produce, Music as well as great entertainment for the kids.

**To book a Market or Car Boot Site
or for more information please contact
Forster Public School 65556766
or email patrina.smith3@det.nsw.edu.au**

IT'S COMING SOON!!!!

THE GHS 2016 MUSICAL



CALLING FOR AUDITIONS

Tue Nov 29th Period 5-6 (1:40pm-3:15pm)

Wed Nov 30, 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 14, 2017.



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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