

School Calendar 2016

TERM 4

Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 November
Peer Support Training

Tuesday 22 November
Year 9 - Pioneer Fish Farm Excursion

Wednesday 23 November
SRC National Young Leaders Excursion

Thursday 24 November
Year 9 Science Science Spectacular
Excursion - Sydney University

Tuesday 29 November
Santa Christmas Fundraiser Photo's

Wednesday 30 November
Year 9 Drama Night - School Hall 7pm

Monday 5 December 2016
Year 7- 2017 Orientation Day

Wednesday 30 November
Year 7-2017 PtoH Transition

Monday 5 December
Orientation Day

Monday 12 December
Presentation Night

Friday 16 December
Last day of school for 2016

CANTEEN -Phone 65589963

TERM 4

Monday 21 November
Elona

Tuesday 22 November
Jen

Wednesday 23 November
Nikki

Thursday 24 Novmeber
no volunteer

Friday 25 November
Elona

Monday 28 November
Elona

Tuesday 29 November
Reena

Wednesday 30 November
no volunteer

Thursday 1 December
no volunteer

Friday 2 December
Elona

NEWSLETTER Friday 18 November 2016



Leaving Gloucester at 2pm and had a longgggg drive up to Glen Innes where we then drove to Gibraltar and Washpool National Parks. Arriving at about 7:30ish and setting up our camp for the night, we, (Wyatt, Hayley, Lachy and myself) learnt how to play euchre. Then a thunderstorm with pelting down rain came rolling in which ruined our card game, just as Mrs Hogan, Lach and I were winning. Then at about 1:30 in the morning a second super storm came and woke us up. It was a full blown light show from inside the tent. Sunday morning came and we packed up early in preparation for our 19km hike. Walking on fairly flat ground for the first few k's was good and the weather was bit a overcast which set our cracking pace well. The scenery and views were incredible though. Massive, massive rocks balancing on top of each other. And we saw many beautiful waratahs and other bush flowers. We stopped for a morning tea break at Dandahra Crags, which was an amazing rock formation that Wyatt and Lachy climbed to the top of. We set up our tents to dry there to try and lighten our heavy load. Continuing on and walking across the Gwydir Highway over to Boundary Falls where we stayed the second night. We dropped our packs and sat at the top of the waterfall with our feet in the crisp cool water overlooking the "Demons Fault" line in the earth. Mrs Hogan originally was only going to put her feet in but her rock decided to make her slip in all the way to her neck. After setting up the tents, Mrs Hogan and I went for a swim under the waterfall, which was incredible and so refreshing after walking in the burning heat all day. Euchre



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again that night.

Monday morning brought an unexpected adventure. We were on our way to Grassy Creek where we were supposed to stay for our third night. On the way we stopped in at Duffer Falls, which were remarkable. The waterfall started as a cascade then dropped off a cliff, which we didn't go too close to. The view was breathtaking. We then made our way to Duffer Creek where Mrs Hogan had a bit of a spill down the hill, caused by dodgy walking poles. So we rung the National Parks and spoke to Roz about seven times. "Hi its Pat Cavanagh, I'm on a Duke of Ed expedition and we've had a..." then the satellite phone would drop out. In the end it was all sorted and us 'kids' walked a short 3.5 kms back to Boundary Falls and waited for Mr Cav and Mrs Hogan to pick us up on their return from hospital. And thanks to Lach and Wyatt's medical tent, Mrs Hogan is still with us. Six stitches later we arrived at Coombadjha which was a beautiful grassy spot to camp... other than the BUGS!! Tiny little critters everywhere. Mrs Hogan lost her rubbish bag and another thing due to Hayley's bird, Kevin, a fat currawong who attempted to steal Hayley's snacks on Sunday morning.

Tuesday came with a lazy wake up. We took a brisk walk on a rainforest circuit, where Wyatt made friends with many many ticks, he was the "tick magnet", probably because of his obsessive compulsive need to swing on every vine. Leaving Coombadjha we drove to Anvil Rock, which was a hugenormous stack of rocks. We trekked all the way to it then attempted to climb to the top, but there was no way up. Lach and Wyatt made sure. Hayley and I took photos of all the beautiful tiny flowers, including a dragon like plant which tried to "attack" Hayley as a bug flew out of by surprise. We then set up camp back at Mulligans hut where we were the first night, with flushing toilets! Then late afternoon we walked up to "The Needles" which was a rock stack shaped a bit like the three sisters. We made phone calls up there as we had a bit of phone reception. Beep, beep, beep, went the phones as we hadn't been in civilisation for four days. The view was again breathtaking as we could see so far that the world just disappeared. Coming back down the rocky mountain was a reflection of what had happened over the last few days. So many great memories and sights that I'll never forget.

Breakfast on the last day, "Mr Cav what were you doing in there last night, it sounded like you were playing twister?" Lach said over breakfast, food went flying everywhere as we burst with laughter.

We then took our last walk to Murrumbooe Cascades... which were a little disappointing for a 6 km walk there. But the rocks were still amazing us. Then finally it was time to say goodbye to our adventure and hello to a burger at Glen Innes. Thank you Mr Cav and Mrs Hogan for being amazing leaders and taking us on such a memorable trip!!



PRINCIPALS REPORT



With examinations well under way for Years 9 and 10 and fast approaching for Years 7 and 8, I am happy to report that most students are taking their role seriously. Remember that some solid revision work is essential if you are to give yourself the best possible chance in the exams. When you are in the hall with the exam paper in front of you, remember to take the time to read each question carefully, highlight the main parts of the question, and give the fullest answer possible. Depending on the subject, this may include showing your working out, giving one or two examples, giving your opinion backed up by evidence or explaining something in a different way. If you have time left at the end of an exam, don't waste it. Take a few moments to read over what you've written. Are there questions you have left for later that you can now do? Can you add something to some of your other answers? Does my answer really answer the question? Over the next few weeks, when you get your exams back, it is important to listen to the teacher when they provide feedback. Take down some notes so you can improve next time. Remember the aim is to get better and better at exams as you approach the senior years and the ultimate goal of the Higher School Certificate.

Once the examination period is over, staff will be busy writing reports, which we aim to distribute to students by Wednesday 14 December. But the term is far from over! Events which are coming up include Peer Support training for Year 10 students; the continuation of our Transition activities for Yr 6 (including the Orientation Day planned for Monday 5 December); the Student Teacher Understanding Network (STUN) training day for selected Year 8 and 9 students; a Year 10 and 11 Study Skills seminar; Year 8, 9 and 10 Drama nights; the SRC's Dream, Believe, Achieve day; the grand opening of the new Trade Skills Centre on 7 December at 3:30 pm; the school's Presentation Evening (Monday 12 Dec) and the long-awaited HSC results (out on Thursday 15 December).

As you can see, we are all engines full for the next four weeks. Students are reminded that our usual standards of attendance, cooperation, hard work and good manners apply until the final whistle, Friday 16 December.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - TEMPORARY AND CASUAL POSITIONS AT GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL, 2017

As part of our planning for 2017, the school is planning to support several temporary and casual positions throughout next year. The positions are:

- Student Learning & Support Officer (SLSO) positions (totalling an equivalent of approximately 2.8 full time equivalent)
- Technology Support Officer (approximately 0.8 full time equivalent)
- Community Support Officer (SASS administrative position – approximately 0.4 full time equivalent)
- Targeted Assistance Program (Teaching position) – possibly two positions of 0.2 – 0.4 full time equivalent
- Senior Success program coordinator (Teaching position – 0.2 full time equivalent)

Interested applicants can access more information and application forms on the school's website, by following this link: <http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/staff/expression-of-interest-20171>

Completed EOI forms are due by 3:30 pm on Friday 2 December, and can be delivered to the school's front office, or emailed to:

Gloucester-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the subject line "Expressions of Interest".

No late submissions will be considered.

P&C MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 24 November at 7.30pm in the school library. Please note the later start time.

Please advise if there is anything to add to the agenda.

YEAR 10 CAREERS CLASSES

This term, during Careers lessons, all students MUST complete the Mandatory Board of Studies requirements for the "All My Own Work" (AMOW) Program. The HSC: All My Own Work program is designed to help Higher School Certificate students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies.

The program has been developed as part of the NSW Government's Respect and Responsibility strategy and complements other approaches such as brochures for teachers, students and parents and strengthened student and teacher declarations for the HSC.

The HSC: All My Own Work program is integrated with other NSW syllabuses and programs. The program is designed to be delivered flexibly as self-paced learning modules.

The program's content is divided into five modules:

- Scholarship Principles and Practices
- Acknowledging Sources
- Plagiarism
- Copyright
- Working with others

Each module contains:

- Information and advice on the module focus questions
- Quiz questions
- Summary
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Link to a glossary
- Links to relevant websites

In a nutshell, AMOW provides students with a contemporary and relevant understanding of how to avoid plagiarism. Please note: Students are unable to be enrolled as Year 11 Students until this requirement is fulfilled. All students will need to complete all five Module Quizzes. It is important that each Quiz Report has the student's full name on it. The quizzes can either be printed off as a hard copy, or emailed directly to: michael.deangelis@det.nsw.edu.au

INVITATION TO OUR TRADE SKILLS CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING

Wednesday 7 December there will be the Official Opening of the Gloucester High School Trade Skills Centre for Metals and Engineering. Dr David Gillespie, Federal Member for Lyne will be in attendance to officiate over the opening. We would like to extend the invitation to our school community to come along and witness this event. The event will begin at 3.30pm and conclude with afternoon tea at around 4.30pm. If you would like to attend please contact the school to RSVP for catering reasons. We look forward to seeing you there on the day.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all the parents that have paid their child's school fees. If you have not paid your child's school fees, it is not too late to pay these. These contributions enhance our educational resources and sporting programs for the benefit of our students. The school appreciates the contributions it receives. Invoices are being mailed out this week. Please phone our office if you have any concern or if you are experiencing difficult circumstances on 65581605.



Gloucester High School

Year 7 Orientation Day

Monday 5 December 2016

**This is an information and orientation day for students commencing at
Gloucester High School in 2017**

What is happening on the day:

- Students come along for a full day
- Visit classrooms and orientate around the school
- Meet Teachers and Peer Support Leaders
- Experience the day in the life of a high school student
- BBQ Lunch provided by SRC

*If you require information about Year 7 enrolments to Gloucester High School,
please contact your child's primary school or phone our office on 65581605.*



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RESOURCEFUL SCHOOLS PROGRAM

To celebrate our involvement and efforts in the Resourceful Schools Program, Gloucester High School was presented with an accreditation certificate at a special school assembly on Monday 7 November. The Resourceful Schools Program is a Waste Wise learning program that has been developed in partnership with MidCoast Council, MIDWASTE and the Cascade Environmental Education Centre. The program is designed to help students learn all about the best ways to manage waste, through both practical and classroom-based activities.

Earlier this year, Gloucester High School students in Year 7 and Year 8 participated in lessons on global waste issues, local waste management and personal behaviour around waste and consumption. Students from Years 7-10 also formed a Sustainability Group to participate in waste audit activities and develop sustainability initiatives in the school going forward.

Mr Pat Cavanagh, is very supportive of the sustainability initiatives and hopes to build them into how our school operates into the future. The students have learnt so much and it's been fantastic to see them getting involved in projects like improving the outdoor bin signage, reinvigorating our compost systems and implementing a worm-farm.

MidCoast Council's Environment and Waste Coordinator (Gloucester office), Tania Parkinson, was greatly impressed with the school's efforts. "The Resourceful Schools Program has really opened the eyes of the students to the amount of waste we create every day and how we can better manage it," said Tania.

For more information about the Resourceful Schools Program, visit www.midwaste.org.au or contact John McQueen at Cascade Environmental Education Centre on 6657 4188.



2017 MUSICAL

Auditions for the musical will take place Week 8 of this term with a view to performances occurring in Week 9 of Term 2, 2017. **This is open to all students, including Year 7 - 2017 students.**

AUDITIONS

Tuesday 29 November, Period 5-6 (1:40pm-3:15pm)

Wednesday 30 November, 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 Tuesday 14 February, 2017.

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!

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>



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

<http://www.lowes.com.au/>

PRESENTATION NIGHT

The assembly will take place in the school hall on Monday 12 December 2016. 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.

YEAR 9 DRAMA NIGHT

Tuesday 29 November at 7 pm Year 9 Drama students will be performing in a play as part of their Year 9 Drama assessment task. The students have studied dramatic forms and performance styles in order to develop skills that will enable them to realise dramatic texts. On the evening students will present and perform in play (soap opera parody) scripts that they have produced, directed and designed for the stage. **It is important that students have an audience to perform for so please come along** and take the opportunity to appreciate the efforts and achievements of these students. It is anticipated that the performances will run for approximately sixty minutes.

MINISTERS AWARD FOR A YEAR 12 STUDENT

Staff were asked to nominate a student to receive the prestigious Member's Award for Services to the School and Community for 2016 and it was awarded to Oihanu Barff.

Dr David Gillespie visited Gloucester High to present this award to Oihanu on Tuesday 15 November. Dr David Gillespie also presented our relieving Principal Mr Mike King with a new flag for our school.

Thank you Dr. Gillespie for taking the time to come to visit Gloucester High to present the award.



OFF TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA TO REPRESENT NSW

Thomas Murray was selected this year during the three day Glowalman Junior Rodeo. Thomas will now travel to Western Australia next week to represent NSW for campdrafting. Congratulations and good luck Thomas!



PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Our highly successful Peer Support program provides our school community with a student led approach to enhance the social and emotional development and wellbeing of our students.

Our Year 10 peer mentors are carefully selected and trained to ensure that their Year 7 buddies transition smoothly and happily into the High School environment. The activities led by the student mentors build positive relationships, encourage participation and assist younger students in taking personal responsibility and embracing lifelong learning. All activities are designed to encourage students to work collaboratively and support one another.

This year, two full training days to prepare our Peer Leaders will be held on the Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 November, held at the Baptist Church Hall. Permission notes will be sent home as soon as possible. Please note that school uniform is not required, however, comfortable and appropriate clothing for full participation in a range of activities is necessary.

YEAR 9 SCIENCE EXCURSION

Thursday 24 November, Year 9 students have the opportunity to travel to the University of Sydney to attend the Spectacular Science workshop. Students will do hands-on science activities and meet real scientists.

Spectacular Science will engage the students' interest in the huge diversity of science. Students will experience first hand some of the intriguing and important areas scientists are working on and spend a spectacular day submerged in science. From superconductivity to astronomy, they will see the process of Physics from start to finish. A day of experimentation, discovery with questions and answers.

Students will experience a wide range of classic chemistry experiments and be introduced to the world of forensic psychology. Students will have their testimony put to the test in a lie detection activity.

Year 9 will have an opportunity to handle human and animal bones, as they put a skeleton together in anatomical order, practice distinguishing between human and animal bones, and identify bones from x-rays.

The bus will depart from school at the early time of 4.00am in order for us to be at the University before 9.00am. We will have a very brief stop for breakfast on the way down and another on our way back for dinner. It is recommended that students bring their own lunch and snacks. Full school uniform must be worn and black leather school shoes. Parents will receive a text advising our estimated time of arrival back at school in the evening.

This will be a great experience! It is hoped that students will be inspired to continue studying science in an area that interests them in their senior years of high school.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast mornings are from 8:30am Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All students are welcome!



BANNED ITEMS AT GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL

The following items are banned from this school site because they can:

- be used to damage property
- be subject to damage or loss in the school environment
- interfere with the learning process
- pose a danger to students health or wellbeing

All banned items will be confiscated from students when detected and a point deduction may be imposed. Disciplinary action will depend on the nature of the item and punishments will vary accordingly.

aerosol cans, chewing gum, liquid paper, permanent felt marker pens, metal rulers, fireworks, laser light torches, weapons of any kind (including knives)– a suspension is mandatory, all illegal drugs (any legal drugs must be administered under supervision by a staff member).

Police will be informed about any activities related to suspected illegal drugs. Prescription drugs can only be taken at school under supervision of the clinic supervisor where a letter from the parent/caregiver gives permission to do so.

Alcohol and Tobacco are illegal on school premises and therefore banned.

Students will have these items confiscated if they bring them school and parents may collect them from the front office area. An exception to this would be illegal property which will be tendered to police.

While the school may make attempts to recover stolen property no guarantee can be made about the recovery of stolen items. No responsibility will be taken by the school for the recovery of any banned item.

SPECTACULAR STUDENTS FROM GLOUCESTER HIGH

Three talented students from Gloucester High will be travelling to Sydney next week to take part in the Sydney Schools Spectacular 2016. The students are Liam Chester, Mauatua Barff and Brooke Turner. They will be performing with the New England Vocal Ensemble and will make up part of the large Choir for Starstruck.

Liam, Mauatua and Brooke will rehearse with the choir for several days prior to the performances which will be held on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 November 2016.

These students have been working on the songs for the show and are very excited to be part of this venture. Congratulations! You are credit to our school and community.

CAROLS IN THE PARK

Carols in the Park are Sunday 11 December at the Bert Gallagher Oval Gloucester at 6pm. Enjoy an evening with the family singing Christmas Carols. Our school choir, the Europe Singers, Woodwind group and String group will all be performing on the night. For more information please call Judy Ingram on 65581605.

GLOUCESTER HIGH YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION PROGRAM

Week 8 – Wednesday 30 November 1.30-3.15pm

Week 9 - Monday 5 December - all day orientation

SCHOLARSHIP FOR FEMALE STUDENTS (AND OLDER WOMEN)



Who is eligible to apply?

- o Females, 12 years of age by 31/01/2016 (upper age is open)
- o Australian residents (sorry, no International students looking to travel to and study in Australia)
- o sisSTARS who have initiative and passion and are committed to achieving a dream in their field of choice
<https://www.aimforthestars.com.au/>

The Scholarship

- \$4,000 grant
- Two-day Leadership Workshop in Sydney with Layne Beachley (domestic flights and accommodation provided)
- A dedicated mentor for monthly one-to-one sessions
- Stars2Leaders tool kit / exclusive online resources
- A community of like-minded sisSTARS to support you (and your dream) **CLOSES 24 NOVEMBER!!**

CAREERS NEWS

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 2 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: 27 March – 31 April (5 Days)
- Term 1 Week 11: 3 April – 7 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 5 quizzes need to be completed by Friday December 4. 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 5 quizzes as an attachment to: michael.deangelis@det.nsw.edu.au **Students must ensure that they enter their full name before beginning each quiz and achieve at least a 85%.

UAC KEY DATE REMINDERS

ATARs released - 16 December 2016 (9am) Early Round Preferences must be in place by Monday 5 December 2016 (Midnight). Early Round Offers released Friday 9 December 2016 (7.30am). Main Round Preferences must be in place by Friday 6 January 2017 (Midnight). Main Round Offers released Wednesday 18 January 2017 (6pm)
Check the UAC website for late round offer details: www.uac.edu.au

YEAR 12 GRADUATES 2016

University ATAR cut-offs

BONUS POINTS AND EARLY ENTRY

For some NSW schools, regional universities such as Newcastle, Charles Sturt, Southern Cross and New England all offer 'bonus ATAR' points to students based on where they attend school. These 'bonus points' are automatically calculated by the universities at the time of making offers. Sometimes this allows students to be made an offer into a course for which they did not quite achieve the published ATAR cut off rank.

In addition, some universities, including Newcastle, UNSW and Sydney offer 'bonus points' for students who achieved a certain mark or band (usually Band 5 or 6) in a particular HSC subject that is relevant to the degree at university they wish to study; for example, Band 6 in 2U Math's might earn additional 2 ATAR points at UNSW for a Science degree. Students **MUST** check individual university websites for this information. Some calculate this automatically, others may have an application process.

UAC PREFERENCES

Generally, students must place in rank order **up to 9 preferences** on the UAC application for universities in NSW / ACT. Separate additional applications can be made in each State in Australia. Preferences should be listed in order of what you most want to do. For example:

1 Dream course – what you would REALLY like to do even if you don't think you will get the ATAR

2/3 Ideal course – what you would be happy with if you did not get your 1st preference and might be able to use to transfer into preferred option the following year

4/5/6 Realistic course - what you would be willing to do if you did not get your higher preferences and might be able to use to transfer into a preferred option the following year

7/8/9 Foot in the door course – a 'lower ATAR' course you would do just to get into university. Do well and try to transfer into a preferred course the following year based on your academic record at university.

However, if you are applying for Early Entry as a BACKUP plan, one of these courses must be listed 1st to secure an early round offer in December. **The early round offer should be accepted** and then the order of preferences can be changed before the main round on January. **CHECK UAC BOOK FOR CUT OFF DATES.**

EDUCATION ACCESS SCHEME - EAS

Each University has a scheme to give additional consideration to students who have suffered some sort of disadvantage during their HSC – disability, illness, death of immediate family member, homelessness, abuse, criminal proceedings etc. See your Careers Adviser in Term 3 for an EAS form or download one from the UAC website. **It is important that you check such details with each university you apply for** – they are all different and some have additional forms you need to complete.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2016

Our school leaders represented Gloucester High School along with Mr Cavanagh and Mrs Ingram at a memorial service at the Memorial Park last Friday. The student leaders laid a wreath and Nina Sansom and Liam Chester sang at the service. Gloucester High School students and teachers respectfully commemorated Remembrance Day with an assembly and a one minute silence on Friday 11 November.





Santa's Coming To

Get dressed in
your best
Christmas
gear to try
and win a
prize! Gold
coin donation

Get Ready Santa's
coming to town
get photos with
Santa and friends
\$4

Gloucester High School



Get Jolly on
Tuesday 29
November 2016



YEAR 12 MUFTIDAY FUND RAISER
COME DRESSED IN CHRISTMAS CLOTHES, PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED
OR HAVE A PHOTO TAKEN WITH YOUR FRIENDS IN THE HALL WITH
SANTA!

YEAR 12 FORMAL 2016

Year 12 2016, arrived at Gloucester High in 2011 to be greeted by Mr Malone, who was Year 7 Adviser and Ms Layton who was to be their Year Adviser from Year 8 up until the end Year 11. The beginning of 2016 Mrs Ingram took on the role, which by the way was an absolute privilege, as they were and still are a great group of young people.

Year 12 students have achieved in every area of education here at Gloucester High, they have been amazing sportsmen and women, great debaters, awesome Mock Trial Team members, and academically they have worked consistently through their time here.

There are many things to say about these young men and women. As their parents I know you are aware of their faults and their strengths just as we often are at school. Year 12 you are an extraordinary group. The effort that has been made is obvious, you all look amazing and you are to be congratulated for your attitude throughout your time at Gloucester High School. I would like to recommend this class to you all as a shining example of what Gloucester High School stands for. They are certainly a group who do "Strive to Excel".

Thank you Year 12 for the respect that you have always shown and for the help that you have given to me throughout the year and for your contribution to Gloucester High.

Judy Ingram



CRAZY HAIR DAY

Friday 4 November, SRC held a mufti day in honour of Tallulah Nixon and her family. Tallulah was one of our SRC Representative Students. She is still receiving ongoing treatment at the John Hunter Hospital.

SRC students provided pancakes for breakfast before school. These were delicious! It was great to see so many students make such an effort with their crazy hair and support of this cause. Over \$500 was raised on the day!



OUR NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM HAS ARRIVED!

Oliver, the new DEC web-based library management system, allows the school community 24/7 online access to GHS Library's collection. It's interactive, user-friendly and easily accessed through the Student or Staff Portal – "Oliver Library" for students, "Oliver School Library" for staff.

New features for borrowers include the opportunity to:

- check loans, make reservations, request resources
- rate resources and write reviews
- save searches
- set up alerts to pursue interests or get notified about latest resources
- create bibliographies

The Oliver Library System has its own app. Loginto My School Library via the DEC portal. Select My Library>Details>Library Link Setup and follow the instructions for Apple or Android... Leave the password field blank. Save. If you need any help, please ask Mrs Grey in the Library.

Gloucester High School Year 10 Drama presents

Dags

by Debra Oswald



The drama of Gillian's pursuit of romance and happiness. Could Monica be right - is it all overrated? Is food the answer? Or wearing a paper bag on your head?

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL HALL
FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER AT 7:00PM
SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER AT
2:00PM & 7:00pm
TICKETS: \$4 AT THE DOOR

STARRING Liam Bolstad, Emily Cameron, Jenna Davis,
Cael Hickman, Isobel McDougall, Sophie Middlebrook,
Emily Ryan, Tahlea Schumann, Melanie Thompson and
Brayden Woolnough.

Hunter New England Local Health District encourages patients and families to provide feedback about the services we provide in hospitals and community health settings.

If you would like to participate, can you please provide your name and contact details below and nominate your preferred method of participation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Service/s access: _____

Activities:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Feedback on Facility Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Participation in Surveys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Review of Publications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participation in Committees | <input type="checkbox"/> Review of Website/s |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: | |

Please return this form to:

Paul Townsend
Health Service Manager – Gloucester Health Service
Lower Mid North Coast Sector
Church Street
GLOUCESTER NSW 2422

This information will be collated and kept on file so that we may contact you in the future to request your assistance in the area/s that you have indicated your interest.

We thank you for your interest in assisting us to improve our services for patients and families.

SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME APPLICATIONS FOR 2017

Transport for NSW is now accepting applications for 2017. All students who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2017 are encouraged to apply now. The link to apply for a bus pass is: <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howtoApply>



Transport for NSW has also advised that any student with an expiring bus pass at the end of 2016 should apply to update their details prior to 31 December 2016. This applies to all students who are – currently in Year 2 and Year 6 have changed address or school, or have approval on special circumstances.

The link to update student details is: <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

After 31 December 2016, students must apply for a new pass at: <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howtoApply>

Completed forms must be printed, signed and dated and sent to the school for verification.

A MOBILE SERVICE CENTRE WILL BE VISITING GLOUCESTER SOON

Date - Gloucester - 29 November 2016, from 9 am to 3 pm

Australian Government Mobile Service centres travel to rural and regional locations. The Mobile Service Centres provide an opportunity for personalised service to community members who may not have easy access to



a Department of Human Services office. Staff who travel with the Service Centres can assist with a range of program services such as Centrelink, Child Support, Medicare, ATO and Australian Hearing. A unique feature is the Australian Hearing touch screen that enables customers to perform hearing assessments. A social worker will also be available. The mobile service centres are equipped with:

- A private interview room
- A soundproof Australian hearing testing room
- Service/assistance desks
- A waiting area
- A publication display area
- Self-service computer access
- Lcd display screens
- Disabled access
- Wireless it connectivity for greater servicing flexibility.

For more information on Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit the Department of Human Services website (link below). A mobile service centre fact sheet is also attached to this email for your convenience.

<http://www.Humanservices.Gov.Au/customer/services/centrelink/mobile-service-centres>

 **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 30 November 2016.



INDOOR HOCKEY

Summer Demonstration Comp.

If you are interested in a short, fast paced action sport, come and give indoor hockey a go!

The competition is starting up on Wednesday 9th November for seniors (14+) at 5:30pm. A junior comp will follow starting Wednesday 30th November (to register). Fees apply.

The competition will be held at the Gloucester Recreation Centre.

For further details, contact Dave Keen (0428453779) or Mark Coombes (0408804405) or visit our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/GloucesterHockeyAssociation/>

GLOUCESTER GYMNASTICS

OUR AGM WILL BE HELD
IN THE REC CENTRE DURING
GYMNASTICS AT 4PM ON THE
23RD NOVEMBER 2016.
THE LAST GYMNASTICS SESSION
(PRESENTATION) WILL BE THE
FOLLOWING WEEK (30TH),
STARTING OFFICIALLY AT 4PM
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
EVERYBODY THERE. RING
ROB WITH ANY QUESTIONS
0429444393.



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*

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
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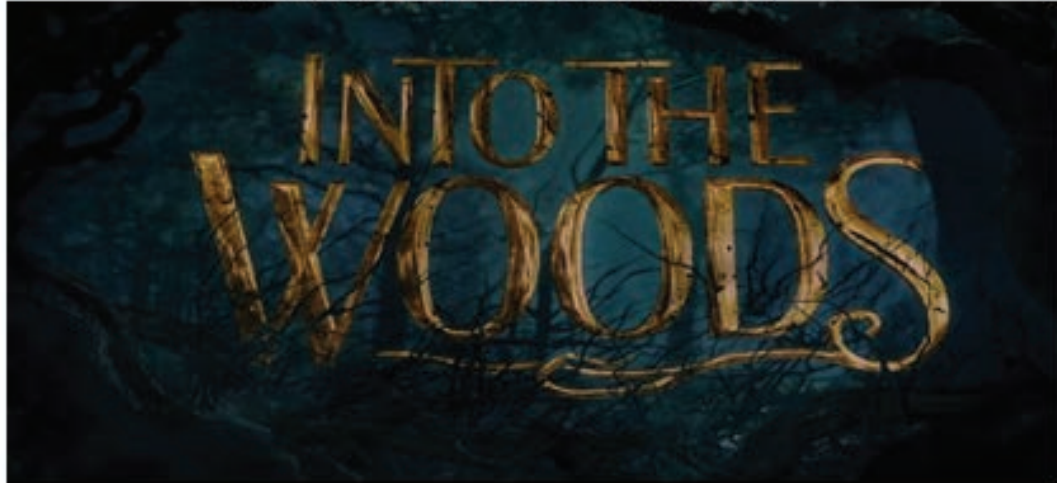


Someone's been fooling with our fairytales!

IT'S COMING SOON!!!!

THE GHS 2017 MUSICAL

BROADWAY'S BEST MUSICAL!



Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Book by JAMES LAPINE

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)

SCHOOL MATINEES

Wed 21st June @ 12:00 Midday

Thu 22nd June @ 12:00 Midday

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Tickets: \$5

The recommended age for INTO THE WOODS is 9+.



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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