

School Calendar 2016

TERM 4

Thursday 8 December

Music Performance at Day Care Centres

Friday 9 and Saturday 10 December

Year 10 Drama Production - DAGS

Monday 12 December

Presentation Night

Thursday 15 December

HSC Results published

GHS Concert in Hall 1pm to 3:15pm

Friday 16 December

Last day of school for 2016

Monday 19 and Tuesday 18 December

Staff Development Day

School Calendar 2017

TERM 1

Friday 27 January

Staff Return

Monday 30 January

Year 7, 11 and 12 Return

Tuesday 31 January

Years 8, 9 and 10 Return

CANTEEN -Phone 65589963

TERM 4

Monday 5 December

Elona

Tuesday 6 December

Suzie

Wednesday 7 December

Ruth

Thursday 8 December

Melissa

Friday 9 December

Elona

Monday 12 December

Elona

Tuesday 13 December

Christina

Wednesday 14 December

Deb W

Thursday 15 December

no volunteer

Friday 16 December

Elona

NEWSLETTER Friday 2 December 2016



DAGS

BY DEBRA OSWALD

Presented by Gloucester High School Year 10 Drama

Gloucester High School Hall

**Friday December 9 at 7:00pm
Saturday December 10 at 2:00pm &
7:00pm**

Tickets: \$4.00 at the door



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PRINCIPALS REPORT



As the year reaches its conclusion, I'd like to take a moment to thank a few people. Firstly, to those students who have genuinely worked hard to improve their own learning outcomes – THANK YOU! To those students who helped classmates with their work - THANK YOU! To those students who live and breathe the school's Core CARER Expectations, and always behave in a positive manner - THANK YOU!

To my hard-working and dedicated teaching staff, for all the extra hours you have put in, especially recently with exams, assessments, programming, performance and development plans and reports - THANK YOU! To my fabulous Executive, for your ongoing leadership, care for students and dedication to continual improvement - THANK YOU! To the sensational support staff at GHS – you are like a well-oiled machine, with nothing ever being too much trouble - THANK YOU!

To the hard-working members of the P&C, who selflessly give their time in support of the school - THANK YOU! To our many community volunteers: you bring another layer of expertise to this great institution - THANK YOU! To all those parents who take a proactive interest in the progress of their child, through your ongoing support for the school - THANK YOU!

When I look back on the many things we have done at Gloucester High School over the year, I feel proud and satisfied. We have a great school with great students and staff, and a supportive parent body and community. In 2016 we have, again, punched above our weight in a variety of areas. We have recently undertaken a comprehensive review of the work we've done in progressing the School Plan. We have compared our achievements against the School Excellence Framework and have identified areas of excellence and areas requiring continued attention.

In closing, I would like to make an announcement. About a month ago I was interviewed for a Principal School Leadership (or PSL) position. This position involves assisting new Principals with their work and being part of system wide work across the Department of Education concerning school improvement. This role is a great opportunity to make a difference to many schools and colleague Principals. I am able to announce that I was successful in obtaining one of these positions, based in Coffs Harbour, and will take up the role from January next year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Gloucester High School and will leave with many positive memories. I trust I have made a difference to the school and to our fantastic students, who I will remember with great fondness.

Please accept my best wishes for the Christmas season. I wish you a safe and relaxing break. All the best.
Cheers!

INDUSTRIAL STOP WORK MEETING THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2016

NSW Teachers Federation will hold a 1 hour stop work meeting for teaching and non- school based teaching staff from 8.30am-9.30am on Thursday 8 December. The school will be open during regular hours on this day and will provide minimal supervision during this stop work meeting. Classes will be as normal from 10am, period 2. Minimal supervision will be provided for students from 8.30-10am.



2017 RESOURCE ALLOCATION MODEL FUNDING

In October 2016, all NSW public schools will receive a 2017 Planned School Budget Allocation Report. The report will assist with the management of the total budget delivered to schools through the Resource Allocation Model (RAM). The Resource Allocation Model (RAM) methodology distributes funding based on the individual needs of students and schools. This gives schools greater flexibility to make local decisions. Learn more about the 2017 funding by visiting the Department's website. Watch a short animation about the important role of the RAM in the journey to School Excellence for NSW public schools.

Talk to our principal to find out how our school is planning to use its 2017 funding to support students to improve educational outcomes.

DAGS CHANGE OF ROUTINE FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

On Friday 9 December at 11:10am, Year 10 Drama will be presenting their end of year production, Dags, in the school hall. Your child will be attending this performance and admission will be by gold coin donation.

In Dags, 16-year-old dag Gillian is struggling to deal with the awkwardness of adolescence and her desire to be popular and beautiful. This Australian comedy by Debra Oswald was written especially for teenagers and presents issues that everyone faces while growing up. The Sydney Morning Herald called Dags, "...a celebration of survival... a paean to self-reliance and self-respect. It is scalding about life's bullies and affectionate about its dags. It is a slice of life that cuts deep."

This performance of Dags will take place during Periods 3 & 4. Dags does contain some sexual references and low level coarse language.

If you have any queries about this change of routine, please contact me on 65581605.

Scott Davis
Year 10 Drama Teacher

CHOIR PERFORMANCE DATES FOR GLOUCESTER HIGH STUDENTS

Thursday 8 December	Barrington St. Day Care & Gloucester Pre School 10.30 to 12.00
Sunday 11 December	Carols in the Park from 5.30pm (sound check)
Monday 12 December	Presentation Night 6.30pm in Hall
Thursday 15 December	Final Concert - from 1.00 to 3.15pm in Hall

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 your child will be handed a note this week.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Last Friday 2 December, 23 members of the SRC and Mr Davis all piled into a bus at 5am to attend 'Halogen's Young National Leaders Day' in Sydney.

There were six motivational speakers -

- Samantha Skinner the Halogen's General Manager
- Melissa Doyle, a journalist that starred on Sunrise for many years and is currently on channel Nine's Sunday Night
- Alex Malley, the Chief Executive of CPA Australia
- Abdul Abdullah, an artist and photographer from Perth
- Poppy Star, a famous skateboarder and Australia's first female athlete to compete at the Summer X Games and
- Tom Loud, a renowned Australian DJ



This day was very educational and the message received from their talks were very inspirational. This was a wonderful day for all of us who attended. Thank you Mr Davis for the opportunity and for enduring us for several hours.

Maddie Blanch

THANKS GIRLS!

Congratulations Jenna, Laura and Sophie! The three girls in their own time volunteered to enter a competition. The girls had to complete an essay on Unions in Australia. The girls delivered three essays on the ever evolving roll of Unions and their role in the help and support of so many Australian working families.

We are delighted that the girls time and effort has paid off with our school receiving a \$5000 grant from the CFMEU Schools Grant Program! Previously we were funded to support hospitality students completing their Barista training. The Barista training is a mandatory component of the Certificate II Hospitality course. This training also provides students with further opportunities to gain either part-time or full-time employment.



This generous sum of money will go towards this training, and possibly towards our dream of the "Gloucester High School Cafe"

Mrs Harris and the Hospitality Students



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This Australian comedy by Debra Oswald was written especially for teenagers and presents issues that everyone faces while growing up. Sixteen-year-old Gillian is a “dag”—a nerd, a misfit, totally uncool—who sees herself as fat, ugly and a social cripple. Throughout this play for teenagers, performed by the talented students of Year 10 Drama at Gloucester High School, Gillian takes us on a funny, excruciating journey through the world of adolescent anguish and awkwardness.

The Sydney Morning Herald called *Dags*, “...a celebration of survival... a paean to self-reliance and self-respect. It is scalding about life’s bullies and affectionate about its dags. It is a slice of life that cuts deep.”

The cast of *Dags* features Jenna Davis and Sophie Middlebrook sharing the central role of Gillian. Cael Hickman plays two roles, as the adventure-seeking Biggles and the geaky Derek. Tahlea Schumann and Melanie Thompson share the role of Gillian’s gung-ho sister Bronwyn, Isobel MacDougall is the gormless Monica, Liam Bolstad plays the heart-throb Adam, Brayden Woolnough plays wannabe rock star Tony while Emily Cameron and Emily Ryan share the dual roles of the super cool Wendy and beauty queen Karen. The students have been working on the play since the end of Term 3.

Dags does contain some low level coarse language and adolescent themes.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2016

We wish to thank MidCoast Council and Gloucester Junior Rugby League Club (GRJLC) for donating beautifully illustrated books to GHS in honour of Remembrance Day 2016. GRJLC donated *Classic Australian Poems* (edited by C. Cheng) and *Henry Lawson Treasury*. Both bring to life familiar Aussie characters and landscapes that are part of our Australian heritage. MidCoast Council donated *Lest We Forget*, written by Kerry Brown, a picture book that captures the significance of ANZAC Day.

All the books will help readers of all ages understand the importance of our national days of remembrance.



DRAMA EXCURSION

At 8.30am on Wednesday 30 November 2016 , Year 9, 10 and 11 Drama, departed Gloucester High School on the bus to Sydney. We had a few stops on the way to pick up people who lived out of town, but before we knew it we were on the highway heading for the Twin Servo for a late breakfast.

We arrived at the Twin Servo at about 10.30 am where there was a mad rush to the toilet. We all bought McDonalds or something from the shop next door, and sat down and ate. After everyone had finished we jumped back on the bus and were on the road. We continued on our way to the Rosalyn Packer Theatre, and when we arrived we walked into the theatre and grabbed our tickets. The seats were really high above the stage, but we were in a pretty good spot.

The play that we watched was titled 'Speed the Plow' starring Rose Byrne from Bad Neighbours. The play was good and pretty funny. It went for an hour and a half, which was quicker than originally planned. After the performance we explored Circular Quay, had something to eat and headed over to the Sydney Opera House to watch Othello.

We got group photos in front of the Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Everyone walked into the Opera House to the Playhouse Theatre where we took our seats. The Othello performance began at 6.30pm and had a 20 minute interval. After Othello finished we walked to the bus and headed for home.

We had one last stop at 11.30pm at the Twin Servos again for something to eat. By 11.50pm we were back on the road heading for Gloucester. Thank you Mr Davis for a wonderful excursion!

Sara McBride



BPS MOVIE MAKING

During weeks 7 & 8 Barrington Year 6 were lucky enough to have time with five fabulous Year 9 students who helped them plan and film their end of year movie. A big thank you to Ayrleah Tull, Hamish McClure (both ex Barrington students), Tyler Cook, Kennedi Fraser and Emily Murray who gave up their time to work with us and teach us new skills in movie making. Below are some of the comments made by Year 6.

It was a really great experience and we had lots of fun. The Year 9's were great listeners and took on board all of our ideas. They helped us develop the 'unusual' storyline and pulled it into a movie. It was fantastic to have the freedom off class for six days. We got to dress up and act out another character. Loved the photos and the bloopers.



A big thank you from all of us, Hayley Connell, Georgia Schultz, Sarah Redman, Ruby Cliffe, Beau Blanch, Ethan Cawthorn, Will Bandy, Jack Yarnold, Isaac McClure and Ryan Marzato.

2016 MANNING GREAT LAKES HIGH SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY DISPLAY.

Congratulations to those students from the TAS Faculty that have had their works chosen for display in the 2016 Manning Great Lakes High Schools Technology Display. This display will be held at the Manning Regional Art Gallery and is open to the public from Wednesday 23 November to Sunday 4 December..

The Gloucester High School TAS Faculty congratulate them on their efforts and encourage everybody if they get a chance to check out the exhibition.

Special congratulations to the following students who will be receiving prizes for their works:

Industrial Technology Wood – Brody Dougherty Y10 and Lincoln Cox Y10

Woodwork – Tahnee Yates Y9

Mandatory Technology – Tristyn Beard Y7

Ref:<http://www.manningrivertimes.com.au/story/4239100/technology-display-time/>



LET'S EXPLORE OLIVER LIBRARY

The new Oliver Library system provides access to collections of information resources. These include online digital resources through websites, e-books, print materials and audio-visual resources.

There is an extensive range of fiction including NSW Premier's Reading Challenge titles and many more titles for the enjoyment of all readers. Students and teachers can browse the collection, write their own resource reviews, rate resources, renew books, make reservations, access their loans and check due dates, create bibliographies, request resources, check their loan history, access reading lists and much more. There are even some free eBooks to read.

GHS Oliver Library is accessible on home computers and digital devices. Access is gained through their student portal and password. The Oliver Library icon is located on their home page.

The Oliver Library System has its own app. Log into Oliver 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 help, please ask.

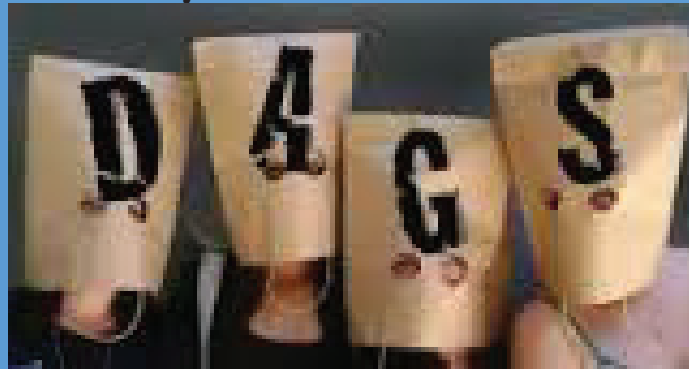
Lyndy Grey, Teacher Librarian



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.

YEAR 9 CAREERS STUDENTS

Next year, during the final 2 weeks of Term 1, all Year 10 students will go out on Work Experience (10 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 1 or 2 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 2017 Year 10 Work Experience will be:

- Term 1 Week 10: 27 March – 31 March (5 Days)
- Term 1 Week 11: 3 April – 7 April (5 Days)

DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING NEWCASTLE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Ever wondered what a career in the Australian Defence Force can offer or want more information on how to join up, then make your way to an ADF Careers Information Session at Defence Force Recruiting Newcastle. At these sessions you'll get to hear first-hand from current ADF personnel what it's really like to be in the Navy, Army or Air Force. The presentations provide a general overview of the opportunities available in the ADF, and then your specific interests and opportunities can be discussed with the ADF personnel after the presentation.

In 2017 there will be an ADF Careers Information Session at DFR Newcastle on the second Tuesday of each month. Dates for the first half of 2017 are below

DATES: Tuesday 10 January
 Tuesday 14 February
 Tuesday 14 March
 Tuesday 11 April
 Tuesday 9 May
 Tuesday 13 June

TIME: 5.45pm (for a 6.00pm start)

ADDRESS: 528 Hunter Street, Newcastle NSW 2300

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT ALL SESSIONS

You can register attendance via email to cptnewcastle@dfrc.com.au noting the date you are looking to attend and how many people you will attend with (bring the whole tribe!).

CHRISTMAS MUFTI DAY - FUNDRAISER FOR YEAR 12

Mufti Day was well supported by the students and an enjoyable day was had.

Best dressed competition Judged by Santa:

1st Elijah Snow, 2nd Blake Steadman, 3rd Claire Maslen, 4th Brianna Martin.

Year 12 took photos with Santa in the hall, which had been beautifully decorated by the Year 12 committee. Thank you to Justin Berry for being Santa and to all the teachers that provided Christmas decorations.

FINAL PtoH DAY 2016

We had our final rotation for the Primary to High school program on Wednesday 30 November. Year 6 students from across our community of schools have attended GHS for the past three Wednesday afternoons and rotated through three high school subjects, Science, Timber and Food Technologies. All of the Year 6 students showed a high level of enthusiasm and keenness to learn.

The teachers who ran the different groups said the kids showed a lot of potential. GHS would like to thank all of the Primary Schools for getting the kids here each week and for their support during the whole transition process. We would also like to acknowledge the staff who donated their time to deliver these sessions, Mr Shane McNerney, Science, Mr Andrew Herps, Wood Teacher and Mrs Louise Harris, Food Technology Teacher. We also had up to 6 year 10 peer support leaders helping out with each group and without their support it could not happen. This program's main aim is to develop some confidence and knowledge in the Year 6 students so they can feel happy and excited about starting high school in 2017. Year 6 had their official Orientation day on Monday 5 December. They attended high school all day and were involved in various activities around the school.



THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

December 25 is fast approaching and many may be surprised at how many of our Gloucester Community will be having a lean Christmas this year.

During the past twelve months we have assisted many people who just haven't been able to make ends meet with high rents, high electricity and the high cost of living (and no they aren't all coming to Gloucester from away - some are third generation locals)

Over winter we ran a Community kitchen which was well supported by all age groups. In most cases over the winter period its either heat or eat.

BWNG also has a small larder of nutritious non- perishable food that will help people who are doing it tough get through a few days.

Would you please be so kind to purchase a small present to place under our tree at the Neighbourhood Centre for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Also could this small present to be wrapped and labelled male/ female adult, teenager ,girl/ boy and age, so that we may make life a little happier over Christmas for everyone!

BWNG now have Christmas tree in the foyer window where people can place their presents at any time until December 16th





SCHOOL TRIP SUBSIDY CHANGES

What's happening?

From 20 December 2016, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy will be progressively phased out and replaced with the new School Drive Subsidy.

This change will make it fairer for everyone who drives their children to school or to the nearest public transport location.

If you're a parent or guardian currently receiving the PVC subsidy, you can choose to stay on it or switch to the new School Drive Subsidy after 17 January 2017.

What are the main changes?

If you're driving one or more eligible students from the same household to the nearest public transport pick up point or to school, the new School Drive Subsidy will be paid 'per trip' (for the complete school trip). This 'per trip' payment is different from the current PVC subsidy, which is paid 'per student'.

Other differences include:

- A flat per kilometre rate (indexed annually to the cost of living) will apply under the SchoolDrive Subsidy, unlike the flat payment per distance band in the current PVC subsidy.
- The requirement to do a special return trip each morning and afternoon will be removed.
- The 300km per trip payment cap will be removed.
- The limit of eight trips per year for distance education students to attend mini-schools during term time will be removed.
- The PVC subsidy rates will remain at 2017 levels in 2018 and beyond.
- Payments to third parties will stop (e.g. payments to a bus operator hired by parents from pooled PVC subsidy payments).



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How do I check which scheme is better for me?

Check the comparison calculator at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

What do I need to do?

If you want to stay on the existing PVC subsidy, you don't need to do anything. Assuming the school trip doesn't change, your payments will continue for all existing students until they leave school or until you need to re-apply because a student is moving up to year 7 at high school.

If the school trip changes because you move homes or the student changes schools, you will need to re-apply under the new School Drive Subsidy.

Remember, you can't re-apply for the PVC subsidy after 20 December 2016, but you can switch to the new School Drive Subsidy at any time after 17 January 2017.

If you want to switch to the new School Drive Subsidy, apply online at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive Just like the PVC subsidy, payments will be made twice a year, around August and February, based on the student's school attendance for the preceding semester. The online application process only takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. If you don't have access to the internet, feel free to call 131 500 for assistance.

After you've applied and been approved for the School Drive Subsidy, payments will be made automatically into your bank account twice a year.

You won't have to re-apply until a student reaches the end of Year 6, or until you next update any details — such as a change of school, school trip or address.



WET AND WILD SYDNEY

FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY 2017

\$50 per person

Includes: Transport, Park Entry and Lunch

- Names and payment are being taken at Gloucester Health Foods, Church Street Gloucester (RSVP by 2/1/17)
- Departure 6.00am - return 10.30pm
- For students aged 10 - 18 years of age



COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

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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