

School Calendar 2016

TERM 3

Monday 12 to Wednesday 21 September
Year 11 Preliminary Examinations

Friday 16 September
Kayak Training 9am -12pm

Wednesday 21 September
Year 9 - Try a Skills Day

Thursday 22 September
Year 12 Formal Assembly

Friday 23 September
Tri Challenge
BBQ at Tri Challenge
Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 10 October
Term 4 commences

Wednesday 19 October
Year 6 into Year 7 Parent Teacher Night
2016 HSC begins

Friday 4 November
Year 12 Formal

Thursday 17 November
Year 7 Vaccinations

Friday 11 November
Remembrance Day Assembly

Monday 12 December
Presentation Night

Friday 16 December
Last day of school for 2016

CANTEEN -Phone 65589963

TERM 3

Monday 12 September
Elona

Tuesday 13 September
No Volunteer

Wednesday 14 September
Ruth

Thursday 15 September
Melissa

Friday 16 September
Elona

Monday 19 September
Elona

Tuesday 20 September
Elona

Wednesday 21 September
Deb W

Thursday 22 September
Bernie

Friday 23 September



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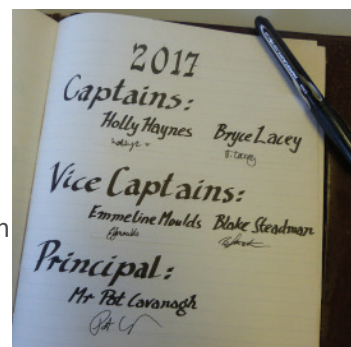


EXCELLENCE AND LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

At our Excellence and Leadership Assembly not only do we congratulate the academic achievements and improvements of many students, but we also acknowledge those who have “put their hands up” to represent their peers as SRC members, Vice Captains and Captains.

Congratulations firstly to all those who accepted awards for their hard work, enthusiasm, cooperation and improvement. You have taken hold of the opportunities presented to you and, more importantly, you have followed through with determination and drive. Your parents and teachers are proud of you, and you should be proud of yourself.

My second congratulations go to our newly elected student representatives. Student leadership and student voice are major priorities for our new School Plan, and it is heartening to see the willingness of so many students to accept the challenge of being a role model for their peers. Our 2017 student representatives continue to work with the school’s Key Teams, assisting staff, community members and our 2017 Captains to enhance the operation of our school. This collaborative work will allow students to contribute directly to school improvement, whilst building their own leadership capacity.



Care Achievement Respect Effort Responsibility

Our elected House Captains will, as usual, inspire and organise at our Athletics and Swimming Carnivals, and will also be the driving force behind activities like Spirit Day. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate especially our Leadership Group for 2017: Vice Captains Blake Steadman and Emme Moulds and Captains, Holly Haynes and Bryce Lacey. We are fortunate as a school to have leaders of such calibre. They are all hard-working, approachable, enthusiastic and committed. I am really looking forward to our work together over the coming year, because I know you can make a difference to the school and its students. Can I take this opportunity to thank our outgoing leadership team of Hayley, Ben, Hanu and Coen for your enthusiasm, hard work and positive approach. You can leave the school proudly knowing that you have made a considerable and lasting impression.



YEAR 12 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 22 September 2016, Year 12 students, parents and carers are invited to attend the traditional morning barbeque breakfast at 7:30 am with staff, and then from 9:00 am in the Hall for the Year 12 Farewell Assembly, which will commence at 9:30 am.

EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLY 2016

School Leaders 2017

School Captains

Holly Haynes, Bryce Lacey

School Vice Captains

Emmeline Moulds, Blake Steadman

Teacher Awards

Year 7	Tristyn Beard	Displaying Consistent Effort in English
	Chloe Edstein	Excellent Academic Performance in PDHPE
	Jaime Dangerfield	Displaying Enthusiasm and Interest in Learning in Science
Year 8	Elizabeth Howarth	Displaying Enthusiasm and Interest in Learning in English
	Hayley Weismantel	Displaying Consistent Effort in Mathematics
Year 9	Azren Snow	Excellent Academic Performance in Extension History
	Cadel Beard	Excellent Academic Performance in Industrial Technology Timber
	Stephen Hester	Always Striving for Personal Best in Information Software Technology
	Emily Murray	Always Striving for Personal Best in Science
	Tyson Dixon	Displaying Enthusiasm and Interest in Learning in Mathematics
Year 10	Liam Chester	Displaying Consistent Effort in English
	Brody Dougherty	For being proactive about his future! in Careers
	Bridghid Parker	Displaying Consistent Effort in Visual Arts
Year 11	Emmeline Moulds	Always Striving for Personal Best in Mathematics
	Amie Midgley	Displaying Enthusiasm and Interest in Learning in Exploring Early Childhood
	Lachlan McLeod	Displaying Enthusiasm and Interest in Learning in Music
	Lachlan McLeod	Always Striving for Personal Best in Metals
	Maximillian Hoggett	Displaying Enthusiasm and Interest in Learning in Drama
	Gabe Hennessy-O'Reilly	Displaying Enthusiasm and Interest in Learning in Mathematics
	Candice Taylor	Always Striving for Personal Best in Hospitality
Year 12	Hayley Johns	Displays Enthusiasm and Interest in learning in PDHPE and Academic Performance
	Isabelle Snowdon	Displays Enthusiasm and Interest in Learning in Community and Family Studies
	Leah Yarnold	An excellent result in the food product development task in Food Technology
	Maddison-Roze Eveleigh	Displaying Consistent Effort in Music

House Captains 2017

Belbora

Captains: Justin Berry, Olivia Allardice **Vice Captains:** Harrison Clarke, Jessica Anniwell

Kurricar

Captains: Cael Hickman, Kylee Fitzgerald **Vice Captains:** Max Hoggett, Leah Fosse

Mograni

Captains: Keiran Schneider, Isobel McDougall **Vice Captains:** Drew Reid, Isabelle Mackintosh

Tibbuc

Captains: Ryan Pilmore, Melanie Thompson **Vice Captains:** Kallum Wisely, Candice Taylor

Commendation Awards

Year 7	Emma Ashton, Makayla Battams, Tristyn Beard, Charlie Carruthers, Danielle Channon, Lucy Corbett, Eternity Godsmark, Shaelie Hanson, Hannah Higgins, Ezekiel Llewellyn, Keira Macdonald, Bradey Rose, Sapphira Snow, Courtney Webeck
Year 9	Kyra Edstein, Neve O'Brien
Year 10	William Brown, Emily Cameron, Liam Chester, Jenna Davis, Cael Hickman, Sophie Middlebrook, Taneeshka Strudwick
Year 11	Jacob Bird, Kylee Fitzgerald, Bryce Lacey, Jasmin L'Green, Lachlan McCleod, Emmeline Moulds, Ruby Pippen, Blake Steadman, Candice Taylor
Year 12	Oihanu Barff, Coen Durbidge, Benjamin Reynolds, Emerson Ross, Isabelle Snowdon, Leah Yarnold

SRC Representatives 2017

Year 8	Sarah Benson, Ethan Bird, Riko Fitzgerald, Leon Mackintosh, Charlotte Maslen, Esmee Rose
Year 9	Elizabeth Blanch, Madelaine Blanch, Kyra Edstein, Stephen Hester, Jacob Moulds, Lillian Tiedeman
Year 10	William Brown, Emily Cameron, Jenna Davis, Laura Dunlop, Andrew Hughes, Kieran Schneider
Year 11	Kylee Fitzgerald, Holly Haynes, Bryce Lacey, Emmeline Moulds, Mason Parker, Blake Steadman

YEAR 7 2017 - PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING

A Parent and Student Information Evening which has been organised for Wednesday 19 October 2016; commencing at 5.00pm with a BBQ provided by the P&C. The BBQ will be held in the main quadrangle and from there you will be asked to attend a meeting in the hall.

This evening has been organised to provide the necessary details regarding your child's transition into high school. On the night you will be provided with a prospectus outlining information about Gloucester High. During the meeting you will have the opportunity to ask questions with regard to the school and your child's transition. You will also have the opportunity to purchase some school uniform items from the P&C.

For catering purposes, we would ask that you R.S.V.P numbers to the school by Monday 17 October 2016.

You can contact the school on 65581605 or email gloucester-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au We look forward to meeting you!

NO AEROSOLS AT SCHOOL

Some members of Gloucester High School suffer severe allergies to aerosol sprays or perfumes that can act as a trigger to an (often) serious asthma attack, or bring on a severe migraine. The allergy can be sufficiently serious to put a student into anaphylactic shock if an aerosol can has been used anywhere in the student's vicinity. This can be a life threatening situation.

- Aerosols are banned from school premises, excursions, sporting events and all events where students are in confined spaces.
- Students are encouraged to follow correct hygiene procedures by applying deodorant at home after showering: a good deodorant will last all day if applied to clean skin before dressing
- Roll-on and stick deodorants are permitted at school

Remember: No student is to use or bring aerosol deodorants or sprays to school. Teachers have been asked to confiscate any aerosol products found at school and bring them to the Deputy Principal. Parents will be informed that the products have been collected from their son or daughter and that they can call into the school and collect the product. Further infringements will be dealt with through the discipline system.

SEEKING TO MAKE HISTORY



Friday 26 August Gloucester High's Mock Trial team participated in the sixth round of the state wide NSW Law Society Mock Trial Competition. The trial was held in the newest Court Complex in NSW at Coffs Harbour. As usual this meant going through a security and metal detector system. Fortunately team members reminded Laura Dunlop to leave her scissors on the bus this time and we passed through without incident however the other team was caught out and had their scissors taken into custody. Gloucester was competing against Lismore's Trinity Catholic College in this round. The court was presided over by Magistrate Heather McKinnon, a veteran of 35 years of Mock Trials and she gave us an introduction to the new court complex.

The matter we contested was a criminal case, in which Gloucester represented the police prosecution of defendant Jack Tan, a stunt motor bike riding actor. He was charged with Common Assault in a road rage incident. The Prosecution case was that Jack Tan had forced a Taxi Driver (Laura Dunlop) off the road and struck the driver multiple times over a driving incident that had occurred in the CBD of Sydney minutes earlier. The police (Jasmin L'Green) case was frustrated by the fact that a crucial witness, a passenger in the back seat of the taxi fled the scene without leaving any details and CCT footage from the Taxi went missing and so the reliance on just the two opposing party's evidence meant that Jack Tan was acquitted as reasonable doubt was established. Gloucester's two barristers, Mason Parker and Blake Steadman were excellent and the magistrate heaped praise on Blake, saying he was one of the best barristers she had seen. Of course the performance of our barristers was enhanced by the skillful support of solicitor Ruby Pippen, whose in-trial notetaking and elbow jabbing prompting, made our barristers work even more effectively. Our two witnesses, Laura Dunlop and Jasmin L'Green have in each trial proved superior to the opposition and scored significantly better than their opposition on this occasion. Our Magistrates Associate, Kelsey Woollett was highly effective despite being called into the team only 24 hours prior to the trial.

In a mock trial the most important part of the trial is not the verdict but the point score for each team. Our team won the points tussle 270 to 254 in convincing fashion and now progress to the last round of eliminations before the quarter finals. They are one of the last 16 schools in the state competition which started with 160 schools both public and private schools (including the GPS School). This level in the competition has been reached by only one other GHS team in the last 20 years. In 2003, a team that was composed of Jess Lyford, Jess King, Josie Hampton, Brooke Drinkwater, Sarah Gandley and Kasey Towers. Two of these students went on to become practising lawyers, one a legal secretary, one became a nurse, another a primary school teacher and one a corporate leader in defence systems. What will this next crop go on to achieve, time will tell. We wish them well as they seek to make history and enter the final stages of this prestigious competition.

GIRLS JUNIOR NETBALL

Thursday 1 September the Girls Junior Netball team competed in the Manning Zone Knockout carnival held in Gloucester. The team consisted of Charlotte Maslen, Shaylee Ellis, Jasmin Thompson, Emma Ashton, Hayley and Sarah Griffiths, Chloe Reid, Hannah Higgins and Lucy Corbett. They played Wingham, Chatham, Taree, Great Lakes Tuncurry and Forster.

The girls played exceptionally well, being victorious over Chatham, though unfortunately conceding against the other four teams. We were only just pipped at the post by Taree 24-15. The two teams to progress to the next round were Forster and Taree. Congratulations to the girls for their efforts and determination that Gloucester is renowned for. A huge thank you to the Gloucester Netball Association for the use of their facilities, to Tayla Predabon for umpiring, to Olivia Allardice, Jenna Davis, Emily Cameron, Tahlea Schumann and Melanie Thompson for scoring and to the parents who came to watch the girls play.



GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE

The Year 9/10 Girls Rugby League team attended another participation day at Waratah Oval last Wednesday.

The girls played 5 games on the day, winning 3 and losing 2 by close margins.

The first game of the day was against West Wallsend with Gloucester winning 3 tries to 1. Tries were scored by Tayla Predebon and Charlotte Maslen. Excellent defence from Olivia Allardice and Melanie Thompson was also a highlight. The second game was a tighter affair with Gloucester defeating Chatham HS 1-0. The try was scored by Tayla Predebon. The tackling of Charlotte Maslen and Ellie Schumann saved many tries with all the girls working together in defence. The third game was against Cessnock HS with Gloucester winning 3-0. An outstanding solo effort from Charlotte Maslen saw her run 50m to score beating multiple defenders with speed and stepping. Melanie Thompson was again strong in this game with Tahlea Schumann and EJ Blanch defending strongly.

Gloucester lost 3-2 to Toronto in their fourth game after trailing 2-0 early in the game. After getting the score back to 2-2 with some great attack, an unlucky intercept saw Toronto score with little time left on the clock. A great passage of attacking play after the siren saw many passes strung together but unfortunately Gloucester could not level the match.

The last game of the day saw Gloucester play Callaghan College, with injuries and fatigue setting in, the girls tried very hard but were defeated 3-1. Overall. The girls had a great day and enjoyed their experience. Many thanks to the parents who came along to support the girls.



STATE CHAMPIONS

Gloucester High School were crowned CHS State Champions last week in Wollongong. After winning the Hunter Championships back in Term 2, GHS awaited its opponent in the round of eight last week. Meeting Kirrawee High School half way at Cardiff Squash Courts, Gloucester easily defeated Kirrawee with all four players winning all games.

The team, consisting of Jacob Bird, Ethan Bird, Harrison Bird and Jyah Bowden then travelled to Wollongong on Thursday 1 September to meet Castle Hill in the semi-final. Again, Gloucester was victorious with only Jacob losing in a tough five game match.

The final was played against Leeton HS with Ethan defeating his opponent 3 games to nil, Jyah losing 3-1 and Harrison going down 3-0. This meant Jacob had to win his match 3-0 for Gloucester to become the State Champions. After a close start, Jacob then forged away with the match winning by the necessary score line of 3-0. With all members of the team able to play in competition next year, the boys are already looking forward to defending their title!



GLOUCESTER SCHOOL TRI CHALLENGE

There are two weeks left to the annual running of the Gloucester High School Tri Challenge on the last day of this Term, Friday 23 September. Participants should be well into their training for the 10km ride, 4km kayak and 4km run. Below is some general information for parents about the running of the event.

ATTENDANCE - As this is a normal school day all students are expected to take part as either a competitor or a race marshal. Please note that there will be no teaching staff or students left at GHS after 9.45am (This is the time that the buses leave to take the students out to the course). Students will be bussed to their positions on the course. A permission note indicating cost will be sent out in Week 10.

STUDENT COURSE MARSHALS - The student race marshals are stationed around the course with a supervising teacher to encourage and assist the competitors where necessary. Students will be out on the course between 10am and 1pm so will need to take water and snacks, as well as closed in shoes (no thongs, or sandals) and appropriate sun protection.

FOOD – Students will need to bring their own drinks and snacks for when they are on the course between 10am and 1pm. A BBQ lunch will be available when students return to Rocky Crossing (approx. 1pm). Prices will be advised with the permission note in Week 10.

RACE ENTRIES - Entries closed on Friday 9 September. Entry forms and money should have been handed in to the school office. Entry fees are \$45 for an individual or \$75 for a team, which includes hiring of the kayaks and bus fares to and from the event. Kayak Training - Kayak paddlers will be completing their kayak training session with Barrington Outdoor Adventure Centre on Friday 16 September at a cost of approximately \$45.00 per student. Permission notes, BOAC indemnity forms and training day details will be sent out this week and will need to be returned, fully completed before Friday 16 Sept.

BIKE CHECK – All competitors will need to have their bike checked in Week 10 before Race Day, to ensure that the brakes and gears are fully functional. This will be done at school. Bikes should be left in the racks outside the TAS block with the students name clearly shown on the bike, and notify Mr Leighton that it needs to be checked. Please be aware competitors should be using mountain bikes – no racing bikes will be considered eligible for the race.

PARENT HELPERS - This event is a unique and special day in the Gloucester High School calendar and has been well supported in the past. Any parents who would like to make themselves available to help out on the day please contact Mr Leighton 65581605.

See you at the start line!



TAFE (TVET) FOR YEARS 9, 10 AND 11

The 2017 TVET Course Guide has been distributed to all Year 9, 10 and 11 students who showed interest. It is essential that all applications are submitted directly to Mr De Angelis in the Careers Office. The enrolment process is now organised through a system known as EVET (External Vocational Education and Training). There are very strict guidelines, and the cut-off dates MUST be adhered to. All applications must be in by September 16.

All students who enrol in EVET must first obtain an USI Number (Unique Student Identifier). The 10 digit USI number will stay with the student (students of any age) for the rest of their life. Meaning, most people in society will need to obtain a USI when they complete any vocational training including WH&S White Card, First Aid, etc. Some students may already have a USI and they need to write this directly on their TVET application. However, if one needs to be obtained, I'm happy to help. The easiest and most successful way is to have the student come see me in the Careers Office during Lunch or Recess. They need to bring a photograph (on their Mobile phone) of their Medicare Card. Their name must appear on the Medicare Card and they must have an Individual Reference Number (usually 1-7). I only ask for a photograph so they don't risk losing their card, however, using the original card is fine. With the details on their Medicare Card and general information about their personal details we should be able to acquire the USI. The only question students sometimes have difficulty answering is: "Place of birth"? So if this information is known there shouldn't be any issues. Feel free to "Create USI" at home. If all goes well, it only takes about 5 minutes to complete.

If students and parents have discussed TAFE as an option and know what students want to study, please see me as soon as possible. It's better for me to finalise this earlier, rather than rushing through several applications at the last minute. Call Mr De Angelis at school any time if you have questions or concerns.

YEAR 10 STUDENTS DISTANCE EDUCATION

It's important that all Year 10 students who plan on studying a single course in 2016 through distance education complete an Expression of Interest Form ASAP for Camden Haven High School Distance Education Centre.

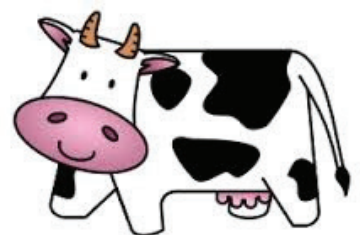
Year 10 students who want to enrol for a single TAFE course, at the Taree or Great Lakes Campuses, or even through Distance Education need to complete an Expression of Interest form by Week 9. This form also requires a USI Number. See Mr De Angelis for the forms and to discuss different options.

YEAR 9 STUDENTS 'TRY A TRADE' DAY WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

All Year 9 students will be participating in the 2016 Try- A-Trade Day on Wednesday 21 September (Week 10), which is hosted by local businesses, North Coast TAFE and organised by GHS. Students will arrive and depart school as normal (except students attending Speldon's Dairy Farm). All students must wear fully enclosed footwear. Students should also bring a water bottle and morning tea. Most students may attend a free sausage sizzle for lunch at school. The Permission notes were distributed to students last week and need to be signed by a parent / carer and returned to the Front Office. Please pay particular attention to your child's specific requirements / details for the day's activities which are written on the back side of the permission note. Please contact Mr De Angelis if you have any questions or concerns.

GLOUCESTER JUNIOR CATTLE SHOW

This year's Gloucester Junior Cattle Show will be held Friday, 16 September 2016 at Gloucester Show Ground. The day will commence at 9.00 am and finish around 2.30 pm for children up to 20 years of age. The Junior Cattle Show is a day to introduce and educate children of primary and high school ages to beef and dairy cattle handling, preparation for parading and judging. There are a number of events on the program that the children can take part in, even if they don't have their own animals to exhibit. Program and Entry forms available from local schools, CRT & Norco. For more information contact David Bignell 6558 5512, email bignell@ipstarmail.com.au or Facebook, Gloucester Junior Cattle Show.



AUSTRALIA! STORY COUNTRY

Children's Book Week on 23 August was a celebration of creativity and storytelling. Special guests were writer Chris Dean and illustrator Adele Compton whose passion it was to share their exciting Bruce the Bush Rat journey with a group of students from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Bruce the Bush Rat is a humorous story about a country rat (Bruce) who explores the delights and dangers of the big smoke. He returns to his home with his new city friends and introduces them to the peculiarities of country life. Bubbling underneath these dual plots is the urge to be adventurous.

Adele has been drawing rats ('big bums, always long legs and unique footwear, but not cartoonish') for years. When her good friend Chris Dean joined Adele's 'rat bubble' they threw ideas around and fantasised – before finally deciding to work together on a book.

The project took two years to come to fruition, including the difficult but rewarding task of self-publishing. Although Chris spent hours writing and editing, she enjoyed the process and stated that it was always fun. Adele spent days working out how to match Chris's words with washed-watercolour illustrations. 'I had to be creative every day,' Adele revealed. Both artists produced heaps of drafts before committing to either the final illustrations or written text. They agreed that the many drafts (including the many mistakes) were an essential part of the creative 'growing process'. Chris felt that at times she had too many ideas and had to get rid of some; Adele became so immersed in the main character that, in her words, she literally 'became Bruce'.

Chris Dean started writing after she retired and moved away from Barrington. She joined a writing club, completed a creative writing course and learnt from other writers. Chris emphasised that it's best to write about things you are familiar with – what you know, have seen, experienced – and recommended that showing, not telling is more effective than describing.

Adele Compton is a keen member of the local Arts community. In addition to creating quirky illustrations, Adele crafts colourful hand-felted beanies. For Adele, illustrating is all about simple lines, freedom rather than neatness, colour and a fascination with body language.

Chris and Adele stressed the need to be flexible with ideas – artists have to make decisions and go with the flow. Also, both agreed that eavesdropping and observing other people can trigger ideas. So beware..! The workshop was informative, interactive, engaging and entertaining. Chris and Adele's warmth and enthusiasm made for one very special Book Week presentation.



MIA BOWDEN IN FRANCE

It can't possibly be already August. My body quivers and aches from the emotion and stress when I start to think about how little time I have left in France. I can't help but think to four months ahead when I will have to leave this dream year behind me. I need more time. I have so many adventures I want to experience and so many more people I want to meet. The opportunities are amazing on exchange and I don't want to have to go back home where I have to settle back into 'the normal'. Thinking four months ahead I'm already missing the excitement of making new friends, the ability to immerse myself in so many weird and wonderful new experiences, and my French home. To my family's and friends' disapproval I feel I am ready to live another year in France. I can't imagine leaving it behind.

Reaching August has made me incredibly enthusiastic. I feel I need to get out and do more. To make the most of the last months in France and do all the things I dreamed I would do. I don't want to reach late December with regrets about my exchange.

August, the last month of Summer holidays. The Canon family and I kicked off this beautiful and sunny month with a few days relaxing on the coast of Bretagne (Brittany). We stayed at a cousin's holiday house in Saint-Briac Sur Mer and I had an incredible time. It did rain for most of the trip but I didn't mind as the clouds and rain made the famously cold 'Manche' (The English Channel) warm enough to swim in. Everyday we went to the beach and swam over and under the big beautiful waves. We made day trips to Saint Malo and I was so excited because once again I was able to eat the one and only Sanchez ice-cream (the best ice-cream in the whole wide world. Do you have brownie slices and tiramisu textures in your ice-cream?). After those fantastic four days we headed back home to the farm and the very next day we left again on the big family vacation.

Our plan was to casually make our way down to the South of France, to Fraise de Corbieres, where family friends have a holiday house and invite the Canons and another family every year. We set off the afternoon of Saturday the 6th. Our first adventure was when we stopped at La Guerche, at the South of the department. La Guerche is a family friend's castle I talked about staying the night in, in one of my previous YEPPEP's. We arrived late afternoon and attended a concert by an opera group who sang old medieval style songs and led the guests around the different rooms of the castle, such as: the sitting room, the gardens and the basement/dungeons. We stayed the night in the castle again and the next day headed off to our two-day canoeing camp. It was so tranquil canoeing along the La Vienne among the nature of the French countryside. After the canoeing camp we stayed another night at La Guerche before heading off to Toulouse the next morning. In the South and typically in 'La Ville Rose' ('The Pink City' – Toulouse), all the houses and buildings are constructed with striking pinky orange brick and often contrast with white features. It's so beautiful walking among streets filled with so much colour. On the outskirts of Toulouse, we stayed with my host mum's sister and then the next night, moving further south east, we camped in the French countryside. The resort was great and we stayed for 2 nights, making a day trip to Cartes on the Thursday. Friday morning, we packed up the campsite and hit the road again for the last leg of the road trip. We arrived in Fraise de Corbieres at around 6pm and headed straight for the pool.

The South of France is absolutely stunning. It didn't rain at all for the 5 days we stayed there which allowed us to spend our days by the pool, relaxing and enjoying the Southern sun. We mostly spent our time curled up in sofa chairs with a book or playing cards at the house, but we made sure to get out and make an adventure each day. We did so many activities such as: 'bush' walking, visited the ruins of a castle, swam in the Mediterranean Sea and attended a 'Sardinade'. A 'Sardinade' is a festival typical of the South of France. Basically people of all ages get together to eat sardines, listen to music and have a good time. It was a great night but I have to say I was more than a little shocked when the waitress dropped 5 WHOLE sardines (eyes, head, bones, you name it) on my plate. I was sitting with my host sisters and we tried to stifle our laughter as we were being served. Tuesday the 16th marked 7 months on exchange for me and also sadly, the day we reloaded the minivan and started the long drive home. Fraise de Corbieres to Chemille Sur Deme is a six-and-a-half-hour drive. I was so relieved when we slumbered out of the car at 9ish and headed up to our own rooms and to sleep. The next week I spent relaxing and recovering from the holiday. It was great being able to repose at the farm. I spent my days reading French books, playing the piano and occasionally heading to Agricultural festivals, or to Tours with my family. Then on the 27th something exciting happened.

On the morning of the 27 August, Roseline, my host sister, invited me to go with her and my other host sisters to my host mum's surprise vacation in Saint Malo. Of course I said yes but the problem was I had to change host families on the 31 August. The four days I planned on having to organise quickly got sliced down to a few hours as we planned on leaving the next day, Sunday 28 August. I headed straight to my room and starting chucking all my belongings in my suitcases and bags, packing for when I change host families. I tried to organise my suitcase for Saint Malo and at the same time tried to celebrate with Samuel (youngest host brother) for his birthday party that was happening the same day. I somehow got ready and had prepared and organised most things.



We had an absolutely amazing weekend! The first afternoon when we arrived we swam in the ocean as the sun set. I thought this was so strange because in Australia we are taught to never go in the water after 5pm because of sharks. I was so happy floating on my back over the waves, watching the colours change in the sky. The next day we spent the afternoon at a very fancy spa. I'd never been to one before and the Canon girls surprised Odile with a package and treatments. I felt so grateful and lucky that they had invited me to come along. It was so posh and fancy, and I had a great time, receiving waterbed machine massages and private bath Jacuzzis. That afternoon we all ate galletes in Saint Malo together and got my favourite 'Sanchez' ice-cream and walked along the walls of the town. We then headed back to the beach near our house and took pictures and laughed together as the sun set. I ended up making ANZAC biscuits at 10pm that night in the holiday house in Saint Malo.



The next day we had to head home from Saint Malo to Chemille. That same night was my last night with the Canons. We had a big and delicious dinner in celebration of my time with them. For dessert we ate my ANZAC biscuits and also Kouign-amann, which is a pastry typical of Bretagne. The French joke that it is THE unhealthiest thing to eat in France. They say that it is a lot of butter, a lot of sugar and a sprinkle of flour... and it's true, but it's so delicious!



It was very sad having to say goodbye to the Canons. They were such a great host family and I'm going to miss them so much. I'm now living in Tours again with the Delavault family. I have a host mum, Benedict, a host dad, Allan, an older host sister who studies at University (Margaux), a 16-year-old host brother (Jules) and a younger 8-year-old host brother (Emilien). I'm very excited about living with the Delavaults and getting to know them.

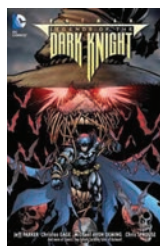


My three-month Summer Holiday has ended and it's time for me to go back to school. I start on the 1st of September. I'm a little nervous about starting courses again and seeing everyone after three months. However, I feel that being at school my French will improve much faster so I'm keen to get my brain working again after such a long break.

NEW BOOKS [Blurbs and cover images courtesy of Booktopia: <http://www>.

BATMAN LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #1-#4

Top writers and artists from comics and beyond tell tales of the Dark Knight including his relationship with Alfred during his early years as a crime fighter, his method of dealing with super-powered foes, and more.



ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN by J.T. Kruhl

Adventures of Superman (#2): No foe can beat Superman. Using his immense power, he's able to outmatch the mad conqueror Mongul, defeat the diabolical Darkseid, and mangle the menacing Metallo. But it turns out that being the world's greatest hero is more than just throwing punches and wearing a cape.



HOW TO CODE IN 10 EASY LESSONS by Sean McManus

From writing simple coding instructions using Scratch software, to learning the coding skills to create your own computer game and even design your own website, this book leads the way.



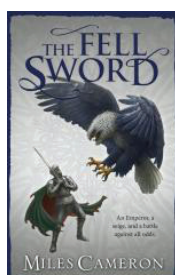
FAIR DINKUM by H.G. Nelson

Australian slang unites the true blue and the dinky-di and separates the cheeky little possums from the happy little Vegemites. In this new pictorial guide, readers will learn to distinguish their drongos from their dropkicks and discover where our unique vernacular comes from.



FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST by Hiromu Arakawa

Fullmetal Alchemist Vol 2 (#4 - #6): In an alchemical ritual gone wrong, Edward Elric lost his arm and his leg, and his brother Alphonse became nothing but a soul in a suit of armour. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist, seeking the one thing that can restore his brother and himself....the legendary Philosopher's Stone.



NEW SERIES SENIOR

THE TRAITOR SON CYCLE by Miles Cameron

The Red Knight (#1): Twenty eight florins a month is nowhere near enough when a wyvern's jaws snap shut on your helmet in the hot stink of battle, and the beast starts to rip the head from your shoulders. But if standing and fighting is hard, leading a company of men -- or worse, a company of mercenaries -- against the smart, deadly creatures of the Wild is even harder. The Red Knight can do it, and he's determined to turn a profit. So when he hires his company out to protect an Abbess and her nunnery it's just another job. Only it's not just a job. It's going to be a war.,



The Fell Sword (#2): Loyalty costs money. Betrayal, on the other hand, is free. When the Emperor is taken hostage, the Red Knight and his men find their services in high demand -- and themselves surrounded by enemies. The country is in revolt, the capital city is besieged and any victory will be hard won.

Year 12's last social!

Thursday 15th Sep

6:30 to 9:30 pm

Tickets: \$4

in the QUAD

Theme: Hippy/Colourful/Retro

Tickets will be on sale in the

main quad :)

See you there!



Family Law and Separating Families Information Session

For community workers, educators, support workers and related professionals

If you work with children from separated families, it is important that you stay up to date with information and services that can help.

This session will provide information on:

- Court Orders and how staff manage the legal implications
- Apprehended Violence Orders
- Safety plans for workers and children
- Where parents/carers can get support
- Child Changeovers and Children's Contact Centres for supervised visits
- Local support and key services

You will hear from:

- Legal Aid – Early Intervention Unit
- NSW Police
- Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service

FREE

Date: Wednesday, 14 September 2016

Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm (Free afternoon tea provided)

Venue: Buckets Way Neighbourhood Centre, Gloucester

RSVP: Call or email Kylie on 6551 1200 or lmnc@flpn.com.au

www.lowermidnorthcoast.flpn.com.au



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Spring School Holidays

www.eventsgloucester.com.au

Enviro Art

The Enviro Art Workshop is for kids 6-12 years. Go to eventsgloucester.com.au for all the details. WHEN: Wed 5 Oct 2016. WHERE: The School of Arts, upstairs, Denison Street Gloucester. COST: Children 6-12 years \$10 for full day, \$5 half day. BYO lunch & morning tea. Bookings essential at Gloucester Health Foods call 6558 2622.

Film Making

Learn about creating scenes & capturing action. WHEN: Thur 29 & Fri 30 Sept 2016, 9.30am - 3.30pm each day. WHERE: School of Arts. COST: Children 8-14 years, \$10 each per day.

Kids Drama

Learn the craft of acting with a seasoned professional. Loads of fun for budding actors. WHEN: Wed 28 Sept 2016. WHERE: Gloucester Citizens Centre, Hume Street. COST: Children 6-12 years \$10 for full day. BYO lunch & morning tea. Bookings essential at Gloucester Health Foods call 6558 2622.



Kids Club

Barrington Outdoor Adventure Centre. The 'Kids Club' offers a range of activities at prices that won't break the budget. Canoe Games, High Ropes, Abselling, Eco Treasure Hunt, Rainforest Bush Walk. Bookings essential - 6558 2093.

Mini Golf

Gloucester Holiday Park's popular 9-hole mini-golf course. Open 9am-6pm, \$3 per person. Phone 6558 1720.

Trail Rides

Ride for an hour or a week at local horse riding facilities: Camp Cobark - 6558 5524 & Riverwood Downs - 4994 7112.

Pond Detectives

Free workshop for kids aged 4 and up - you need to register as spaces are limited - WHEN: Thur 29 Sept 2016 at 10am. WHERE: The Tucker Patch Cemetery Road, Gloucester. COST: Free - register call Kirsty on 6592 4830.

Gold Mine Tour

Discover the mysteries of NSW's longest running operational gold mine at Copeland. Tours run Wed & Sun. Book at the VIC 6538 5252.

GLOUCESTER ART SOCIETY

PRESENTS

Annual Exhibition & Sale

Sept 9th - Oct 3rd

10am - 4pm Mon-Sat

10am - 1 sun



Friday 9th 6-30pm, Meet the Artists, nibbles & drinks

Helping learner drivers become safer drivers

FREE workshops for parents and supervising drivers

To provide practical advice about:

- Current laws for L and P licence holders.
- Supervising learner drivers.
- Completing the Learner driver log book.
- The benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.
- Low risk driving.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

Time and date:

6.00 pm Wednesday
21 September, 2016

Venue:

SES Headquarters
23 Tate Street
GLOUCESTER

Book now on:

[02] 6592 5399 or email roadsafety@midcoast.nsw.gov.au

Light refreshments will be available.

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.