

## School Calendar 2017

### TERM 4

**Monday 16 October to  
Friday 3 November**  
HSC Examinations

**Monday 23 October to  
Friday 3 November**  
Year 12 VET Work Placements

**Thursday 26 October to  
Sunday 29 October**  
Scone Beef Bonanza

**Friday 27 October to  
Sunday 29 October**  
Duke of Ed Bush Walk to  
Barrington Tops National Park

**Monday 13 November to Friday 17  
November**  
Years 7 and 10 Exams

**Thursday 16 November**  
YEAR 7 Vaccinations and catch-up  
vaccinations

**Monday 20 November to Friday 24  
November**  
Years 8 and 9 Exams

PLEASE SEE OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR ON  
OUR WEB PAGE FOR FURTHER EVENTS

### CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

**Monday 23 October**  
Elona

**Tuesday 24 October**  
No Volunteer

**Wednesday 25 October**  
No Volunteer

**Thursday 26 October**  
Mel Seale

**Friday 27 October**  
Elona

**Monday 30 October**  
Elona

**Tuesday 31 October**  
No Volunteer

**Wednesday 1 November**  
Bernie

**Thursday 2 November**  
No Volunteer

**Friday 3 November**  
Elona



NEWSLETTER Friday 20 October 2017

## LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR COMPETITION



On Wednesday 18 October three students from Year 10, Madelaine Blanch, Kyra Edstein and Tahnee Yates participated in the Lions Youth of the Year Competition. The students excelled in this challenging competition.

The process began at the end of the school day when the girls were interviewed by Lions members. The evening began with the girls giving 2 impromptu speeches. They were presented with 2 very difficult and controversial topics – recent events with politicians and the

High Court of Australia and renewable energy versus fossil fuels.

The students final speech was a pre-prepared 5 minute speech on a topic of their choice. The judges revealed to the audience the closeness of the results. Congratulations to Kyra Edstein in winning the Gloucester Lions Youth of the Year Competition.

Best wishes Kyra for the next round.

This is a prestigious event for young people, which boasts many high profile Australians among the ranks of former entrants. If you are currently in Year 9 and would like to be considered for next year's event, please mention this to your English teacher and they will make a note for next year.

### Care Achievement Respect Effort Responsibility

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## PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4. It seems like I say this at the beginning of each term; "... it is going to be a busy term...."

Term 3 ended with another successful Tri-challenge. Many thanks to Adam Cameron and his team, GHS P&C, Gloucester SES, Mid Coast Council (Gloucester), Lion and staff at GHS; as well as parents and friends who came and supported their children and of course the students who participated in the challenge and those who marshalled along the route.

Year 12 commenced the HSC examinations on Monday. The students have had emails and notes from staff, families and community to wish them well throughout the examinations and their futures endeavours. It is wonderful to see some students taking advantage of their study time to touch base with their teachers for some final tuition. During the holidays a number of teachers arranged tutorial groups with their classes and students are still meeting with teachers for advice. Best wishes to all.

On Monday we had a Year 6 family afternoon transition get together. The Year 6 students had fun playing games in the playground with students from neighbouring schools. The P&C cooked a delicious BBQ which was well received by all at that time of the day. Community of Schools teachers introduced new families to teachers at GHS and the afternoon enabled families to catch up with one another. The evening concluded with a meeting in the hall where the Transition Program was outlined and parents were introduced to key staff and our P&C president. I am very proud of GHS



and acknowledge the contributions made by staff, students, parents/carers and the community to ensure our students receive the most appropriate support to achieve the best possible academic and social outcomes. I would like to invite you to join the P&C. The meetings will keep you informed of events happening at school and provides a forum to discuss ideas that lead to improvement across all aspects within the school environment.

On Wednesday night Mr Wisely and I had the privilege of attending the Gloucester Lions Youth of the Year. We were very proud of our students. See article on the front page.



Mrs Trudi Edman, Relieving Principal

## MS WENDY BURTON GRADUATED AGAIN

On 29 September, Ms Wendy Burton, casual teacher/temporary teacher at Gloucester High School attended her graduation ceremony at the University of Newcastle. Ms Burton received a Master of Educational Studies in Mathematics with Distinction.

Ms Burton said “It was a lot of hard work, but the hard work paid off as I achieved straight High Distinctions in all of my subjects.”

Wendy now has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Physiotherapy, a Bachelor of Teaching (Primary), a Graduate Certificate in Special Education, and a Master of Educational Studies in Mathematics with Distinction.



## 2018 YEAR 12

Year 12 2018 HSC Course Assessment Policy is on the school's web site for your information. Click on the link below to view.

<http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/year-12/assessment>

## YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

Yearly Examinations to be held on the following dates:

Years 7 and 10 (Week 6) - week commencing Monday 13 November 2017

Years 8 and 9 (Week 7) - week commencing Monday 20 November 2017

Students will receive a copy of their Examination Timetable in Week 3. They will also be available on the school website from Week 3.

## EXCURSIONS

If your child is attending an excursion and you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Excursions need to be paid for prior to the excursion date, unless prior arrangements have been made.



# NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2017

The final vaccination dated for 2017 is Term 4, Thursday 16 November 2017. PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE.

## WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE

If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinic at the school.

## WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL HPV VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2017?

Any Year 7 student with missed doses of HPV vaccine can be caught up in 2018.

## ADDITIONALLY:

- Any 2017 Year 8 student who commenced HPV vaccination while in Year 7 and are yet to finish the course of HPV (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive this at the next clinic at their school.
- Any Year 11 or 12 student who returned a signed consent card for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine and did not receive this in Term 2 (and who has not received it from their local doctor) can still receive this at the next clinic at their school.

## Please note:

- As of July 2017 any student who has missed school program vaccines or any childhood vaccines can now receive these vaccines from their local doctor. For more information please refer to [www.immunise.health.gov.au](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au) and click on "National immunisation program – expansion".

Don't forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

# NSW ALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Courtney Webeck of Year 8 recently attended the NSW All Schools Athletics Carnival at Homebush.

Courtney broke the record in the 800m girls' running and came 4th in this event. Courtney competed in the discus event achieving 6th place and coming very close to breaking the record. Courtney also came 5th in the 100m, again coming close to the record.

Courtney also attended the NSW CHS Athletics Carnival at the end of last term. Courtney came 4th in the 800 m girls running event and broke the record.

Congratulations Courtney on an amazing effort, breaking the 800m records at two recent carnivals.

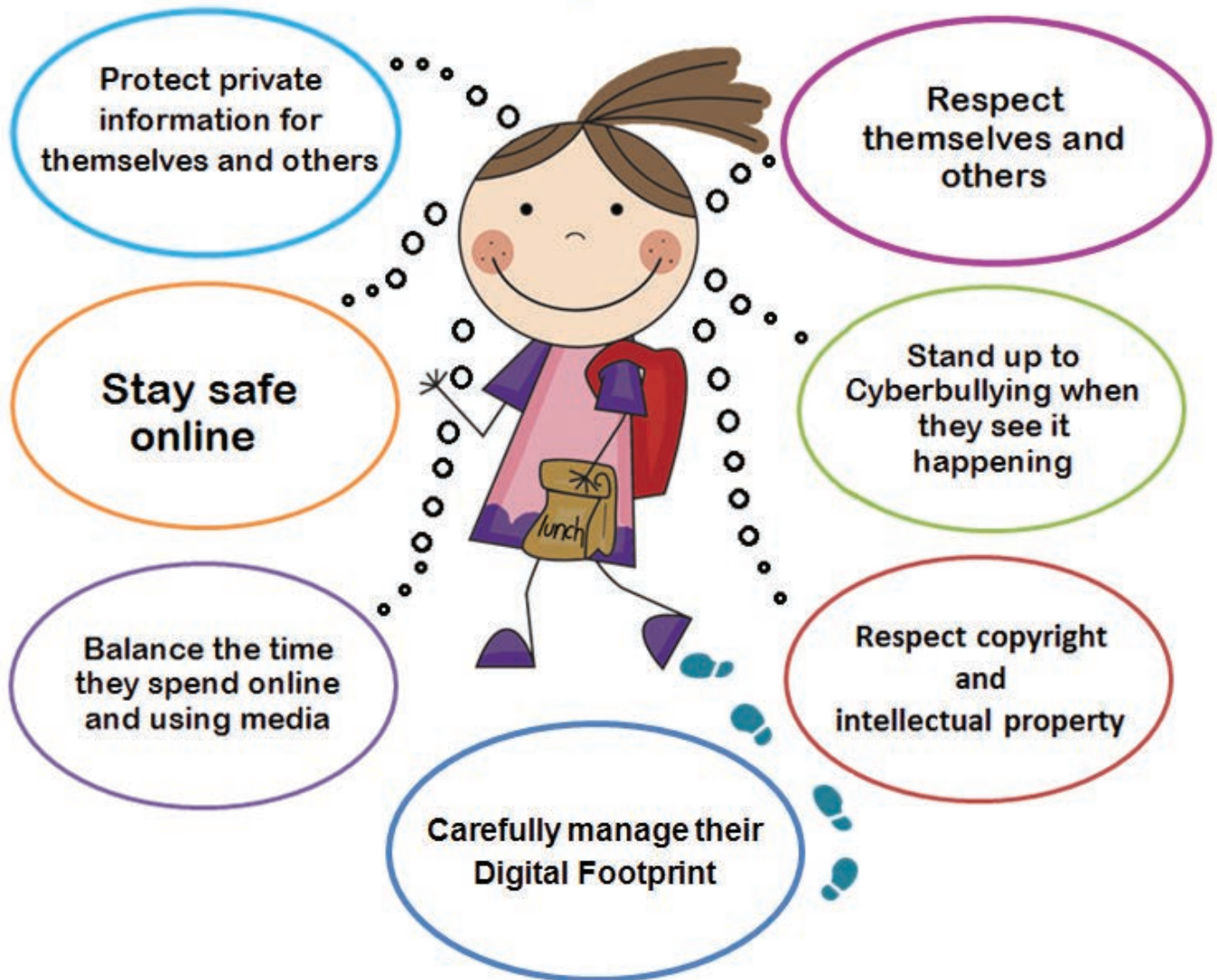


## LIBRARY MATTERS: Digital Citizenship

Digital citizenship can be defined as engaging in appropriate and responsible behaviour when using technology. Digital Citizenship is a concept which helps us understand what all technology users should know to use technology appropriately and responsibly.

Most of today's students are entirely comfortable with technology, but are they using it appropriately? Do they understand their roles and responsibilities in a digital society?

### All Good Digital Citizens:



<http://www.virtuallibrary.info/digital-citizenship.html>

Author: Cathy Costello

 **SCHOLASTIC - Book Club**

Pick up your Book Club Catalogue Order (Issue 7) from the LIBRARY.  
Orders for this issue need to be returned and paid for at the Front  
Office by 1/11/2017



# KIA ORA, TĒNĀ KOUTOU - JESS RETURNS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Hello, greetings to you.

The last three months would have to be the most remarkable three months of my life. I landed in New Zealand, the Land of the Long White Cloud, on 24 June. The flight away from home was sad. I was flying away from my family and friends to make a home in a different country 2,223 kilometres away. After a three hour flight, and changing seats three times, I finally made it to New Zealand. I took a deep breath and turned to Keely, a girl on the exchange, and said, “I smell sheep.” We both smiled and walked through Customs.

Mollie Te Brake was my exchange match. She was in Australia and stayed with my family and attended Gloucester High School from 24 April to 24 June. Mollie’s mother and father were there to greet us at Auckland International Airport. After we farewelled the other exchange students we got a taxi to the Pullman, a hotel where I stayed regularly on the exchange with Mollie and her family. The next day we flew to Keri Keri where Mollie’s grandparents and friends were waiting.

Mollie lives at Manganui in Doubtless Bay where the fish and chip shop is apparently “famous”. Manganui means “big shark”, though I never saw a big shark. But they did have lots of fish.

The weeks flew by and, before I knew it, it was time for the safari. The safari is a time when all the Australian exchange students get together for a week and have an absolute blast. We started off in Keri Keri and made our way down to Auckland, a three hour drive where we picked up more Australian Exchange Students. We then travelled to Taupo Lake, New Zealand’s largest lake which can be seen from outer space. This is where we met up with the rest of the exchange students. In total there were fourteen Rotary International Youth Exchange students in our group. We all had so much fun together and it was a blast to spend time with people in the same situation.

The first day of safari was “Bonding”. None of us thought we needed to bond since we already felt connected to each other. “Bonding” was fun. We all picked a group leader. Tom Brody and I were selected. It turns out that we weren’t such great leaders because it took us fifteen minutes to guide our team to finish the puzzle. The best time to complete the puzzle was six minutes and was done by 12 year olds! After that we had lunch and hung out in the lounge room and talked about our time in New Zealand.

The week went too fast. During that week, I made life-long friends. The week consisted of many activities such as, going downhill in a Zorb,



## JESS RETURNS FROM NEW ZEALAND continued.....

getting tossed around in a jet boat ride at the Huka Falls, racing around at the Luge, boiling in hot pools, skiing a volcano and jumping/swinging off a platform 47m above the Waikato River.

By the end of the exchange Mollie and I grew closer and we treated each other like sisters more than friends. I was sad to leave Mollie's family but I was so happy to see my family.

I would encourage anyone to do the three month Rotary Youth Exchange. This exchange has taught me that I cannot pronounce Maori words but those attempts and the people who tried to teach me will forever be held dear to me.

I particularly would like to thank Gloucester Rotary Club for their support and sponsorship of this amazing program.

Ka kite anō. Jessica Moore, Year 10

## TARONGA ZOO EXCURSION

On Thursday 19 October, Year 7 and Year 11 Biology students went to Taronga Zoo Park in Sydney. We went to see the Seal Show and Bird Show. There was a Classification workshop for Year 7 and Maintaining a Balance workshop for Year 11.

In the workshop, Year 7 students had opportunities to see a variety of organisms to determine their physical characteristics and use scientific terminology to describe them. They patted a variety of reptiles and a baby possum!

In groups, Year 11 Biology students presented to the zoo's Biologists a range of five minute talks prepared in class on a chosen animal. They were then introduced to a range of live animals and given instructions on the subtle ways in which Australian animals have adapted to their environment.

Students' comments:

I enjoyed seeing the bird show, seal show, the animals and reptiles. My group was unable to see all the animals but still enjoyed the excursion. I have learnt a few more things about animal adaptations and their enclosures. Emily Walker

I think the seal show was the best because they were all trained and they were good at diving. Asha Holden

It was all good, especially the seal show because I love seals and they were so amazing. The snakes were humongous and the meerkats were so cute and tiny. It was also fun learning about animals and things that we can use in the future. Daphne Wilkes





## TARONGA ZOO continued.....



## CAREERS NEWS

### 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:

1. Scholarship Principles and Practices
2. Acknowledging Sources
3. Plagiarism
4. Copyright
5. 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 5 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](mailto:michael.deangelis@det.nsw.edu.au)

Mr De Angelis, Careers Teacher



YOUR LOCAL PCYC PRESENTS

# BLUE LIGHT DISCO



**3/11/17 @ 7.30PM**

**JUNIOR BLUELIGHT - Yrs 3 to 7**

7.30pm till 9.30pm - \$5 entry  
Gloucester Soldiers Club  
Entertainment: Mobilistic DJ Disco

**LOYALTY CARD LUCKY DOOR PRIZES ON  
OFFER - PUSH BIKES AND OTHER GIFTS**

**NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS**

All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised  
by Police Officers

**3/11/17 @ 5.30PM**

**JUNIOR BLUELIGHT - Yrs K to 2**  
(last year Preschoolers welcome)

5.30pm till 7pm - \$3 entry  
Gloucester Soldiers Club  
Entertainment: Mobilistic DJ Disco

**LOYALTY CARD LUCKY DOOR PRIZES ON  
OFFER - PUSH BIKES AND OTHER ITEMS**

**NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS**



[www.pcycnsw.org.au](http://www.pcycnsw.org.au)

# MAKING TIME FOR Mum

- IT TAKES A COMMUNITY  
A Postnatal Depression Awareness week initiative

## Presents

"Mums Time Out"

## WHEN:

Wednesday 15th November 2017  
10.30am-1.30pm

## WHERE:

Gloucester Baptist Church

## Hall

For further information please contact MSS reception  
on: 02 6551 1800

78 Wynter Street - Taree

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Lucky Door Prize

Stalls

Demonstrations

Massages

Finger Food

Goodie Bags for  
the first 50 R.S.V.P  
6551 1800



# Hockey Indoor

## COMPETITION STARTING SOON

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Gloucester Rec. Centre

Mixed Juniors: 4-5pm  
(13 y.o. and under)

Mixed Seniors: 6-7pm  
(14 y.o. plus)



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council



Transport  
for NSW

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supervising  
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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

### Gloucester Workshop

**When:** 6pm, Thursday 2 November

**Where:** SES HQ, 23 Tate Street

**Book now:** Call 6591 7236, or email  
roadsafety@midcoast.nsw.gov.au, providing  
your contact details and workshop location.  
Workshops run approx. 2 hours, and light  
refreshments will be available.

midcoast.nsw.gov.au

## Communities for Children



## Triple P Seminar Series



7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

A series of three seminars covering positive parenting  
strategies for modern families

**When:** Commencing Tuesday 7th of November 2017,  
for 3 weeks

**Time:** 10am-11.30am each Tuesday

**Location:** Gloucester SDA Church, corner of Barrington &  
Hume streets, Gloucester

To register please call - Manning Support Services  
Taree - 6551 1800 Gloucester - 6558 9519

Morning Tea Provided

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# Celebrating 150yrs of Education

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
**Catch up Dinner**

**From 6pm**



Wardell Sport and Rec Club - Bath St Wardell 2477

Come grab a plate and catch up with some old friends



**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Oct**  
**Official Ceremony**  
**9am – 11am**

Wardell Public School Richmond St Wardell 2477

Come celebrate the 150yrs of Education at Wardell

Listen to official speeches and student performances before the  
unveiling of the plaque.

**Fete 12pm – 5pm**

Our Annual Fete follows the Official Celebrations

Bring down the family and stay for the fun



150yrs Memorabilia - Rides - Games - Tombola

Stalls - Lucky 100 - BBQ - Show bags - Krispy Kreme

Cakes - Coffee - Fairy Floss - Snow Cones - Super Hero Photos



# Communities for Children

## PARENT FIRST AID COURSE

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#### FREE PARENT FIRST AID COURSE

- Drowning
- Spider / snake bites
- Burns and scalds
- Choking
- Poisoning
- Fractures
- Bleeding / Wounds



Thursday 2nd Nov

9:30am to 12:30pm

Gloucester CWA Hall  
108 Church St.

RSVP: 6539 2003

Morning tea provided

Numbers are limited

**MISSION**  
**AUSTRALIA** | together  
we stand



Australian Government  
Department of Social Services

#### 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.



Education &  
Communities

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