

School Calendar 2017

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Wednesday 6 December

Year 12/SRC Breast Cancer Fundraiser Day

Friday 8 December & Saturday 9 Dec

Y10 Drama Production

Monday 11 December

Presentation Night 7pm at School Hall

Wednesday 13 December

Christmas Concert 1 pm

Friday 15 December

Last Day of Term

2018

Monday 29 January 2018

Staff Return to School

Tuesday 30 January 2018

Years 7, 11 and 12 Commence School

Wednesday 31 January 2018

Years 8, 9 and 10 Commence School

CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

Monday 4 December

Kristie Haynes

Tuesday 5 December

Jen S

Wednesday 6 December

Merrilyn

Thursday 7 December

Mel Seale

Friday 8 December

Christina

Monday 11 December

Elona

Tuesday 12 December

Alison Blanch

Wednesday 13 December

Bernie

Thursday 14 December

Merrilyn

Friday 15 December

Elona

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Even though the school year is coming to a close, it is still a very busy time for both students and teachers. Students are finalising assessment tasks and practising for drama and musical end of year performances. Teachers are busy finalising assessments, writing reports and spending time evaluating this year's programs and planning for next year.

The expectation is for students to continue with class work and for teachers to provide meaningful work such as revision, consolidation of topics or project work.

It is anticipated school reports will be distributed on Tuesday 12 December, the day after the Annual Presentation Evening.

A reminder to families that some of our students are displaying their Industrial Technology Projects at the Manning Region Art Gallery from 30 November to 10 December. If you happen to be in Taree, drop by the Gallery and have a look at the exceptional works.

Last Friday our Senior Executive Student Body represented the school at the Community White Ribbon Day Commemoration at Billabong Park. Mia, Liam, Nina, Will, Laura and Andrew led SRC representatives in placing candles alongside the 43 crosses that represented those tragically killed in domestic violence situations. The afternoon concluded with Liam and Nina singing a very moving song dedicated to the victims of domestic violence.

Yesterday we welcomed our Year 6 students and parents to the High School for their Orientation Day. This is the highlight of the year's Transition Program. The Transition Program has been very successful in easing students into the high school environment and daily structures. We saw some very confident young people who were very keen to be involved in the variety of activities on offer. I look forward to meeting with students and families next year.

Mrs Trudi Edman, Relieving Principal



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YEAR 10 DRAMA PRODUCTION

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER - CHANGE OF ROUTINE - YEARS 10 AND 11 ONLY

On Friday December 8 at 11:10am, Year 10 Drama will be presenting their end of year production, *Colosseum*, in the school hall. Year 10 and 11 students will be attending this performance and admission will be by gold coin donation.

For information regarding this production, see hereunder. The performance of *Colosseum* will take place from Period 3 to 6. *Colosseum* is rated M and does contain some medium level coarse language.

If you have any queries about this change of routine, please contact Scott Davis at the school on 65581605.

PLEASE NOTE the other performance times of Friday 8 December at 7pm and Saturday 9 December at 2pm and 7pm.

Year 10 Drama Production *Colosseum* by Ross Mueller



"This is not once, long ago. This is not never again. This is our colosseum!"

Written by Ross Mueller and first performed at St Martin's Youth Theatre in 2001, *Colosseum* is set in the grit of Melbourne at the turn of the millennium. It is a multi-layered story about fifteen young lives trying to navigate their way through a series of life-changing events. The play takes the audience on a winding roller-coaster ride through crises, epiphanies, loneliness, romance and violence. *Colosseum* explores love, death and spirituality as they exist in the here and now.

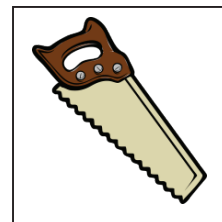
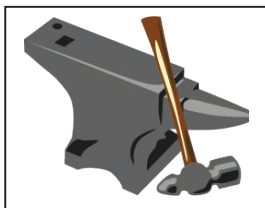
The annual Year 10 Drama production has become a fixture at Gloucester High School. This year, the talented students of Year 10 Drama are taking on the challenge of producing a two hour full length play of a dramatic script. This is the first serious drama in over ten years of mounting these productions. Director Scott Davis admits that the production of *Colosseum* has provided students with some serious challenges in terms of both staging and characterisation. "This is a complex play", he said. "There are 57 scenes with multiple locations and 15 characters whose lives all intersect in some manner. Think of great ensemble films like *Crash*, *Traffic* and *Babel* and you will get a sense of the multi-dimensional nature of this play. It should be a very entertaining and thought-provoking night at the theatre".

The cast of *Colosseum* features Marnie Barkwill, EJ Blanch, Madison Battams, Olivia Corbett, Sophie Dunn, Paula Edwards, Kyra Edstein, Isabelle Erasmus, Chloe Garnham, Maggie Hennessy-O'Reilly, Ebony Hughes, Jasmine Keen, Charlotte Maslen, Sara McBride, Tanisha McNamara, Neve O'Brien, Hayley Rush, Ellie Schumann and Cheyenne Whitfield. The students have been working on the play since the end of Term 3.

Performances are at GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL HALL on FRI DEC 8 AT 7:00PM and SAT DEC 9 AT 2:00PM & 7:00pm. Tickets are \$4.00 at the door. Patrons should note that *Colosseum* is rated M for mature audiences only as it contains medium level coarse language.

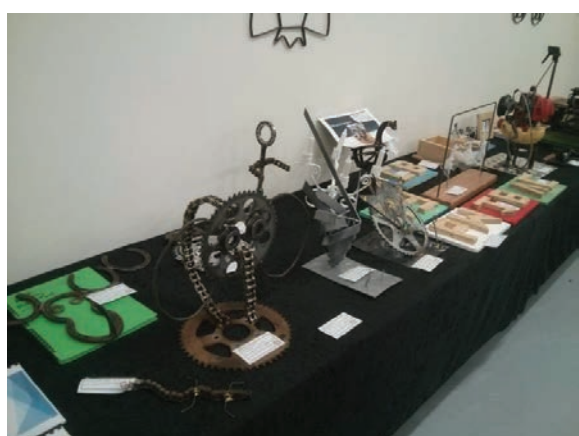
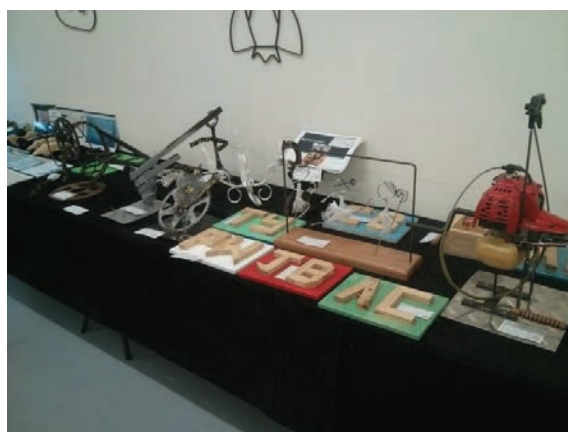
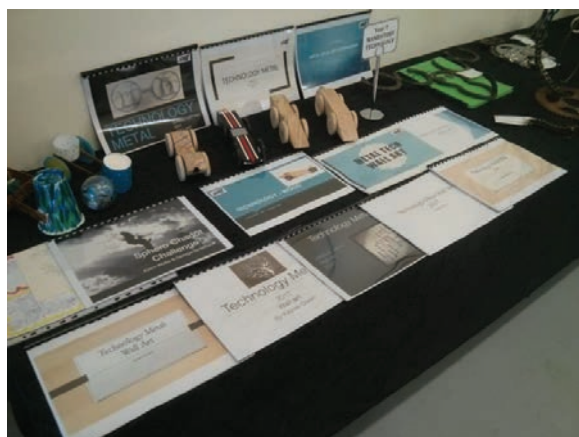
TAS Metal and Timber Projects

Manning Great Lakes Technology Display and Competition



The annual Manning Great Lakes Technology Display and Competition is on again. Projects from all the local schools are entered and judged. Gloucester High did very well last year, achieving a number of awards including cash and prizes. This year, with the quality and quantity entered, we expect to do even better. Everyone is encouraged to drop in to the Manning Regional Art Gallery (opposite the RTA in Taree) and see what students from all over the Manning area have been doing.

We will be displaying these and more projects at Presentation Night on Monday 11 December.



Check opening times before you go.

Manning Regional Art Gallery

30 November to 10 December 2017 Wed-Sat 10am to 4pm and Sun 1-4pm.

12 Macquarie St Taree. <http://mrag.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Home>

Any questions- Ring Rob Seale on 65581605

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation Night will take place in the school hall on Monday 11 December 2017. The assembly will commence at approximately 7:00pm and will conclude at approximately 9:30pm. We ask that you be at the school hall by 6:50pm in order to be seated before the evening commences.

If your child is receiving an award you will be notified by Friday 8 December.

Please phone the school if you have any queries in regards to Presentation Night.

CAREERS NEWS

2018 TAFE

Students who have been successful in their TAFE application have been given a Course offer letter. This letter needs to be signed by the student and their parent / carer in order to finalise their enrolment. Please return signed letter to Mr De Angelis in the Careers Office as soon as possible.

Furthermore, all students who are attending TAFE in 2018 must also complete the mandatory NESA requirement, "ALL MY OWN WORK". Current Year 9 students have not done this yet, but it is something that must be completed before the end of year. They will have to do this in their own time at home or during lunch / recess times on the Library or Distance Education room computers. I will give all students written instructions on how to do this. They MUST complete all 5 Module Quizzes. Each quiz must be printed out with their full name (I will explain this in detail to the students).

HUNTER SPORTS TRIALS 2018

The procedure for attending Hunter Sports Trials has changed for 2018 and beyond. Students wishing to trial for a Hunter teams/sports will need to go to the Hunter School Sport website <https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/Hunter> and fill out the required information on the website.

This change does not affect qualification for Hunter Swimming/X-Country and Athletics teams.

A consent form can also be found on the website which needs to be signed by the school and then taken to the trial. All relevant information about the trial such as date and time, venue, cost etc can be found on the website.

In the past, a booklet with dates etc was sent to the school, this will no longer occur – all information will be on the website only. Please note the important information below:

- Students are required to complete the specific sport requirements on the Hunter School Sport Website (ie: nomination form) to be able to trial for a Hunter team.
- Students need to go to the Hunter School Sports trial with the Hunter Consent Form signed by school principal or nominated person and parent/care giver and all other information completed. If the student fronts up to the Trial without this Consent Form they will not be able to trial for the Hunter Team and therefore will not be eligible for selection.
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Please refer to the next 3 pages of the newsletter for information regarding Hunter Trials for 2018.



2018 HUNTER SPORT TRIALS

Students who wish to trial for any of the teams listed below **MUST** follow the following procedure:

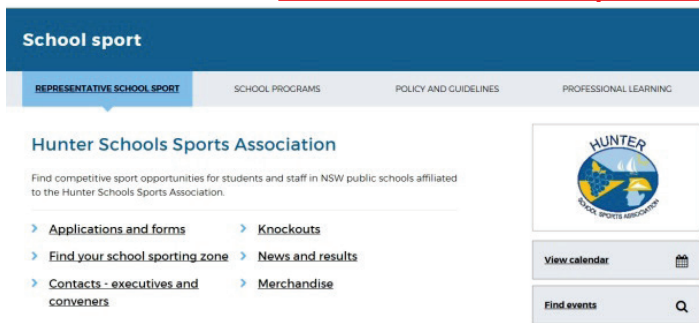
1. Note the date of the trial and then go to the [website nominated](#) on the information sheet to gain details and other information.
2. Complete the consent form online and then print and return it to your school Principal and sport coordinator to sign.
3. **YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ATTEND ANY TRIAL** unless you have **SCHOOL PERMISSION**. If you turn up at the trial without school permission you will be sent **BACK TO SCHOOL**.
4. Once the Sport Coordinator has your permission note they will seek the advice of both the Convener and School Coaches as to your eligibility to attend Trials. Students that are too young or are not of the standard or calibre of a Hunter team cannot attend Trials.
5. Once the Sport Coordinator signs off on your attendance then you take the completed permission note to the trial.
6. NOTE that no transport or direct supervision is supplied by your High School.

Date	Team	Date	Team
Term 1		Term 2	
February 9	Girls Volleyball	May 25	Lawn Bowls
February 22	Boys Volleyball	June 14	WAG/MAG/RG Gymnastics
February 26	Golf	June 26	Boys Tennis
February 27	Diving	July 3	Girls Tennis
March 1	Boy/Girls Touch U/16s	July 3	Orienteering
March 7	Boys Basketball	July 5	Trampoline Sports
March 8	Girls Football	Term 3	
March 13	Boys AFL U/15s	August 7	Mountain Biking
March 13	Girls Basketball	September 26	Boys Cricket
March 14	Boys Football	Term 4	
March 15	Boys/Girls Water Polo	November 20	Girls Softball
March 16	Netball	November 20	Boys Softball
March 21	Rugby League 15's and Opens	November 29	Girls Cricket
March 26	Squash	December 11	Boys Baseball
March 28	Rugby Union		
March 29	Boy/Girls Touch U/16s Opens		
April 4	Boys/Girls Hockey		
July 3	Orienteering		
July 5	Trampoline Sports		

Trial dates and time printed on this form are subject to change, please refer to the Hunter School Sport website for the most up to date information.

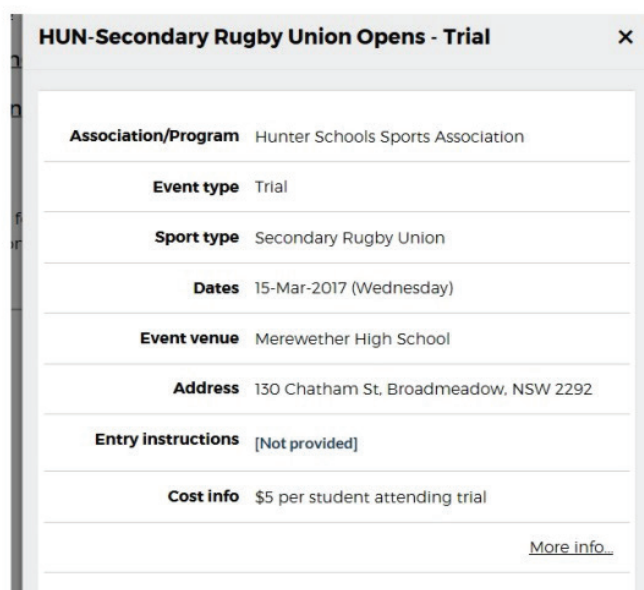
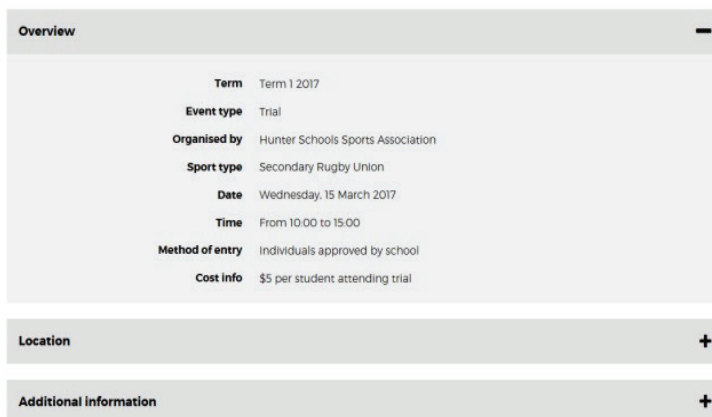
HOW TO APPLY TO ATTEND A HUNTER REGION TRIAL

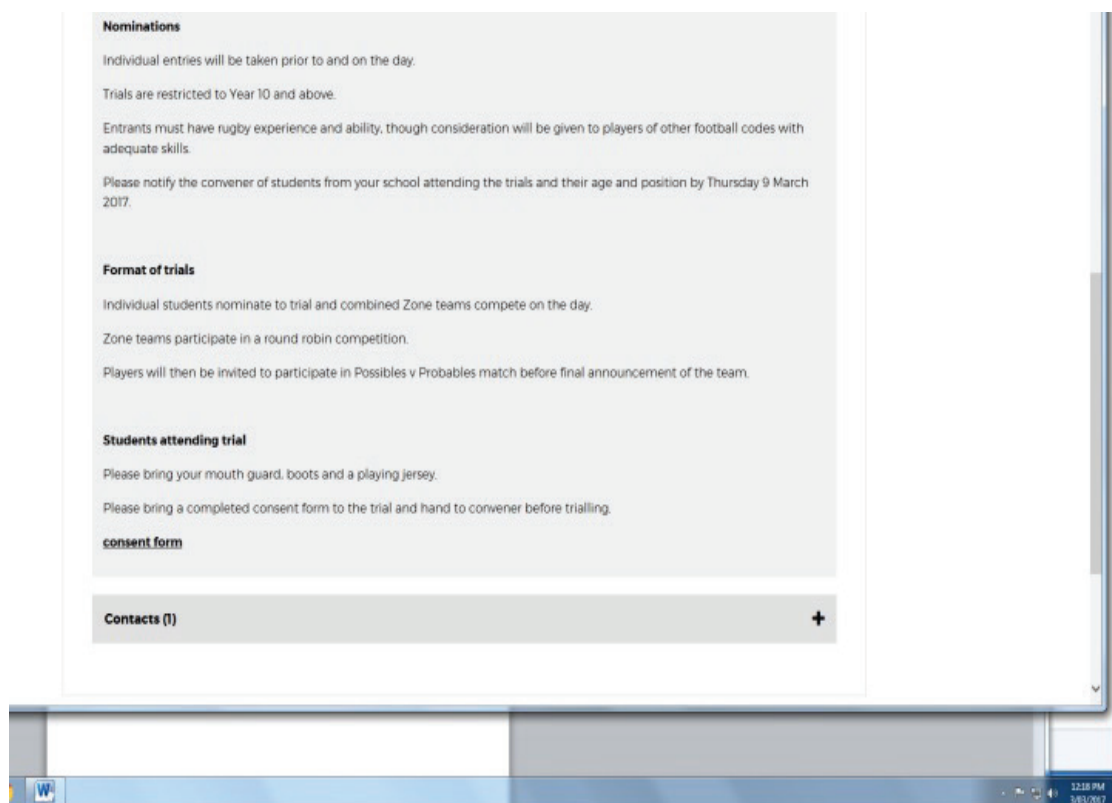
There is a new School Sport Website and all information regarding Hunter trials has been uploaded. The web address is:



<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/Hunter>

1. This takes you to the Hunter Sports Website
2. Click on the sport you are interested in trialling for on the right hand side under the Hunter logo **<Find event>**
3. *Type in the event that you are wishing to trial for and click on the event.*
4. Dialogue box with the information comes up, click on the **<more info>** tab on the bottom right





5. Takes you to the specific information, click on the **<+ symbol>** next to Additional information.
6. Scroll down to the consent form.
7. Click on **<consent form>**, complete it in full, print and then return it to your School Sport Coordinator/Principal to sign and record.
8. Take it with you on the day of the trial, hand to the Convener/Manager running the trial.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday 13 December 2017 school students will be performing at our Christmas Concert. The concert will commence at about 1pm and conclude at approximately 3pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

If a student/s would like to perform at the concert, please see Mrs Ingram or Mr DeAngelis by Monday 4 December.

The music room is available for practise at lunchtime. Please make a booking with Mrs Ingram.



Gloucester High School Year 10 Drama presents

Colosseum

by Ross Mueller

"This is not once, long ago. This is not never again.
This is our colosseum!"



Five stories of lust, blood, death and chaos.
Fifteen lives tangled together in turmoil.

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL HALL

FRI DEC 8 AT 7:00PM

SAT DEC 9 AT 2:00PM & 7:00pm

TICKETS: \$4 AT THE DOOR

STARRING Marnie Barkwill, EJ Blanch, Madison Battams, Olivia Corbett,
Sophie Dunn, Paula Edwards, Kyra Edstein, Chloe Garnham, Maggie
Hennessy-O'Reilly, Ebony Hughes, Jasmine Keen, Charlotte Maslen, Sara
McBride, Tanisha McNamara, Larah Niddrie, Neve O'Brien, Hayley Rush,
Ellie Schumann and Cheyenne Whitfield

Warning: For mature audiences only
Contains medium level coarse language

YEAR 12 FUNDRAISER FOR BREAST CANCER WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER



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School Newsletter Article: Adolescent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program

In early 2017 parents/carers of Year 7 students were asked to provide consent for their children to receive three doses of HPV vaccine in the NSW School Vaccination Program.

Most* Year 7 students who have received two doses of HPV vaccine are considered to be fully vaccinated and do not require a further dose.

This change is based on recent international studies that show for children aged 9 to 14 years of age, two doses of HPV vaccine provide the same protection as three doses, as long as the second dose is given at least six months after the first dose. Based on this evidence, the World Health Organization (WHO) now recommends a two-dose HPV schedule, and this has already been adopted in comparable countries (i.e. the UK, Canada, the United States and New Zealand) and is now being adopted in Australia.

In 2017 Year 7 students were given the second dose of HPV vaccine at least six months after the first dose to accommodate the urgent roll-out of the Meningococcal W Response Program to Year 11 and 12 students. Year 7 students who have received only one dose of HPV this year will be offered their second dose in 2018. Parents/carers whose children were vaccinated in 2017 but who still wish for their child to receive a third dose of HPV vaccine can access a free dose from their general practitioner (GP).

* Students with significantly impaired immune systems are still recommended to have three doses of HPV vaccine. Parents of these students should make arrangements to complete the vaccine course with their GP or by calling their local public health unit on 1300 066 055.

More information is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/hpv or by calling your local public health unit on 1300 066 055.

CHAPLAIN'S RAMBLINGS

Kiaora, Talofa Lava, Bula and Namaste! (Hello in Maori, Samoan, Fijian and Indian).

Term 4 has arrived and I am still trying to figure out where the last few months have gone! Stepping into the shoes of Chaplain at Gloucester High School, Term 2 marked the beginning of an amazing journey. It has been a thrilling ride!

For those that have wondered what this role entailed, the gist of Chaplaincy has included; sharing my lunch and sourcing food for those that had forgotten theirs, mingling with students at recess and lunchtimes, assisting struggling students with their school work and overdue assignments, chatting to parents on the phone and down the road, mentoring students one-on-one through their personal struggles, comforting those that were grieving or going through a rough time, referrals to school counsellor, GP's and head teachers, constant encouragement, being available, accepting of everyone no matter what and a whole lot of listening, listening, listening!

I am immensely indebted to the staff at GHS, the churches and the wider community for supporting me in my role. I am especially grateful to Trudi Edman, Mik Wisely and Myree Ribbons for their patience and guidance and for the opportunity to serve GHS in the form of Chaplaincy 2017.

KAI* BREAKFAST CLUB {Kai means 'food' in NZ Maori}

Gloucester High School believes in the importance of having breakfast to boost mood and concentration levels. Thanks to funding from the Uniting Church in Gloucester, this year we were able to run Kai Club twice a week on Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the school hall and quad. I was very fortunate to have had a group of 6-8 students across Years 7-10, who choose to sacrifice their mornings helping me serve breakfast to their peers. They were passionate and dedicated and I am absolutely proud of them! Together, we have served over 2700 plus cheese tomato toasties as well as 2000 plus hot drinks to an average of 30-50 students twice a week. Cereal came in at last place. I can count on one hand the amount of times someone was game enough to have it for breakfast! #HardLuckBuddy



CHAPLAIN'S RAMBLINGS continued.....

SHINE PROGRAM

SHINE was also an incredible program that was offered this term during sport time once a week. This program gave select girls in Year 9 the opportunity to discover their true worth, strengths and purpose in life. We had a blast learning all about our emotions and discovering our love languages! Some activities we conducted included group discussions, role play, journaling, karaoke, personal testimonies, icebreakers and our group's personal favourite; the Just Dance rhythm game. Tabitha Menzies, an intern from the Baptism Church in Gloucester assisted me in conducting activities, group discussions and overall bonding with the girls. It was exciting seeing and hearing the thoughts and opinions of these girls morph as our sessions went on.



It has been an absolute privilege working as Chaplain at GHS and I have really loved getting to know all the students, whether it be in a mentoring session or on the playground. Once again, thank you very much for your support and for investing in the wellbeing of your precious children.

Mrs. Karishma St. Juste



GLOUCESTER GYMNASTICS IS BACK FOR 2018!

We have secured a coach and are ready to start again on 7 February 2018 (the second week of school) down at the Rec Centre.

If you haven't been to our club before, come down and try one session for free to see if you like it.

- Junior session from 3.15 till 4pm
- Intermediate from 4 till 4.45
- Senior from 4.45 till 5.30

Yearly rego \$60 and \$10 a session (generally every Wednesday of the school year).

For more info ring:

Kim on 0400090781 kimhaschek@gmail.com

Rob 65589441 robert.seale@det.nsw.edu.au



SCHOOL SOCIAL

On Thursday 30 November students enjoyed the last School Social for 2017 which was a Hawaiian/Summer Theme. Jordon Dunn returned to be the DJ for the night and played songs which were chosen by the students. Thank you Jordon.

The SRC organised the Social with Mr Green's support. This was Mr Green's last SRC event. The SRC would like to thank Mr Green for all his assistance and guidance over the last two years.



SRC HELPERS WITH MR GREEN





MAKE SURE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ARE UP-TO-DATE?

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

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY - THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2017

Year 6 had their last day of the Primary to High School Transition program on Thursday 30 November. Students got to meet teachers and their peer support leaders. The students orientated around the school with their peer support leaders learning where the classrooms and other facilities are located. After recess students worked on activities with their peer support leaders which they enjoyed.

Lunch was provided by the SRC and after lunch the students participated in rotational group activities.

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 2018.



Students' Comments:-

"Today we have learnt a lot and had lots of fun. We are very excited about coming to high school next year. It will be fun to meet new people and learn with our new teachers."

"It was an incredible experience and will help us settle in next year."





GREAT LAKES
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All ticket sale proceeds will be donated to Great Lakes Women's Shelter

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 5.00PM - 9.00PM



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

@ Forster Entertainment Centre 65576800
4 hours of fun and unlimited games
of tenpin bowling, putt putt and laser skirmish
plus a sausage sizzle



SINGLE ADULT TICKET **\$20**

FAMILY LITE **\$35**
(1 parent and up to 3 children)

FAMILY REGULAR **\$50**

EXTRA CHILDS TICKET **\$5**
(2 parents and 2 children)



Proudly sponsored by Forster Bowling Club Group

Tickets on sale at Forster Bowling Club reception and Forster Entertainment Centre

For more information ring Julie 0417 171001



STRATFORD COAL EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND



Education and Training Grants 2018

Applications are invited from interested persons and businesses for financial assistance grants for 2018 in the following categories:

Tertiary Assistance Grants – \$2000 per grant. For intending or currently enrolled university applicants who have not previously received a grant.

TAFE Course Benefits - \$1000 per benefit.

Apprenticeships/Traineeships Subsidies – Up to \$6000 over three years to assist local businesses to employ an apprentice or trainee.

Criteria

University and TAFE applicants need to have completed six years of their schooling at a Gloucester basin School (Booral to Barrington). For the business subsidies, applicants need to be locally owned or operated businesses.

Note

All grants, benefits, scholarships and subsidies will be awarded on the basis of the quality of the written application.

APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL AND COUNCIL'S ADMINISTRATION CENTRE FROM THURSDAY 16/11/17.

For further information contact: John Walton ☎(02) 65588272

Applications close on Friday 26th JANUARY 2018.



Interact Clubs are Rotary sponsored service clubs for senior primary and high school students.

Usually based in high schools, Interact Clubs give students opportunities to develop initiative, leadership skills, teamwork skills, a community service ethic and international understanding.

If anyone is interested, please speak to Kylee or Riko Fitzgerald.

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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