GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL

Quality education in a caring, innovative environment.

School Calendar 2018

Monday 26 to Friday 30 November Primary Industries ATV & Tractor Training at Taree TAFE

Wednesday 28 November Aboriginal Culture Excursion to PACE Taree School Social Theme 'Aussie Adenture' 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Thursday 29 November Y9 Drama Night in Hall

Tuesday 4 December Burrenjoey High School Band Visit

Wednesday 5 December Y6 PtoH Orientation Day Y9 Try a Trade Day

Friday 7 and Wednesday 12 December Musical Auditions in Hall P5 & P6

Monday 10 December Presentation Night at Hall 7pm

Friday 14 December Y10 Drama Production in Hall 7pm

Saturday 15 December Y10 Drama Production in Hall 3pm & 7pm

Wednesday 19 December End of Term for Students

CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

Monday 26 November Alison Ward

Tuesday 27 November No volunteer

Wednesday 28 November Merrilyn

Thursday 29 November Elona

Friday 30 November Elona

Monday 3 December Elona

Tuesday 4 December Jen Scarborough

Wednesday 5 December Elona

Thursday 6 December No volunteer

Friday 7 December Alison Blanch



NEWSLETTER Friday, 23 November 2018

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Year 7 and 10 examinations were completed last week and this week Years 8 and 9 have been doing their yearly examinations. It has been a busy time for our students as well as being a busy time for our teachers who are marking all Stage 4 and 5 examination papers, providing feedback to students and beginning to write reports.



You would have noticed on our school sign that it is White

Ribbon Week. It is a time when we acknowledge the women who have died due to domestic violence. On Thursday the Senior Student Executive led the SRC in fixing 19 yellow crosses on the front lawn of the school to symbolise the number of children who have been killed due to domestic violence. On White Ribbon Day, Friday 23 November, some of our students and staff will represent the school at the Community Awareness Evening at Billabong Park. This event will highlight the number of women killed through domestic violence and also provide support or advocacy for anyone in need.

Last week Mik Wisely and I attended a planning day at Forster Regional Office. We spoke with various sections of the Department: Student Services, Curriculum, School Planning 2019, Milestones within the School Plan, Professional Learning and Teacher Accreditation, Annual School Reporting and Finances. Rather than each section delivering a sweeping overview of their roles, Mik and I were able to schedule a time where we could discuss ways in which they could support our school to meet our specific requirements.

Last Thursday and Friday I attended 'Leading Curriculum Monitoring for Continuous School Improvement' and 'Embedding School Excellence – Effective milestones, annual report writing and using SPaRO.' The information gained from this conference will be gradually used to embed effective implementation of curriculum policy and practice to meet Department of Education and NESA requirements. It aims to support teams in leading the implementation of GHS strategic directions from the school plan for the continual improvement of student outcomes, quality teaching and community engagement.

Due to my attendance at the above conference I was unable to attend our Year 12 Formal. From all accounts I understand that the evening was a success, our students looked amazing and they conducted themselves as outstanding members of our community. I tended my apologies for the evening and asked to have the following read. I understand that it was a busy night for the organising team and my email to Year 12 was overlooked. Here it is...

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued.....

"To all Year 12 students 2018, families and staff.

I had all intentions of attending, ticket purchased and new outfit to wear. However, with the nature of the varied work load and requirements from various directorates within the department unfortunately the conference I am on has clashed with your farewell dinner. I would like to send my apologies for being unable to attend tonight as I am on my way home from Sydney.

I am disappointed in not being here to witness the transformation of you from Year 12 students to young adults. I was looking forward to seeing the beautiful dresses and hair styles and the guys dressed to kill in their suits.

Year 12 students, on my behalf and the staff at GHS I would like to thank you for the contributions you have made to our school - SRC fundraising, role modelling leadership, successes academically, Ag, sporting, music, drama and culturally. You have contributed to the positive culture of the school. For me personally, thank you to the senior student executive who contributed to the directions and vision of our school and were the important link between students, staff and school procedures. In particular the way in which all Year 12 embraced the Senior Success Program and respected the senior study to ensure the environment was conducive to individual study or group tutorial lessons. To date you have been the best group to use the study centre.

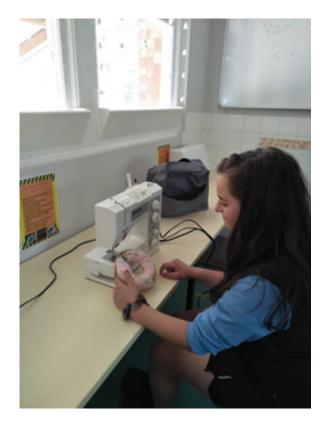
Now the stress of the exams are over, give yourself some time to relax and reconnect with family and friends, but more importantly give yourself time to reconnect with yourself. For some of you this will be a holiday with friends, or family, or planning and researching post school options. Whatever your plan is; **be safe and embrace life.**

My very best wishes to you for the future, please keep in touch and maybe come back and share your experiences with future Year 12 students."

Mrs Trudi Edman, Principal



THANK YOU P & C FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION OF 2 NEW BERNINA SEWING MACHINES.



Year 12 student, Korbyn Harford using the new Bernina 1008 sewing machine to construct a toy in Exploring Early Childhood.

A variety of cushions.



Henry and Helga the Elephants made by Year 12 student Tyler Cook for Exploring Early Childhood.





Year 7 Textiles have enjoyed using the new sewing machines to make their owl doorstop.

Diverse educational programs that challenge and inspire students



CALLING FOR AUDITIONS Fri Dee 7th Period 5-6 (1:40pm-3:15pm) Wed Dec 12th, Period 5-6 (1:40pm-3:15pm)

If you would like to audition for an acting part, please inform Mr Davis or Mrs Ingram in person or by email at <u>scott.davis10@det.nsw.edu.au</u>. Be prepared to sing a few bars from the song of <u>your</u> choice and read part of a scene from a provided script.



Diverse educational programs that challenge and inspire students

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 Preliminary and 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 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

YEAR 9 'TRY A TRADE' DAY WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER

All Year 9 students will be participating in the 2018 Try- A-Trade Day on Wednesday 5 December (Term 4 Week 8), which is hosted by local businesses and organised by GHS. Students will arrive and depart school as normal. 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 have been distributed to students and will 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. Many students (not all) are also required to complete a "Student Placement Record" as their day will be legally considered, "Work Experience". Please complete the Student and Parent sections of this form and return to the front office or Mr De Angelis ASAP.

Please contact Mr De Angelis if you have any questions or concerns.

CAREERS NEWS continued.....

CURRENT YEAR 10 STUDENTS

There are several School Based Traineeships on offer for Gloucester High Year 10 students. These Traineeships begin in Year 11 (2019) and continue until the end of Year 12 (2020). Students will have to complete approximately 1 day of work per week (replacing 1 day of school) and complete a minimum of 100 days of paid work. Thus far, no students in Year 10 have applied for these positions. See below for more details:

DMD Medical Pty Ltd

Quality Medical Care for the Communities of Gloucester & Stroud

77-81 Denison Street Gloucester NSW 2422 PH: 02 6558 1604 FX: 02 6558 2592

DMD Medical Pty Ltd has a vacancy for a School Based Traineeship for 2019/2020 Years 11 and 12. The successful applicant will complete a Certificate III in Business Administration via correspondence in conjunction with on the job training at Gloucester MediCo site.

- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent telephone manner
- Computer literate
- Ability to multi-task and work under pressure
- Reliability and punctuality
- Work within a team environment and independently
- Show initiative
- Flexibility
- Confidentiality extremely important

Please speak to Mr De Angelis for further information.



Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group Inc. (BWNG) is seeking students who are starting Year 11 in 2019 who may be interested in undertaking a School Based Traineeship.

The following positions available in 2019:

- 2 x Individual Support Trainees (Certificate III in Individual Support—Disability)
- 1 x Financial Services Trainee (Certificate III in Business Administration- Finance)
- 2 x Business Administration Trainees (Certificate III in Business Administration)

CAREERS NEWS continued.....

A school based traineeship is a fantastic pathway to gaining a vocational qualification whilst still at school and being paid for the time you work!

Your traineeship requires you to work 100 days over Year 11 and 12 (generally 1 day per week and extra in school holidays) and on successful completion you will receive a vocational qualification, this qualification can act as a pathway to TAFE, university or further work!

You must be able to commence work in the January school holidays 2019.

Please forward your expression of interest to Training@bwng.org.au and/or see Mr De Angelis for further details.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE TERM 4

Due to the changing nature and structure of the Year 10 Syllabus, I am encouraging Year 10 students to complete another week or more of Work Experience. At this point, Year 10 students have completed all final exams and assessment tasks. Although there are continued valuable lessons in their various classes, they may instead want to take the opportunity to work outside of school which can be even more rewarding. For many, this is their last opportunity to complete School Work Experience. They may want to re-visit a business where they worked during Term 1 or choose somewhere entirely new.

If students are interested they need to get a copy of the Student Placement Record (insurance paper) from Mr De Angelis ASAP.

VARIATION TO ROUTINE FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS Wednesday 5 December, 2:00pm - 3:15pm

All Year 10 students will be participating in the Civil Construction Federation (CCF) School Visit Program on Wednesday, 5 December 2018 2:00pm – 3:15pm. This program showcases the fast-growing civil industry and the many career opportunities available. Facts about the industry and requirements for obtaining work within the industry will be the main focus. It will take place in the Gloucester High School Hall towards the end of the school day. Students will return home as usual and they do not require any special equipment.

Mr Michael De Angelis, Careers Adviser

Generation Scholastic - Book Club

Pick up your Book Club Catalogue Order (Issue 8) from the LIBRARY. Orders for this issue need to be returned and paid for at the Front Office by 30/11/18

URGENTLY NEEDED

If anyone has school uniforms in reasonable condition that they no longer require, please deliver to the school office as our emergency supplies are running low. Thank you.

SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE FOR PAYMENT

Thank you to those who have paid. Please contact the school if you have any queries.



GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL

2018 FEES

Please return this sheet to school with your payment. Thank you.

		Online		
		Payment		
		Reference		
Years 7 & 8	Whole year	78CNT	\$40.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$10.00	
Years 7 & 8 PRACTICAL	Whole year	78PRA	\$50.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$12.50	
Years 9 & 10	Whole year	910CN	\$48.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$12.00	
SENIOR CONTRIBUTION				
Years 11 & 12	Whole year	112CN	\$60.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$15.00	
TAFE STUDENTS	Whole year	112TC	\$40.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$10.00	
ELECTIVE SUBJECTS - Years 9 & 10				
Agriculture	9/10	910AG	\$50.00	
Drama	9/10	910DR	\$15.00	
Food Technology (\$25 per term)	9/10	910FT	\$100.00	
Information Software Technology	9	910IT	\$40.00	
Industrial Technology - Metal Art	9	910MT	\$60.00	
Industrial Technology - Metal Automotive	9/10	910MT	\$60.00	
ISTEM	9/10	910ST	\$40.00	
Marine and Aquaculture Technology	10	910MA	\$50.00	
Music	9	910MU	\$40.00	
Photographic/Digital Media	9	910PH	\$50.00	
Technics - Metal	10	910MT	\$60.00	
Technics - Timber	9/10	910TM	\$60.00	
Visual Arts	9/10	910VA	\$35.00	
ELECTIVE SUBJECTS - Years 11 & 12				
Agriculture	11/12	112AG	\$50.00	
Construction VET	11/12	112BC	\$60.00	
Drama	11/12	112DR	\$20.00	
Early Childhood	11/12	112EC	\$20.00	
Food Technology	12	112FT	\$50.00	
Hospitality Food costs per year	11/12	112HO	\$100.00	
Industrial Technology - Timber	11/12	112TM	\$60.00	
Info Processing & Technology	11/12	112IT	\$40.00	
Metals & Engineering VET	11/12	112MT	\$60.00	
Music	11/12	112MU	\$50.00	
Primary Industries	11/12	112PI	\$50.00	
Software Design Development	12	112SD	\$30.00	
Visual Arts	11	112VA	\$50.00	
Visual Arts	12	112VA	\$30.00	
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GLOUCESTER YOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM

As part of the joint MidCoast Council/University of New England Youth Project, a meeting was held at Gloucester High School on Thursday 15 November. This forum gathered information on issues concerning youth (14-24 years) in Gloucester; they held a meeting at Gloucester HS to speak with the high school and Bucketts Way Neighhood Centre representatives.

Issues raised included more activities for children after school and better services for family and health support here in Gloucester.

It was acknowledged the great community we have and how the community provides excellent activities for kids especially in sport.

Gaming and mental health were also points of concern and it was identified that families affected need direct support and intervention to help improve outcomes for their children.

Gloucester High School's major focus is education and encouraging all students to become productive members of society. By building stronger, more engaged youth we can increase our positive impact on our communities.

It is hoped that input from these Community Forums can direct decision making and funding to improve support for the youth of Gloucester.

Mr Mik Wisely, Deputy Principal



STUDENTS SUPPORT WHITE RIBBON EVENT 2018

Gloucester High School has raised awareness to the issue of domestic violence and will support the White Ribbon Event run by the Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Centre this Friday 23 November. The school has advertised this event to staff and students and also the community via the electronic sign. This topic is relevant to all students and staff and has been discussed in classrooms, on assembly and at year meetings. A representative group from our School will officially attend and support the White Ribbon evening.

Thanks to our Technology and Applied Studies students and faculty members for manufacturing and painting the yellow crosses placed just inside our school fence. These 19 yellow crosses represent the children who have died as a result of domestic violence in Australia this year. Our school's Student Representative Council carefully placed these crosses in a brief ceremony on Thursday morning.





SOLAR OVENS

Wendy Wales and Tony Lonergan from 'WONSO Wonders of Nature Solar Ovens' recently dropped in to Gloucester High School to demonstrate a range of solar powered cooking equipment.

Students were introduced to the concepts of double glazing, reflection and insulation in box ovens, focussing of light using a parabola and the greenhouse effect of a casserole at its focal point, and that light can pass through a vacuum in heat pipes and be trapped. All these scientific principles mean we can use solar energy to cook our food using three different technologies.

Students were interested to learn that on a sunny day the ovens get to 180°C, the parabola gets the water boiling within minutes and the heat pipe works so effectively it will burn food.

While the discussions generally focused on the free running costs, the pollution free effect of mirrors and insulation and the fact that you can cook in summer without heating up the kitchen, the lucky last set of students got to enjoy the "truth in the pudding" when the chocolate cake in the box oven was declared cooked, cut and shared.

Wendy and Tony commented on how friendly, helpful and interested staff and students at Gloucester High School were to them and their demonstration.







FREE SOFTWARE FOR STUDENTS

All students have access to FREE software such as Microsoft Office for their home computers and other devices. Students can access this software at:

https://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/Welcome.aspx

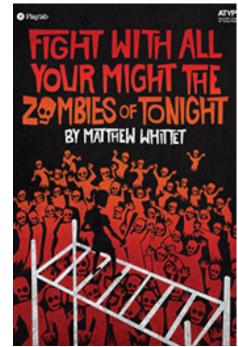
GHS YEAR 10 PRODUCTION 2018:

FIGHT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT THE ZOMBIES OF TONIGHT

by Matthew Whittet

It's not easy being young and smart.

Alex is a twelve-year-old with a keen eye and a wit to match. She's been watching everyone at school for the last few days like an eagle... or maybe a hawk, and something's not right. Everyone is acting weird. They're all starting to say the same things, wear the same clothes, do bad dance routines in the corridors for no reason at all and meet up after school to drink decaf-mocha-latte-soy-frappucinos. The writing's on the wall. She knows what's happening. They're all turning into zombies.



In fact, it's the Night of the Zombies - that fateful occurrence that happens once every 200 years. Alex and her buddies know what to do, they'll have to fight with all their might the zombies of tonight.

If you saw the recent Australian movie Girl Asleep, it might not be all that surprising to learn that these zombies are the product of the imagination of that film's writer, Matthew Whittet.

"I really like genre stories and then subverting and playing with them," he says. "So I asked my son Jasper, who is 10, about his favourite stories. At that point he was really into zombies, and that got me thinking. There is a plethora of films about zombies – but I couldn't think of a play. I thought writing one would be awesome."

The Australian Theatre for Young People agreed. Whittet's new play, Fight With All Your Might the Zombies of Tonight, walked away with the 2015 ATYP Foundation Commission Award. The play explores themes such as fitting in, peer pressure and bullying. The moral of the story is all about being yourself.

Fight With All Your Might the Zombies of Tonight features Year 10 Drama students Adam Battle, Ethan Bird, Will Bowden, Riko Fitzgerald, Connor Grady, Tayla Hartley, Bethany Hester, Anneka Hooke, Elizabeth Howarth, Tiarne Lawler, Cara Mackintosh, Charlotte Maslen, Jordan Rae, Taylor Scanlon, James Terras, Holly Willis and Bella Yates. The production is directed by GHS Drama teacher Scott Davis.

Gloucester High School Hall

Friday December 14th at 7:00pm

Saturday December 15th at 3:00pm and 7:00pm

Tickets: \$3 at the door

The play is suitable for ages 8+ but lots of laughs are guaranteed for all those young at heart!

For further information contact Scott Davis at the high school on 6558 1605.



STRATFORD COAL EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND



Education and Training Grants 2019

Applications are invited from interested persons and businesses for financial assistance grants for 2019 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 Gloucester & Stroud FROM THURSDAY 26/11/17.

For further information contact: John Walton 2 (02) 65588272

Applications close on Friday 25th JANUARY 2019.

HURRY, 2 WEEKS ONLY!









Year 10 Drama Production 2018

CHANGE OF SCHOOL ROUTINE ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 14TH

Year 10 Drama will be presenting their end of year production, *Fight With All Your Might the Zombies of Tonight*, in the school hall on Friday December 14th at 1:30pm. Your child is <u>invited</u> to attend this performance and admission will be \$2.00.

The play is targeted at primary school audiences but INTERESTED high school students are welcome to attend. To indicate your child's intention of intending, you will need to ensure that the bottom section of this note is signed and returned with the \$2.00 to the school office by **Monday December 10th**. As the school will need time to organise lessons for students not attending on the day, no notes will be accepted after this date. Below is a blurb about the play.

It's not easy being young and smart.

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This is a feel-good family play delivered by an exciting cast of young performers.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Scott Davis Drama Teacher 22 November 2018

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW AND RETURN by Mon Dec 10

I hereby consent to my

son/daughter/ward_

attending the Year 10 production of *Fight With All Your Might the Zombies of Tonight* during Periods 5 & 6 on Friday December 14th, 2018.

Signature of Parent/Guardian __

_Date ____







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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