

## School Calendar 2018

### TERM 4

**Monday 12 November**

Years 7 & 10 Examination week

**Friday 16 November**

Year 12 Formal

**Monday 19 November**

Years 8 & 9 Examination week

P & C Meeting 7pm

**Tuesday 20 November**

HSC Information Night 6pm School Library

Y10 Geography Excursion to Booti Booti

**Wednesday 21 November**

Y6 PtoH Transition Program

**Wednesday 28 November**

Aboriginal Culture Excursion to PACE Taree

**Wednesday 5 December**

Y6 PtoH Orientation Day

Y9 Try a Trade Day

### CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

**Monday 12 November**

Elona

**Tuesday 13 November**

Jennie Smith

**Wednesday 14 November**

Merrilyn

**Thursday 15 November**

Mel Seale

**Friday 16 November**

Elona

**Monday 19 November**

Elona

**Tuesday 20 November**

Jen Scarborough

**Wednesday 21 November**

Merrilyn

**Thursday 22 November**

No volunteer

**Friday 23 November**

Elona

NEWSLETTER Friday, 9 November 2018

## AMAZING RESULT - RESERVE CHAMPION UPPER HUNTER BEEF BONANZA AT SCONE



'Norton' and leader Miranda Riley

Overall Reserve Champion Carcase went to GHS with our Heavyweight Angus Cross Limousin steer with a score of 93.46. This is second out of about 400 animals entered into the competition. Alan and Carol Luscombe donated the steer to the school for students to prepare for Scone. See full story in newsletter.

## INVITATION TO ALL YEAR 12 PARENTS/CARERS AND YEAR 12 STUDENTS

INFORMATION NIGHT - SURVIVING THE HSC  
FOR YEAR 12 AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS  
TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER AT 6PM  
IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

MAXIMISING STUDY AND MINIMISING STRESS

VALUABLE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY  
STAFF



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The HSC examinations are now over and once again we wish our Year 12 students a successful future and look forward to their farewell dinner. This year we were fortunate to have a number of teachers marking the HSC examination papers and practical works. This is an excellent professional learning opportunity for our teachers; to improve their knowledge skills and to embed best practice from across the state, with the aim of supporting our students to maximising their results.



We are now moving into the next phase of the examination period. Years 7 to 10 have examinations scheduled over the next few weeks. Prior to these examinations, students will be completing revision work during their classes, hence the importance for students to be up to date with their book work, assessments and summary sheets, in order to maximise the revision time.

The examination period can become quite stressful for students. I have included a number of websites that may assist students and families to manage this time:

<https://kidshelpline.com.au>

<https://www.lifeline.org.au/com.au>

<https://about.au.reachout.com/contact/>

<https://headspace.org.au/>

<http://www.hnekidshealth.nsw.gov.au/site/mentalhealth>

I would like to correct information from the last newsletter. I would like to thank Mark McClure for his support of the students, teachers and parents who attended the recent silver Duke of Edinburgh walk. It was Mark and Hamish who met the team with bacon and egg rolls after the hike. It is a testimony to the embracing community of Gloucester, that we have so many families supporting the many activities offered to the students at Gloucester High School. We do appreciate your commitment to supporting the wide curriculum at the school.

We have the next P&C meeting on the 19 November 2018. I would like to invite anyone who may have been thinking of joining, but just haven't gotten around to it yet, to come along and contribute to the planning and future direction of Gloucester High School.

**Mrs Trudi Edman, Principal**

## 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>

## MILLER VISIT CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the visit to Gloucester High School by students from Sydney's Miller Technology High has been cancelled. As this provides a valuable educational experience for our students, we hope that they will be in a better position to make the trip in the not too distant future. Many thanks and apologies to those students and families who had offered to host the visiting students this year.



# SILVER QUALIFYING DUKE OF ED WALK

Some of our Year 11 students from Gloucester High School recently completed their Silver Qualifying Duke of Ed walk. At 58km, it was the longest but also the most picturesque and enjoyable walk so far.



The campaign started earlier than expected when the caravan of cars was halted mid-way up the mountain to Gloucester Tops Falls by a huge fallen tree. Luckily for the team, Andrew Blamires was on board and it was quickly dispensed with. As the road block set the team back an hour and a half, it was up to James McCleod and Jacob Sopher to ensure we got to camp at Wombat Creek before nightfall.



Walking.....



An Elf

The second day proved an easier and more familiar walk as we skirted the plateau taking in the sights at Careys Peak, Mount Barrington and Eremeran Lookout. Pausing to regroup as we came into Little Murray was in order, as a brumby stallion seemed intent on us going elsewhere!

Arriving at Little Murray, everyone relaxed, set up camp and ate a leisurely dinner until what appeared to be a jet engine, thundered toward us through the trees.

Fortunately, the storm calmed and the wind dropped and as night fell it started to gently rain.



A well earned break



Kholwha Trail

The final day greeted us again with perfect walking weather, cool and overcast. We walked what has to be the best walking track in the Tops, the Kholwha Trail, down into Moppy.

Hamish and Mark McClure met us with bacon and egg burgers and fresh juice. What a way to end a fantastic weekend.



The last of the bacon and eggs are eaten as the rain clouds roll in.

A big thanks goes out to John Gillies, Marie, Annie, Alison, Ted and James Laurie for allowing us to pass through their properties and those parents that did the pick-up and drop off.

We'd also like to thank Marika Edstein and Chris Moulds for coming along for the ride.

Mr Rob Seale

# UPPER HUNTER BEEF BONANZA

It has been a busy few months at the Ag Farm for the School Cattle Show Team. On 25 to 28 October the team of 25 students and 9 animals, (4 school animals and 5 donated local farmers' animals) travelled to the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza at White Park Scone to compete in the Hoof and Hook Competition, Parading and Cattle Judging classes. The students enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot at the practice/information sessions on the Friday before the main competitions on the Saturday and Sunday.

There were over 800 students who competed in the paraders classes and over 400 animals entered into the competition.

The school/students achieved the following fantastic results:

The following students gained 3rd place in their parader's age heat

- Miranda Riley
- Drew Stone
- Phoebe Pritchard-McFadyen

Tayla Hartley gained 1st in her heat and went on to the championship for the 16 years parader. Tayla made it into the top 10 of 150, congratulations.



Tayla and Steer 'Neptune'

Also congratulation to Jordyn Snape of Year 12 who won Champion Parader overall.



In the lead classes we were able to gain the following results **on the hoof**:

Highly Commended in the Heavy Weight class 16 - 'Norton' Bred by A & C Luscombe

Highly Commended in the Heavy Weight class 18 - 'Neptune' - Bred by the Hooke Family of Skibo Angus .

**On the hook** we were thrilled to have 4 of our 9 animals receive ribbons.

4th Place in the Lightweight class 2 - 'Nah' Bred by Schneider Family, Tipperary Shorthorns

5th Place in the Light Middleweight class 4 - 'Nora' a heifer bred by the school

5th Place in the Heavyweight class 16 – 'Neptune' Bred by the Hooke Family of Skibo Angus

1st Place in the Heavyweight class 18 – 'Norton' Bred by A & C Luscombe

Reserve Champion Heavyweight steer 'Norton' with a score of 93.46/100

Keen Year 12 students also attended after their exams and took part in the Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition.



'Norton' and Lachlan Blanch



## UPPER HUNTER BEEF BONANZA continued.....

We would like to thank the following families for their donation of steers for this competition because without their support the students wouldn't be able to compete in competitions like these.

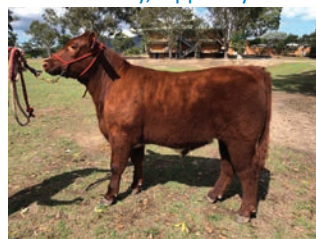
Alan & Carol Luscombe



Hooke Family of Skibo - Neptune



Schneider Family, Tipperary Shorthorns



Bruce & Merrilyn Snape



The students were also extremely appreciative of Rachel Blanch and Bridget Edwards who organised meals throughout the four days while we were camping on the grounds, Dave Bignell who trucked the steers and Steve Tonitto for driving the school bus.

Also a massive thank you to parents Rachel Blanch, Bridget and Ross Edwards and Narelle and David Bignell for transporting gear and general assistance while at the event, without their support it would make the excursion so much harder to do.

A big thank you must also go to our P & C Ag Sub Committee for their support in buying all the supplies needed to prepare and feed the stock. The students are extremely appreciative for the opportunities that this creates for them while at school.

Students are now sourcing steers for Wingham Beef Week in May 2019 and are hoping that the farming community will again support them.

A big thank you to all our community supporters.

Miss Erin Blake  
Ag Teacher

### 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 ☎(02) 65588272

**Applications close on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019.**

To appear in *Gloucester Advocate* from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and every three weeks as space permits.



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**INSTORE & ONLINE - THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

\* Excludes gift cards & all suit packages. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Offer ends midnight (AEDT) 15/11/18. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

## UNDER 14'S BAKER SHIELD CRICKET

On Wednesday 31 October, 13 boys from Years 8 and 7 represented Gloucester High in the Baker Shield, a state-wide under 14's cricket competition. Gloucester hosted the event, with teams travelling from Forster, Tuncurry and Wingham to play two 20/20 games.

Bowlers dominated our first game against Forster, and batting first against a strong bowling attack we lost several early wickets. A solid knock from Nic Edwards somewhat restored our innings before we were dismissed for a modest 44. Some inspired fast bowling from Kelly Groves had us back in the game with Forster struggling at 3-9 but Forster then consolidated, eventually winning by 5 wickets.

We turned the tables in our second game, finishing with a convincing win against Wingham. Strong bowling from Kayden Schumann and good fielding – featuring a spectacular run-out from Harrison Edwards – saw Wingham all out for 51. Isaac McClure led the Gloucester chase and we achieved our target just a few wickets down.

Tuncurry were the overall winners on the day and advance to the next round while Gloucester looks forward to rebuilding for another chance next year.

It was a pleasure being involved with the team; the boys played both games with enthusiasm and a positive spirit and represented our school with pride. Thanks to Ken Garland for preparing the wickets, Steven Bignell and Gloucester Junior Cricket for the use of their kits, parents and family members who joined us on the day and Midcoast Council for the use of the grounds.

**Mr Kingston**



## YEARLY EXAMINATION TIMETABLES

Below is the link to our website for the current Examination Timetables. Please note there have been some changes to Year 8's examination timetable since it was previously emailed to parents/carers.

<https://gloucester-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/bring-your-own-device/examination-timetable.html>

Please contact the school if you have any queries.

## 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.

# 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-frappuccinos. 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.



## YEAR 9 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION CAKES

On Tuesday 6 November, Year 9 Food Technology students designed and produced a decorated birthday cake.

Mrs Cameron demonstrated some excellent cake decorating techniques. Students were very happy to receive some tips from a professional. Thank you Mrs Cameron.

The cakes were part of an assessment task addressing both practical and theoretical components of the Food Technology course. Final products looked very appealing with some of the cakes being enjoyed by students, staff and parents.



Ms Ribbons

## YEAR 7/8 SPORT



After having so much fun on our adventures last term, the Tri Challenge training team has decided to continue into Term 4, even attracting some new competitors. Interestingly, it hasn't been the heat that has affected our progress but rather flat tyres and mechanical breakdowns. In particular, Anthony Schultz, Kyle Atkins and Caiden Wakefield appear oblivious to the rising temperatures!

The team would like to thank Swampy, who while preparing his wickets for Saturday, helped organise the much appreciated cool down station. We were also met

by Anne Keen of the Advocate who interviewed a number of students prior to a meeting that afternoon discussing the possibility of those much needed bike tracks around town.

Any parents or community members interested in joining us on a Friday afternoon, are encouraged to contact Rob Seale here at school.

Mr Seale

## P & C MEETING - MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 19 November at 7.00pm in the school foyer. This will be the last meeting for the year and celebration nibbles will be provided.

Please advise if there is anything that you would like added to the agenda.

## 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		
<b>JUNIOR CONTRIBUTION</b>				
<b>Years 7 &amp; 8</b>	Whole year	78CNT	\$40.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$10.00	
<b>Years 7 &amp; 8 PRACTICAL</b>	Whole year	78PRA	\$50.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$12.50	
<b>Years 9 &amp; 10</b>	Whole year	910CN	\$48.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$12.00	
<b>SENIOR CONTRIBUTION</b>				
<b>Years 11 &amp; 12</b>	Whole year	112CN	\$60.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$15.00	
<b>TAFE STUDENTS</b>	Whole year	112TC	\$40.00	
By Four Instalments	Per term		\$10.00	
<b>ELECTIVE SUBJECTS - Years 9 &amp; 10</b>				
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	
<b>ELECTIVE SUBJECTS - Years 11 &amp; 12</b>				
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	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>STUDENT'S NAME</b>		<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATE</b>	

Saint Paul's Anglican Church  
Saturday 10 November 2018 at 2:00PM

## Classical Guitar & Saxophone Recital



Dennis van Rooyen (classical guitar)  
and  
Alice Morgan (saxophone)

Both Dennis and Alice are graduates of the **Sydney Conservatorium of Music** and performed in various venues throughout New South Wales

Venue:  
Saint Paul's Anglican Church, Hume Street, Gloucester

Tickets

### School students are free.

\$15 (adult) and \$10 (pensioner) available at the door from 1:30 pm

Enquiries:  
Rob Llewellyn/Church Office (02) 65581065  
Dennis 0439373550

**MIDCOAST council**

Imagine someone's old  
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## GLOUCESTER TIP SHOP Open Day, Saturday 17 November

RE-IMAGINE  
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Whether you're a craft lover, a bargain hunter, a retro collector or looking to rehome something pre-loved, there's plenty to love about Gloucester Tip Shop.

Join us for Open Day during National Recycling Week:

Where: 385 Thunderbolts Way  
Gloucester  
When: Saturday 17 November  
From: 10am - 4pm

- Browse a range of household items, furniture, toys... even kitchen sinks!
- Pick up a bargain, a gift, or your next creative project
- Find out what can (and what can't) be recycled at our CRC

**FREE UPCYCLING WORKSHOPS**  
Bookings essential - phone 6538 5250 or visit [www.trybooking.com/YUWF](http://www.trybooking.com/YUWF)

- Upcycling ideas for your garden
- Hosted by Gloucester Men's Shed
  - Two sessions: 10 - 11am, and 11am - 12pm

- Share your upcycling project
- Bring an item you've created (or a photo) and receive a free tip shop voucher
  - 12 - 1pm (light lunch provided)

- Upcycling for kids
- Help your kids get crafty
  - Two sessions: 1 - 2pm, and 2 - 3pm

Check our Facebook page for updates /GloucesterTipShop or contact us for more info by calling 6538 5250, or emailing [recycling@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recycling@midcoast.nsw.gov.au)

See over for upcycling inspiration

[www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au)

YOUR LOCAL PCYC PRESENTS

# BLUE LIGHT DISCO

**30/11/18 @ 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

**LOTS OF LUCKY DOOR PRIZES ON OFFER**

**30/11/18 @ 7.30PM**

**JUNIOR BLUELIGHT - Yrs 3 to 7**

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

**LOTS OF LUCKY DOOR PRIZES ON OFFER**

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

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

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

## PARENTING MASTERCLASS

MIDCOAST COUNCIL AND MISSION AUSTRALIA PRESENT



### GROWING UP ONLINE

Keeping children and young people safe in an online world

An informative and entertaining session for parents and carers is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach and will cover the positive benefits of technology, as well as what parents need to be aware of.

**What are kids doing online?**

You know Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram and Skype but what about Omegle, Musical.ly, YouTube, Meow or Kik? These other apps are also used as live streaming sites. What are the age restrictions and why are they important? What are they exposed to and why can this be a problem?

**Online Grooming**

What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs and what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child?

**Cyber bullying**

What is it, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent it and what to do if it occurs? Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.

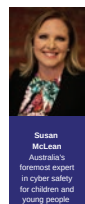
**Sharing nude and sexting**

The taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law.

**Potential dangers and safety tips**

How to assist the children in your care to stay safe online via parental controls and restriction pass codes.

**Problematic Internet use and gaming issues**



Also featuring a live Q&A with local young people and a pop up resource library courtesy of MidCoast Libraries

**BYO device for hands-on support**

When: Tuesday 27th November 2018  
Where: Club Forster, 19 Strand Street, Forster  
Start: 5.00pm registration (light refreshments)  
Close: 8.00pm  
Cost: Free  
Register: <https://www.ticketcitytickets.com.au/70291>  
More information: 02 6539 2003



## 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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