

School Calendar

Monday 8 - Friday 12 November

Primary Industries ATV training

Tuesday 9 November

HSC starts

Wednesday 10 November

Year 6 Transition afternoon

Wednesday 1 December

Year 6 Full Day Orientation

* All activities and events subject to COVID restrictions

Our Next P&C Meeting:

Monday 15 November - 6.30pm - Via Zoom

Please contact:

gloucesterhighschool@pandacaffiliate.org.au

if you would like to attend the meeting.

All parents and citizens welcome.

CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

Monday 1 November

Elona

Tuesday 2 November

Emma

Wednesday 3 November

Emma

Thursday 4 November

Elona

Friday 5 November

Leeanne

Monday 8 November

Elona

Tuesday 9 November

Amanda

Wednesday 10 November

Merrilyn

Thursday 11 November

Elona

Friday 12 November

Jodie

URGENT:

Volunteers needed to help in our school canteen.

No experience required, just a friendly face.

Please contact us on 6558 9963 asap.

GOOD LUCK YEAR 12!

All the best to Year 12 students sitting the HSC Exams! This has been a very challenging year. I'm very proud of your perseverance and strength to carry on and finish the job despite these challenges. You got this! Everything will work out!

Mr Michael De Angelis, Year 12 Adviser 2021



Year 12 students, [click here for some exam day tips](#) and loads of other resources to help you through the HSC.

Year 12 parents, [click here for tips to support your kids going through the HSC](#)



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Year 12 are in their final days of schooling. The HSC commences on 9 November 2021. During this term teachers have scheduled tutorials for their classes to revise units of work and practice answering questions from past examination papers. It was pleasing to see quite a number of Year 12 students attending. We acknowledge that the past two years have been very challenging for our students, yet they have shown resilience and determination to persevere under these circumstances. It was unfortunate that we had to cancel the Year 12 Graduation Assembly this Friday. We are looking at alternate options that meet Covid guidelines. On behalf of the school community, we wish Year 12 well in their exams and their future endeavours.

A few weeks ago, for Wellbeing Week, we launched 'Random Acts of Kindness'. I would like to acknowledge and thank Colleen Sorrensen for hand making face masks for our staff. She even went to the trouble of coordinating themed fabrics for each faculty (ABC, crayons, chickens, music symbols, Harry Potter, Minecraft and periodic table symbols).

Mrs Trudi Edman, Principal



MATHS CORNER QUESTION (for students and parents)

Question:

If 16 is added to one-third of a number; the result is three times the number. What is the number?

Previous Answer:

Strategy: Consider the common multiples of 4 and 5.

If we had 3 students more, there would be no students left over for groups of 4 or for groups of 5. The positive multiples of 4 and 5 are 20, 40, 60, etc. If we now subtract the three students we added earlier, our possible answers will be 17, 37, 57, etc. Then, **the least number of students the class could have is 17.**

* Maths corner questions have been provided courtesy of 'Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) Inc' an advanced problem solving course currently being undertaken by some of our Year 7 & 8 students.



LIBRARY NEWS

We have had a wonderful range of new books arrive recently, they are on the shelves ready to borrow!



DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:

6 / 11 / 2021

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE PROGRAM (BYOD)

All students are encouraged to bring their own laptops to school for use in class and for seamless use then at home. We are committed to moving students and staff forward in a contemporary learning environment. The school plan is to transition to better use of technology within our classrooms, with a target over the next few years of a device for each and every student.



This does not mean students will be on devices 100% of the time, but that teachers can incorporate learning that can increase student engagement. Technology can also allow students to work at different levels in the same class. There are many possibilities and we want to equip students, as they will use technology in their professional lives.

Many students already have devices, or parents are considering buying them for them in high school. It is better for the student to be working with their own device (providing their own 'one stop shop'), for their own work consistency.

What years are required to BYOD in 2022?

Students in Years 7, 8, 11 and 12 are now expected to bring their own device, and Years 9 and 10 are strongly encouraged to do so also. Any student that brings a device to school will be offered support to connect to the network and get software available free from the Department (i.e. Microsoft Office).

We know that this is a big investment, and to assist parents in their choices, we have partnered with HP to get good pricing and support, and also interest free purchases should you need it. Click '[here](#)' for more information on our website or refer to the flyer within this newsletter.

Should you wish to purchase elsewhere, please see '[here](#)' for our minimum recommended specs for BYOD.

Do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions regarding BYOD, Chris Moulds or Sal Mullerworth can help.

Year	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2021	BYOD	BYOD Optional	BYOD Optional	BYOD Optional	BYOD	BYOD
2022	BYOD	BYOD	BYOD Optional	BYOD Optional	BYOD	BYOD
2023	BYOD	BYOD	BYOD	BYOD Optional	BYOD	BYOD
2024	BYOD	BYOD	BYOD	BYOD	BYOD	BYOD



Gloucester High School



www.hp.com.au/byod

Access Code: **GloucesterHS**



HP ProBook x360 11 G6 EE 11.6"
Intel i3 + Pen

8GB RAM / 128GB Storage

Incl: 3 Years Enhanced Onsite Support



HP ProBook x360 435 G8 13.3"
AMD Ryzen 5 + Pen

8 GB RAM / 256 GB Storage

Incl: 3 Years Enhanced Onsite Support



HP ProBook x360 435 G8 13.3"
AMD Ryzen 5 + Pen

16 GB RAM / 256 GB Storage

Incl: 3 Years Enhanced Onsite Support



HP ProBook x360 435 G8 13.3"
AMD Ryzen 7 + Pen

16 GB RAM / 512 GB Storage

Incl: 3 Years Enhanced Onsite Support

PLS NOTE: The school recommends buying a Protective Case with the devices - options are available under the 'Accessories' TAB.

All Prices Include: **3 Yr Onsite Support & FREE DELIVERY**



3 Yr Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) Insurance
Carepack needs to be purchased Separately due to new Law!! ADP Carepack prices start from \$129 for 3 Yrs with **\$0 Excess Fee.**

ABORIGINAL ART WORKSHOP FOR HOSPITAL

Interested students identifying as Aboriginal, along with their nominated peers are working on designs for an outdoor barbeque area at the Gloucester Soldiers Memorial Hospital. Kim Wright kindly dedicated her time on the day to share her own cultural knowledge and art making skills - thank you Kimmy. An all-day workshop took place on Tuesday to give students the opportunity to develop their skills and designs further, it was an exciting day for all of us.

Mrs Wendy Fraser



Elizabeth Copeland



Emma Broadhead



Jarrah Wilson



Kim Wright and Charlie Clarke



Mia Hardy, Roze Murphy and Amarlie Stephenson



Rory Gambrill

NICK AND MAX MAKE THE HUNTER SQUAD

Congratulations to Nicholas Maslen and Max Todd on making the Hunter Academy of Sport Hockey Squad.

Training will start soon and hopefully with the easing of Covid restrictions they will get some game time in!



YEAR 7 TREE PLANTING

As part of the Year 7 Mandatory Technology program, students have continued to plant native trees and shrubs in the Ag area to increase biodiversity as well as provide shade for stock. We have recently been supported by the Teachers Federation with a \$600 grant that will be used to continue to purchase locally sourced plants.



YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY – BIRTHDAY CAKES

As part of their major assessment in Food Technology, students designed and produced a themed, decorated birthday cake for a child of their choice. Students were treated to a demonstration lesson from Mrs Cameron who is an expert in this area. Mrs Cameron showed the students how to cover a cake, how to avoid 'crumbing', working with the cake on a board and how to use a piping bag correctly. Students put many hours and time into their designs and the finished products speak for themselves. The birthday cakes were an Assessment Task for the context area Food For Special Occasions. From the results, we have many budding cake decorators! Thank you to Mrs Cameron for taking the time to demonstrate techniques to the students. Thank you also to Mrs Hooke who completed the ordering of ingredients for this task.

Ms Ribbons, Year 9 Food Technology Teacher



Year 9 Food Tech Birthday Cakes



SCHOOLS' MERINO WETHER CHALLENGE

Earlier in the year, our Year 9 Agriculture class decided to enter the NSW Annual Schools' Merino Wether Challenge where we would get 6 sheep to break in and produce the best wool and meat.

Over the months, every Ag lesson we had, we would be down at the ag farm rounding up our sheep, weighing them and putting halters on them. At the beginning the sheep didn't like it, they would throw themselves on the ground but the more we worked with them and kept them quiet the quicker they started walking around and doing everything they were taught to do.

Year 9 Ag did such an amazing job of breaking the sheep in and fattening them up, we won in the Coastal Region and came in the top 3rd overall, competing against 142 teams and 370 sheep.

Team A came 42nd out 142 teams overall in the state.

Team B came 48th out of 142 teams overall in the state.

On behalf of the Year 9 Ag class, we would like to thank the school for allowing this extra-curricular activity in a hard year of Covid-19, if it wasn't for the school we wouldn't have come this far and achieved these amazing results. Thank you.

Great job Year 9 Ag!



Ellen Griffin, Year 9 Ag student



SCONE BEEF BONANZA

It has been an interesting year for our show team. Our last actual show was Newcastle in March. More recently our students have been busily preparing for the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza Show at Scone, which took place on 24 October. We sent seven animals that were generously donated to our school. The steers looked good leaving for the 3.5hr trip to Scone, transported by "Johnno" Johnston. They were judged on the hoof in pens. Due to Covid, the students were unable to attend but the show was put on social media so students could see the judging of their cattle. This allowed the students and breeders to see the results and hear the judges' comments, which gave an idea as to what they were looking for on the day.

The animals, at the time of writing this report, have only been judged on part of the competition. However, we have already received the following results:

- Speckle Park x – "Rebel" 4th middleweight class 2 (421-460kg)
- Angus - "Mackas Rosco" highly commended middleweight class 5A (541-580kg)
- Angus x Limo - " Roy Roy" 4th middleweight class 5B (541-580kg)
- Charolais x Limo - "Romeo" 3rd heavyweight class 6 (581-620kg)
- Angus - "Boambee Rascal" 3rd heavyweight class 7 (621kg+)

We would like to acknowledge the following for their continued support of the show team, without it the program would be unable to run.

- **Boambee Angus**, East Seaham, donation of 2 steers (Rascal & Rio)
- **Macka's Australian Black Angus Beef**, Gloucester, donation of two steers (Robert & Rosco)
- **Gloucester High School Ag P&C subcommittee**, donation of 3 steers (Roy Roy & Romeo purchased from Ronnie Mackintosh and Rebel from Coolabah Belted Galloway stud)
- **Jono Johnston**, Nelsons Plains, for transporting the cattle

The students would personally like to thank these donors and Tim Norrie for sourcing the animals for our 2020 and 2021 show team.

We are looking forward to the carcass results which will be out in the next week, hopefully with more good results on the way... stay tuned!

We are always on the lookout for more beef steer or heifer animals to join the show team. If you have anything suitable in the 6-12mths age category of beef genetics (no dairy genetics allowed in carcass competitions) and would like to help the school out, please contact either Chris Murray - Head Teacher TAS or Erin Blake - Ag Teacher, to discuss.

Gloucester High Show Team 2021



SCONE BEEF BONANZA continued...



THANK YOU

Gloucester High School would like to say thank you to Col and Julie from HB Sales and Mik and Kerrie Wisley for their generous donation of quad bikes for the Year 9 and Year 10 students to learn and practice their Metals Automotive skills.

The bikes will make fantastic teaching resources for many years and the students are looking forward to getting them going and creating some after market modifications.





You + *AgSkills* = Career

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

12 Scholarships are on offer for Years 10 & 11 in 2022 for students in the Manning & Great Lakes Region.

Gain training and on-farm experience from leading industry and local businesses in Dairy, Beef, Aquaculture, Horticulture, Reproductive Specialists, Robotics/Drones/Video Production in Ag, as well as Landcare and Biosecurity.

The information session is:

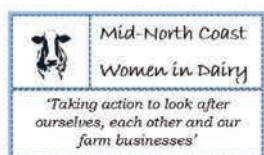
TAFE NSW TAREE CAMPUS

16th NOVEMBER 2021

AG ROOM KG 11

3:30PM TO 5:30PM

To **RSVP** and receive an application form and information sheet please email Megan Nicholson at meg.nicholson59@gmail.com by 2nd November or call 0427 567 347



An initiative of **MNC Women in Dairy** in collaboration with local farmers, TAFE NSW, and Manning/Great Lakes Schools with funding support from Local Land Services and Training Services NSW to establish pathways into agricultural careers.



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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