

School Calendar

Wednesday 1 December
Year 6 Full Day Orientation

Tuesday 7 December
White Card training

Thursday 9 December
Y12 Graduation Assembly
Presentation Assembly (students only)

Thursday 16 December
Last day Term 4 for students

Friday 17 December
Staff Development Day

2022 Term 1

Friday 28 January
Staff development day
Canteen open for uniforms 9am-12pm

Monday 31 January
Staff development day
Canteen open for uniforms 9am-2pm

Tuesday 1 February
Year 7, 11 & 12 students return

Wednesday 2 February
Year 8, 9 & 10 students return

* All activities and events subject to COVID restrictions

CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

Monday 29 November
Elona

Tuesday 30 November
Emma

Wednesday 1 December
Emma

Thursday 2 December
Elona

Friday 3 December
Jodie

Monday 6 December
Elona

Tuesday 7 December
Emma

Wednesday 8 December
Merrilyn

Thursday 9 December
Elona

Friday 10 December
Lee-Anne

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY (IDPWD)

We will be celebrating IDPwD Friday 3 Dec. This day is to celebrate the contributions and achievements of people with disability and promote awareness, understanding and acceptance in our school community.

Let's celebrate



International Day of People with Disability

3 December

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to start by thanking Woolworths Gloucester for the weekly donation of fresh fruit for our students. Our canteen manager, Tina, collects the fruit at the beginning of each week and there is such an overwhelming response to this, that it's all gone by Friday. This donation compliments our wellbeing programs by providing all students the opportunity to have fresh fruit and something additional to eat at break times.

The Department of Education has formally recognised the following staff for their years of service to public education and I would like to thank them for their contribution to our school:

- Rob Seale for 20 years of service
- Shane McInerney for 20 years of service
- Phil Dowle for 20 years of service
- Brian (Barney) McInnes for nearly 40 years of service. Barney has such extensive knowledge of our infrastructure, that our Asset Management Unit often consult with him during the planning phase when essential utilities are being discussed.

We will be farewelling Chris Steele at the end of the year. Chris has been an Art teacher with us for over 30 years. We thank him for his contribution to the art program in the school and wish him well during his retirement.

Mrs Trudi Edman, Principal



PRESENTATION AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our annual presentation assembly at the school on Thursday 9 December. This will be held a little differently this year due to current restrictions.

- Students only to attend (no parents/carers or special guests)
- Awards will be presented to each year group separately
- Our new SRC representatives will be badged at this assembly

P & C NEWSLETTER

We would like to share the **P&C Federation newsletter** with our school community. This is a great resource for parents, including latest news, webinars plus recordings of previous webinars



E-BULLETIN

Your Parents and Citizens Community News

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

ANITA ATTAINS DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

Congratulations to Anita Jackson who has managed to attain her Duke of Ed Bronze Award despite the restrictions and disruptions Covid, bushfires, floods and storms have placed on the program over the last two years.

To achieve a Duke of Ed Award, each young person must learn a skill, improve their physical wellbeing, volunteer in their community and experience a team adventure in a new environment. All participants are supported by a network of adult Award Leaders, Assessors and Supervisors.

For more information on the Duke of Edinburgh Award, click [here](#) or contact Mr Rob Seale at the school.



ESAFETY COMMISSIONER

The eSafety Commission, a government agency committed to help Australians experiencing online bullying or abuse is a great source of information, including free webinars, videos, information sheets and advice for parents and carers. This offers a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>



SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM UPDATE Missed Vaccinations.

- ALL students in Year 7 (2021) and Year 10 (2021) who missed vaccinations due to the continuing disruptions will be offered catch up vaccination opportunities at the 2022 clinics.
Students are required to have a consent form signed in 2021 to be eligible for catch up vaccination in 2022.
These students DO NOT need to be redirected to their GP to receive missed vaccine doses.
- **ANY students in Year 8 (2021) and Year 11 (2021)** who has missed vaccines will need to attend their local GP to receive missed doses.

PARENT AND CARER SURVEY ON CONSENT EDUCATION

Students across NSW, both past and present, have called for improved consent education following a petition by former Sydney student Chanel Contos.

Consent is saying yes to something happening or agreeing to do something freely; without fear, force or pressure.

In response to the voices of young people, the heads of the three education sectors signed a **Statement of Intent**. In this Statement, the NSW Department of Education committed to a number of actions – including partnering with parents and carers to improve consent education.

There is now an opportunity for parents and carers to **have their say by completing a short survey**.

The anonymous survey will help the NSW Department of Education to understand the kinds of resources parents and carers would find helpful in having important conversations about consent with their children – so that we can continue to work together to make sure every student has the knowledge and skills they need to form respectful relationships.

This survey is available in 10 languages other than English and will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

The results will be shared on NSW **Department of Education** website later this year. More information, including answers to frequently asked questions, is also available on **the website**.

The survey will close on 15 December 2021. Parents and carers of NSW Public School students of all ages, from all communities, are encouraged to participate in **the survey**.

MATHS CORNER QUESTION (for students and parents)

Question:

$ABCD$ is a rectangle whose area is 12 square units. How many square units are contained in the area of trapezium $ABFE$?

Previous Answer:

Strategy: Work right to left.

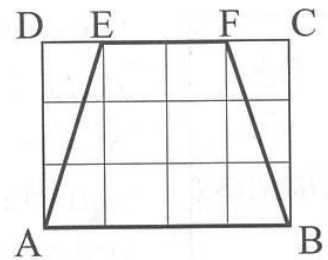
$$\frac{4}{5} \text{ of } 100 = 80$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \text{ of } 80 = 60$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \text{ of } 60 = 40$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 40 = 20$$

* 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.



FARM SAFETY PROGRAM

In early November our Year 11 Primary Industries class travelled to Taree to attend a quad bike and side-by-side (utility task vehicle) safety course. We learnt to shift our centre of gravity to reduce the risk of roll-overs, how to load on and off trailers and pre-start check up on the quad. On the second day we learnt the pre-start check-up of the side-by-sides and how to safely drive them on steep slopes. The course taught us how to be safe and was really fun – we even received free gear!

The Farm Safety Program is funded by the department to prevent serious accidents and death of students in rural communities and was delivered by Taree TAFE. Thank you for the opportunity.

Jessica Kernahan, Year 11 PI Student



THANK YOU!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Wayne Maven for the support he has given to the TAS Department. He has donated Red Cedar to the school for students to continue developing their skills in traditional joinery techniques and lathe processes. We look forward to seeing the students extend their skills and finish this amazing timber to a high standard.



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YEAR 7 CLAY WORK

We thought you might enjoy a selection of the Year 7 Crazy Clay Creatures ready for their first firing in the kiln!



YEAR 9 PHOTOGRAPHY & DIGITAL MEDIA

A light painting is a photograph that has been taken over a long shutter speed, sometimes up to 30 seconds. During this time a torch or other source of light is moved around in front of the camera which creates a blurred streaky light effect. Pictured below is of Year 9 Photography & Digital Media students with their light paintings currently on display in the school foyer.



L to R: Matthew Hester, Skye Hill, Mia Sharples, James Berry and Gemma Davies.

ROTARY PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

This week Dylan Siely and Jess Kernahan delivered speeches at the local Rotary meeting to get feedback in preparation for the next round in the District Rotary Public Speaking competition which will take place early 2022.

Dylan and Jess will be representing Gloucester Rotary. They both delivered their speeches with enthusiasm and confidence. Dylan's speech was about the deforestation of Australia and the possible extinction of our native animals. Jess spoke about advantages of volunteering and how it can help not only the community but can also give the volunteer advantages in their own personal development.

Both Jess and Dylan presented with a passion beyond their years, and we wish them luck in the 2022 competition.



Dylan Siely



Jessica Kernahan



Taree

Diagnostic Assessment for students who have:

- Reading & Comprehension difficulties
- Light sensitivity & headaches/migraines
- ADHD & Autism



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STRATFORD COAL EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND

Education and Training Grants 2022

Applications are invited from interested persons and businesses for financial assistance grants for 2022 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 their schooling at Gloucester High School. 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 25/11/22.

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

Applications close 31st JANUARY 2022.



ADVERTISEMENT 24/11/21

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (2 Positions)

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

STRATFORD COAL EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND

Expressions of interest are called from persons interested in serving on the above Committee, charged with making recommendations for the education support funding provided by Stratford Coal.

1. Representatives of the business community of Gloucester with knowledge and experience in apprenticeship employment and training.
2. Representatives of the local community with an interest in and knowledge of education and post-school options.

Interested parties should forward their nominations to;

The Chairman
John Walton
Spring Creek
Wards River...2422
(Telephone 6558 8272)

By 30; 12; 2021, stating name, position held in community, and a brief supporting statement.



THE Kindness ADVENT CALENDAR



1 Share this with someone kind	2 Smile at everyone you see	3 Spread the word about a small charity	4 Compliment a stranger	5 Spend time with a friend or family member
6 Be kind to yourself. Do something that makes you happy.	7 Give someone a gift (however small!), just because	8 Thank someone who has gone out of their way for you	9 Spontaneously tell someone why you think they're great	10 Send an encouraging text or email to a friend
11 Support a small independent business	12 Give someone a hug	13 Send a card to a seriously ill child (postpals.co.uk)	14 Offer to help someone who has a big to-do list	15 Make someone a surprise drink
16 Give five genuine compliments	17 Let someone know that you appreciate their work	18 Sponsor someone or share a fundraising page	19 Hide a friendly note in a public place	20 Give feedback about good customer service
21 Write a note to someone you've not spoken to in a while	22 Lend a friend your favourite book or film	23 Let someone know you're thinking of them	24 Plan 5 kind things you want to do in the New Year	Have yourself a very lovely Christmas!

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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