

School Calendar

Wednesday 23 November

School Social 6pm - 9pm

Wednesday 30 November

Y6 PtoH Orientation Day 9am - 3.15pm

Thursday 1 December

Try a Trade Day

Monday 12 December

Presentation Evening

Friday 16 December

Last day of Term 4

2023

Friday 27 & Monday 30 January

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 31 January

Years 7, 11 & 12 Students return

Wednesday 1 February

Years 8, 9 & 10 Students return

* All activities and events subject to COVID restrictions

P&C

Our next P&C meeting will be:

Monday 21 Nov - 6.30pm - Room AG03

CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

Monday 21 November

Danielle

Tuesday 22 November

Emma

Wednesday 23 November

Merrilyn

Thursday 24 November

Emma

Friday 25 November

Gai

Monday 28 November

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Tuesday 29 November

Emma

Wednesday 30 November

Merrilyn

Thursday 1 December

Emma

Friday 2 December

Gai

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Once or twice a term, 10.30am-1.30pm

No experience required, just a friendly face. Please contact us on 6558 9963.

Follow us on facebook



WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Monday 9 December, is Worlds Greatest Shave. We're asking everyone to either shave or donate! You can do either of these by clicking [HERE](#) or, by scanning the QR code in the poster.

It's our mission to raise

\$5,000

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

**Gloucester High
are
shaving**

The big day is on
9/12/2022

QR Code

Sponsor us!
Scan the QR code with your phone. You'll land on our fundraising page to make a quick and easy donation!

Details of our mission
During week 9 Gloucester High School will be taking part in the Worlds Greatest Shave for blood cancer. Sign up and donate today!

Leukaemia Foundation

World's Greatest Shave



Care Achievement Respect Effort Responsibility

129 Ravenshaw Street, Gloucester NSW 2422 / P 02 6558 1605 / F 02 6558 1229
www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au / gloucester-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Yearly Exams

We have had a busy two weeks of junior exams, concluding this week with Years 8 and 9. After this week teachers will finalise assessments and start writing Semester 2 academic school reports. Check-in assessments for Years 7-9 are also being finalised next week. Check-in assessments are an important tool to support schools in identifying student strengths and areas for improvement in literacy and numeracy, to help inform teaching practice.



Remembrance day

I would like to thank the students who represented our school at the community Remembrance Day commemorations last Friday. Thanks also to Ms Danika Enks for her organisation of our school's commemoration earlier in the day and to Ms Renee Berger for organising our SRC to chair the occasion.



L to R: Mr Bob Swadling, Mr Rusty Power, Kaysha Smith, Locky Moulds, Mr Dallas Heard, Mrs Sue Heard, Nic Maslen, Jorja Beard, Mr Mik Wisely and Ms Danica Enks

Thank you for your contributions to our Remembrance Day assembly.

New Outdoor Furniture

We recently installed new outdoor covered seating areas along the grassed area near the hockey field. This is part of improving sun protection for students and beautification of the grounds with the aim of improving social connection with students. Many thanks to Steve Wilson, James Hooke and the teachers and students from the metal, timber, and construction classes.

Presentation Evening

Our annual presentation evening is on Monday 12 December in the school hall. We are looking forward to having family attend this important student celebration however, due to Covid still lurking in our daily lives, we will put measures in place to limit any potential illness. Such measures will be: to limit family guests; maximise cross ventilation in the hall; air conditioning and increase spacing of seats. If you choose to, masks and sanitizer will be at the door for your use.

Incident Update

I would like to provide an update on the students who were injured recently. One boy has been released from John Hunter Hospital into the care of his parents. He will be receiving additional treatment as an outpatient from Royal North Shore Hospital. The other two boys have been treated at Manning Base Hospital and currently recovering at home with their families. Counselling has been offered to those injured and those students who were witness to the incident or affected by the incident. On behalf of the school, I wish them a speedy recovery. I would also like to thank the road and air paramedics who did an amazing job of attending to the students' physical wounds as well as calmly reassuring them in every step of the treatment. I would also like to thank our office staff, student support staff, teachers and cleaner who actioned the response so very quickly, kept people informed throughout and followed up with phone calls. Such an amazing effort.

Mrs Trudi Edman, Principal

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our school captains and SRC Senior Leaders attended the Gloucester Remembrance Day Commemorations at the Town Clock on Friday 11 November 2022.

Nic and Jorja both gave moving speeches in thanks of the noble efforts of our Australian service men and women.

Natalie and Ryan laid a wreath at the Clock Tower steps, Adelaide and Charles presented a beautiful musical piece, 'In Flanders field', and Mr Swaddling played the bugle for the 'Last Post' before our minute of silence.

We will remember them...



GET YOUR TICKETS!

P&C Christmas Raffle

PRIZES:

1ST \$100.00 WOOLIES FUEL GIFT CARD
2ND \$50.00 IGA GIFT CARD
3RD \$50.00 IGA GIFT CARD

**TICKETS \$1 EACH
AVAILABLE AT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE AND
CANTEEN**

**DRAWN AT PRESENTATION NIGHT
12 DECEMBER 2022**

THANK YOU P&C

We would like to thank our P&C for their help in funding our new outdoor furniture. Slabs have been laid, tables constructed and they are now being enjoyed by our students!





Support Nic Maslen in raising funds for Gloucester High Schools “Worlds Greatest Shave Fundraiser”



Nic is kindly donating his angus cross steer to be auctioned at
Gloucester Store Sale on
Thursday 24th November
by Ray White Real Estate



[https://
raywhiteruralgloucester.com.au/](https://raywhiteruralgloucester.com.au/)



This year, in 2022 the Leukaemia Foundation will celebrate 24 years of World's Greatest Shave making it one of Australia's longest-running and most loved fundraising events.

You can also support Nic by giving a donation to his link below when he shaves his mullet off with his colleges at GHS on the 9th December

[http://
my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/
nicholasmalen](http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/nicholasmalen)

BYOD (BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE) 2023

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	BYOD	BYOD

Our school is committed to continuing to move students and staff forward in a contemporary learning environment, so we will be continuing the journey we began in 2020 with COVID and remote learning, by continuing our BYOD program. Our goal (and part of our School Plan) is to continue to transition to better use of technology and incorporate technology into our classroom. Our target is for a device for each student. We want our students to be proficient as they move past high school, into the digital world.

We have now been running our BYOD program successfully in 2021 and 2022. In 2023, all students are moving into the BYOD program. This means if you child is in Year 9 or Year 10 in 2022, they will now need to BYOD for 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions regarding BYOD.

BYOD (BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE) 2023 continued...

Minimum Requirements

Please note that the below are the minimum specifications. Anything above this will mean the device will likely function better for your child and last longer, as software updates over time are getting larger and use more space and resources.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you are looking to purchase a device and would like advice if it is suitable.

Specifications:

- 64 Bit processor, suggested minimum Intel i3 (Gen 11) or AMD Ryzen 3
- 8GB RAM (16GB recommended, and required for Digital Photography students)
- Minimum 128GB drive (Solid State Drive (SSD))
- Screen resolution of at least 1366x768 (high definition (HD))
- Keyboard, for typing (i.e. not a tablet with a screen only)
- Touchscreen (active pen compatible)
- Active pen
- A 2-in-1 device (this will 'flip' to a tablet and allows students to draw/write easily)
- USB-C Charging
- Ability to connect earphones/headphones.
- Minimum battery life of 8 hours
- Light weight, under 1.5 kg
- Case for protection in school bag (recommended)
- Mouse (plug in type - optional)
- Warranty: consider how long this is and how long to expect from the laptop you are purchasing. Check how long it is and what type (i.e. on-site repair or do you need to post it for repair)

Preferred:

- Windows 10/11 (NOT S mode)

We recommend strongly you do not purchase a Chromebook or Android Tablet, nor an iPad. We have found that these devices lack the ease of use and integration with other technology in our classrooms.

We request USB-C charging where possible, as these are chargers we have at school, so will be able to assist with charging laptops from time to time.

Please do not provide Internet data (via smart phones or 3G/4G dongles), as GHS provides secure (child safe) Internet at school via the WiFi.

Note that your child receives FREE Microsoft and Adobe software, so there is no extra to purchase other than above.

Please click [here](#) for further details on Minimum Requirements.



Gloucester High School



www.hp.com.au/byod

Access Code: GloucesterHS

**RECOMMENDED BYOD
DEVICES FOR GHS, PURCHASE
& DELIVERY FROM TERM 4**



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PROTECTION INSURANCE**

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Katrina Parker 0438 898 814



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**BEST
SELLER**

**HP ProBook 435 x360 G9 13.3" AMD
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AMD Ryzen 5 + Pen + 3yr Onsite Support
8GB RAM / 256 GB Storage**



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AMD Ryzen 7 + Pen + 3yr Onsite Support
16GB RAM / 512 GB Storage**

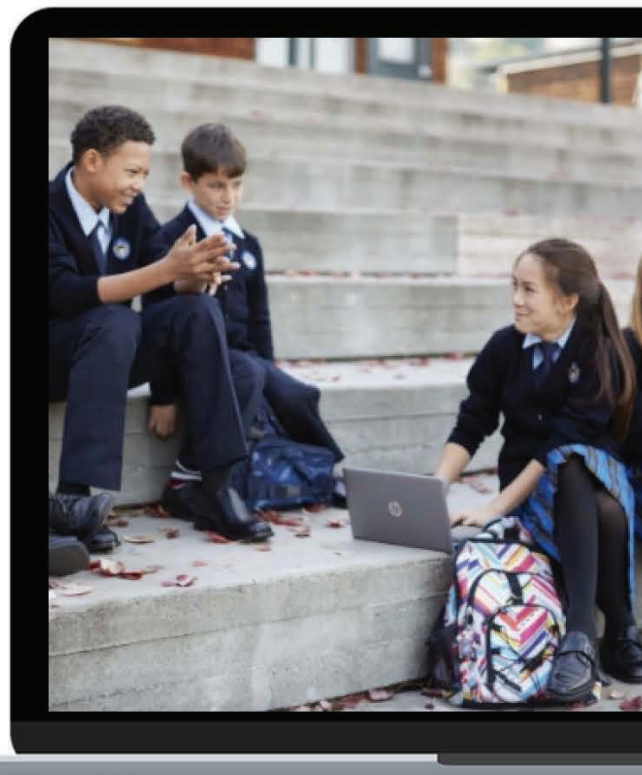


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www.hp.com.au/byod

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Buying directly from HP ensures your child has the right device and support to work in the school environment. Importantly, it guarantees the latest learning devices at affordable pricing. All devices have been selected to meet the schools minimum device requirements.

How Do I Purchase?

The easiest way is to purchase online at www.hp.com.au/byod and use your school code. You can also purchase via the HP Call Centre 1300 725 017 (Mon - Fri 9am - 8pm AEST)

Payment Options?

Pay with Visa, Mastercard, American Express, PayPal, G Pay, Apple Pay

What is Accidental Damage Protection (ADP)?

ADP covers the device against accidental drops, spills or damage. Zero excess for three major claims over 3 years. E.g if a student were to drop their device and crack a screen we will come to site to repair at \$0 excess including parts and labour.

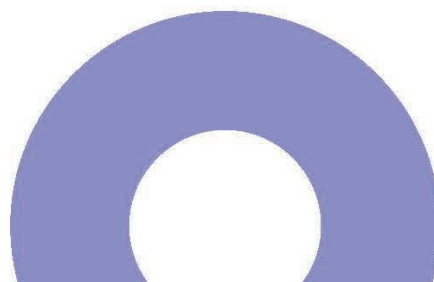
IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDS THE SALE OF ADD-ON INSURANCES !!!

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission has introduced new regulations regarding the sale of add-on insurance products. These regulations now require a 4 day 'pause' between the purchase of a device and any add-on insurance associated with that device. We are still more than happy to assist you to purchase once that time has lapsed.

BE SURE TO CLICK YOUR INTEREST and we will contact you.



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YEAR 9 & 10 DUKE OF ED CAMP

The Year 9 and 10 Duke of Ed group recently embarked on a 'Discovery' adventure in the Copeland Tops Conservation area.

It started with a guided tour by Mel Attwood, a Discovery Ranger with the National Parks, who took us on a leisurely walk following the Basin loop track, pointing out various cultural, environmental and historical points of interest. That night we camped on the Copeland Common.

The following morning, we headed off from the Scone Road following Broadbent's trail down towards the Barrington River, passing through both national park and private property.

It was an interesting and relatively easy weekend that was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to the new owners of 'The Never Never' for allowing us to travel through their property.



SALTWATER NATIONAL PARK

On Monday 7 November the MC classes were invited to a picnic at Saltwater National Park by our new friends at Taree High School support unit.

It was really fun catching up with them and it was made extra special by a visit from Uncle Russell, a Biripi Elder, who showed us how to find bush tucker and how to keep mosquitoes off using special crushed up leaves.

The barbeque was YUM and as we said goodbye, we were each given a beautiful handmade Christmas card and we exchanged email addresses so that we could keep in touch until our next visit together.

MC classes



Listening and learning for Uncle Russ on our Saltwater excursion.



ART FROM THE MC CLASS

Henry and Jackson have been making their own masterpieces in the art room all year. Here they are showing off two of their fantastic 3D artworks: a figurative sculpture made from wire and plaster, and a mythical creature made from clay.



HOSPITALITY NEWS

On Thursday 10 November, Hospitality students made 50 grazing boxes for the first 'Connect Gloucester' event.

Former student, Ava Tuckwell, now employed at 3 Blind Mice as an apprentice, assisted the students in creating the grazing boxes.

This event allowed students to complete a service period to industry standards. It was an excellent experience for the students in catering for a large-scale event.

Over 20 exhibitors attended the event including local industry and training providers.

The Connect Gloucester event and catering was supported by the Regional Industry Education partnerships program.

Congratulations to all involved in this event.

Ms Myree Ribbons & Mrs Louise Harris, Hospitality Teachers



GLOUCESTER PRIMARY PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

On the Thursday 10 November, Ms Berger attended the Gloucester Primary School Public Speaking Competitions as the adjudicator for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Students explored a range of interesting topics from 101 ways to use chopsticks, to man's best friend! The winners all displayed excellent expression, body gesture and engagement with their audience to produce thoroughly entertaining performances. Ms Berger was truly impressed with the talent shown!

Congratulations to the winning speakers.



CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 9 'TRY A TRADE' DAY Thursday 1 December



The majority of Year 9 students will be participating in the 2022 Try- A-Trade Day on Thursday 1 December (Term 4 Week 8), which is hosted by local businesses and organised by Gloucseter High.

This has been the first time we've run this program since the onset of COVID and we hope the participants have an engaging day where they experience new skills.

Students will arrive and depart school as normal. All students must wear fully enclosed footwear. Students should also bring a water bottle. Most students will attend a free sausage sizzle for lunch at school.

The Permission notes will be distributed to students on Monday and will need to be signed by a parent / carer and returned to the school office. Please pay particular attention to your child's specific requirements / details for the day's activities which are written on 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 these forms and return to the school office or Mr De Angelis ASAP.

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

MATHS CORNER QUESTION (for students and parents)

Question:

Suppose an Australian Dollar is worth 55 US cents. An Australian tourist in the USA buys an item worth \$US100 and pays \$A200. What should the change be in \$US?

- A. 5 B. 10 C. 15 D. 20 E. 25

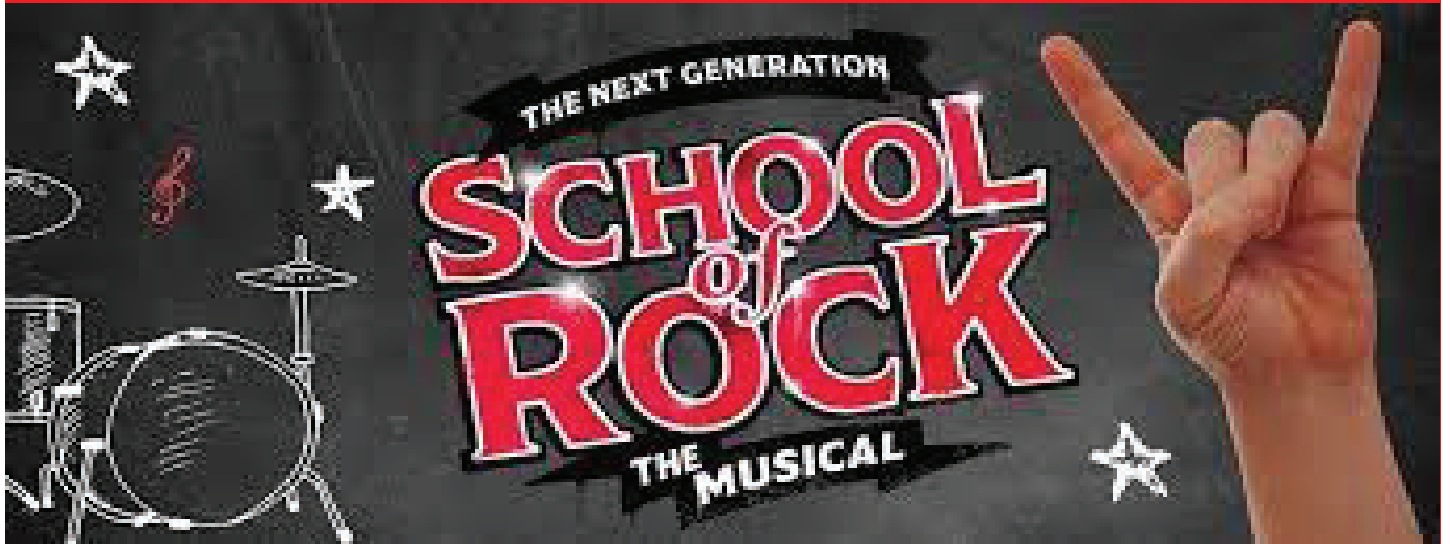
Previous Answer:

One lap is $(25 - 20)\% = 5\% = 1/20$, so the total number is 20, **hence the answer is A.**

* 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.

IT'S COMING SOON!!!!

THE GHS 2023 MUSICAL



Based on the Paramount movie written by Mike White
Book by Julian Fellowes · Lyrics by Glenn Slater · Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

CALLING FOR AUDITIONS

Wednesday Nov 30th from 3:30pm
in the GHS Hall

If you enjoy singing, acting or rocking out, and would like to audition for an **ACTING** part, please inform the Director Ms Berger by email at renee.berger5@det.nsw.edu.au and include the subject line – School of Rock AUDITIONS.

Be prepared to sing a few bars from the song of your choice and read part of a scene from a provided script. Opportunities for dancers, chorus members and backstage crew will be available from the beginning of the 2023 school year.

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TIPS FOR COPING WITH THE HARD STUFF

Sometimes life can get heavy, but these tips should help lighten the load.

Read more here:
reachout.com/articles/10-tips-for-coping-with-the-hard-stuff

1 GET JOURNALLING

Putting pen to paper can be the 'write' move. Jotting down your feelings can help you work out what might be troubling you and things you can do to improve the situation.

2 TALK IT OUT

While it can be hard to open up, sometimes the best way to crack a problem is to share it with someone else: your best friend, your family, a professional... Whichever way you look at it, two brains are better than one!

3 SELF-LOVE

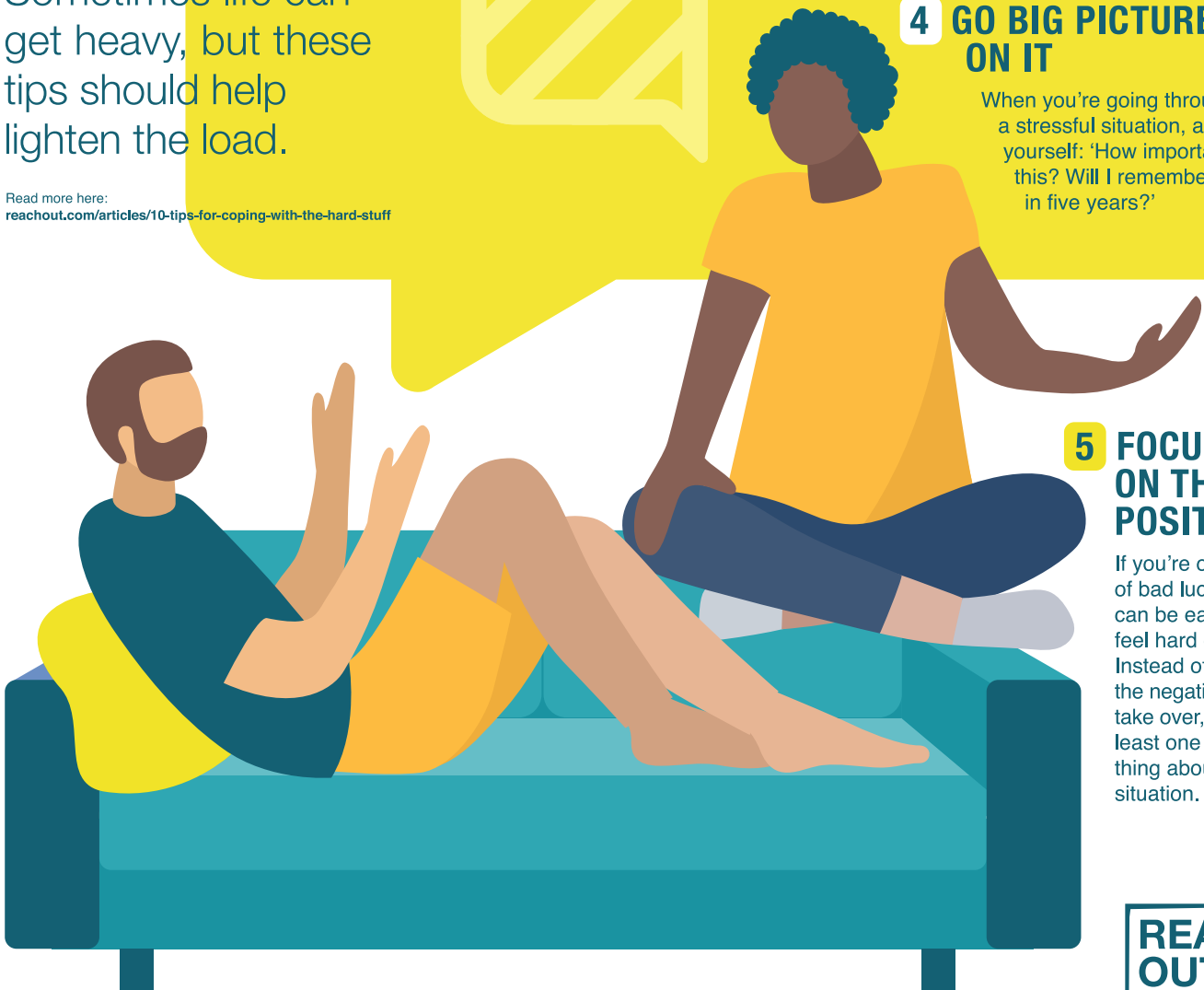
Self-love is a great way to banish the bad vibes. Go for a long walk, spend the day at the beach, or book in for a solo movie session (featuring popcorn, obviously).

4 GO BIG PICTURE ON IT

When you're going through a stressful situation, ask yourself: 'How important is this? Will I remember this in five years?'

5 FOCUS ON THE POSITIVES

If you're on a run of bad luck, it can be easy to feel hard done by. Instead of letting the negative noise take over, find at least one positive thing about the situation.



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The Social

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**Come dressed as your
favorite tv or movie
character**


**Main quad
Wed 23/11/2022,
6pm-9pm**

**DJ, Limbo, Dress Up
Competitions , and
Photo Booth**





**Transport
for NSW**



NSW DLAP
Driver Licensing Access Program

Need assistance with gaining your L's?
Need log book hours or lessons with a professional?
Need a supervised driver to use your free 'Keys to Drive' lesson?

WE CAN HELP YOU PAY FOR LESSONS!

CALL 02 6555 5622 for more info.

Driver Licensing Access Program



HOMEBASE
Youth Services

WHAT IS IT?

Homebase's Driver Licensing Access Program (DLAP) helps people navigate the various licensing pathways from pre-learners to a full license. The program is funded by Transport for NSW. We can provide assistance to:

- Gain your required identification.
- Apply for a license.
- Access computers.
- Fulfil driver hours with a mentor driver.
- Pay for professional lessons .



HOMEBASE
Youth Services

WHO IS DLAP FOR?

DLAP is aimed towards community members who are disadvantaged and have barriers to gaining or regaining their license. We can provide assistance to community members of all ages.

TUNCURRY / FORSTER Level 1
Bridgepoint 1-9 Manning Street
Tuncurry 2428
02 6555 5622
Sarina Kapeli—0447 211 232

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Contact Homebase to complete an intake form and be assigned a worker. From here, and depending upon the category of license, we offer a wide range of services to get you safely and legally on the road.

Certain programs require certain standards such as minimum amounts of lessons and meetings with your worker. We will go through this as you sign up.

We are also requiring members of the community with the capacity to become mentor drivers.

**CALL US TODAY FOR MORE
INFORMATION!**

WANTED

Wanted: Spotlight or sound operator needed for the GACCI Players upcoming production. No experience necessary. Training will be given. You would need to be available on the following dates:

November 15, 22, 23, 25 and 26. If interested send an email to Wendy Buswell production@gloucester-arts.com.au or have a chat to Ms Berger.

GACCI Players Presents

THAT'S AMORE!

short bites
of love's
ups & downs



Friday 25 & Saturday 26 November
7.30pm Doors open 6.45pm
Senior Citizens Hall 30 Hume St Gloucester

Directed by **Wendy Buswell**
with Trish Banyer Renee Berger Peter Chidiac
Graeme Healy Clay Hill Joseph Hogan
Anita Jackson Will Maslen Jasmine Van-Aalst

Tickets \$25 Concession \$15
Bookings through TRYBOOKING
[https://www.trybooking.com/
events/landing/977772](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/977772)



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STRATFORD COAL EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND



Education and Training Grants 2023

Applications are invited from interested persons and businesses for financial assistance grants for 2023 in the following categories:

Tertiary Assistance Grants – Up to \$3000 per grant.
For 2022 school leavers intending to enrol in university.

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

TAFE Course Benefits – Up to \$1000 per benefit.

School Based traineeships- Up to \$500 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 AT GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL AND COUNCIL'S ADMINISTRATION CENTRE Gloucester & Stroud FROM THURSDAY 28/11/2022 or on the Stratford Coal website; www.stratfordcoal.com.au and follow the links to the Education Support Program

For further information contact: John Walton ☎(02) 6558 8272

Applications close on Monday 30th JANUARY 2023.

To appear in **Gloucester Advocate** from Wednesday 23rd November 2022 and every three weeks as space permits.

Gloucester Junior Rugby League

Expression of Interest for Players & Coaches 2023

Gloucester Junior Rugby League is currently seeking expressions of interest for players for its 2023 season. Please fill in the expression of interest form via the link ([Expression of Interest form link](#)) or email gloucesterjrl@gmail.com with your child's age as at the 1/12/2023 and if your child played the 2022 season.

Expression of interest is also being sort for Coaches positions for the 2023 season. For more information on applying please email gloucesterjrl@gmail.com or visit the Gloucester Junior Rugby League Facebook page.



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.



Education &
Communities

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