GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER Friday 24 March, 2023

HARMONY WEEK

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and to be proud of our society's diversity. Harmony Week is celebrated from 20 – 26 March, including 21 March, which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. It is the greatest legacy we can leave as a modern nation.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Throughout this week, a set of greetings from a range of languages were posted each day on daily notices found in <u>Sentral</u>. Students are encouraged to use them respectfully at school and expand their knowledge of other cultures.

On Tuesday, we had an extended roll call with a short activity to be completed to help us celebrate Harmony Day school-wide and promote the efforts towards the elimination of racial discrimination.



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School Calendar

Monday 27 March - Friday 7 April Y10 Work Experience

Tuesday 28 March - Friday 31 March Drama Works - Maitland

Tuesday 28 March Charles Sturt Uni Explore Day -Port Macquarie Y7 Mirrabooka Visit Mid North Coast Girls School Rugby -Crescent Head

Wednesday 29 March U14 Baker Shield Cricket Round 2

Friday 31 March RySTEM Activity Day - Bulahdelah Australian Defence Force visit

Tuesday 4 April Bill Turner Cup

Wednesday 5 April Zone Cross Country - Wingham UNE Open Day - Armidale

Thursday 6 April Last day Term 1

Monday 24 April Staff Development Day

P&C

Our next P&C meeting will be: Monday 15 May - 6.30pm - Room AG03

CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

Monday 27 March Gai Tuesday 28 March Kelly Wednesday 29 March Merrilyn Thursday 30 March Emma Friday 31 March Gai Monday 3 April Gai **Tuesday 4 April** Kellv Wednesday 5 April Merrilyn Thursday 6 April Emma Friday 7 April Good Friday

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Diverse educational programs that challenge and inspire students

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our students are heavily involved in the Gloucester Show this year. This is a time when our students can present to the community the exceptional work they have been doing during lessons. We have students parading cattle, entering food, woodwork and metal work products as well as farm produce. Best wishes to all our entrants. Many thanks to all teachers and support staff involved, to our P&C Ag sub-committee and to our Hospitality teachers who also have students assisting with the food hall at the show.



Our P&C is the voice of our parents and community. They actively support the school through the canteen, school uniforms, the Ag sub-committee and awards for students at

presentation assemblies. The P&C is a conduit between the school and families. They work very closely with the school and provide a forum for discussion about what is happening at the school and suggestions for improvements. Please consider becoming a member.

This week was Harmony Week. Thanks to Ms Skye Sylvester for the work she has done in bringing awareness of multiculturalism to our students through activities during roll call each morning this week. Classrooms have been decorated and welcoming signs in languages (other than English), reflective of some of our students' backgrounds, are posted in the foyer.

Driving south along Ravenshaw Street you will notice that the basketball court cover is rapidly moving along. It is anticipated that it will be finished before the holidays so the gym shed can be constructed. These are going to be a huge improvement for students during sport, PE and break times.

Mrs Trudi Edman, Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS - TUESDAY 2 MAY 2023

Online Ordering will open on Thursday 6 April (last day of Term 1). Online orders never close but for free shipping to the school, you have until 15 days after photos are taken to place orders (via website or phone). After this \$11.00 postage will be added to the order.

Online ordering for family photos closes 11:59 pm on Monday 1 May 2023. Families can still pay for family photos on 2 May, 2023 by contacting Don Wood Photography directly (02 9542 5370) to make credit card payment.

Order of year groups:

Period 1 – Year 12, SRC, captains Period 2 – Year 7 and year 11 **Break 1** – staff, family photos Period 3 – Year 11 and Year 8 Period 4 – Year 10 **Break 2** – family photos Period 5 – Year 9



Please Note: Year 11 will have their group photo and some portraits Period 2 and will complete portraits Period 3.

Year group photos will be in front car park (same as 2022).

Students paying cash (to Don Wood Photography) on day of the photos can pick up an envelope at the PE staff room. Family photo envelopes are also available.

Please contact me if you have any questions via sentral portal or 6558 1605.

Ms Sue Keirstead

GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN AN EBIKE!

We are fundraising for Dolly's Dream. See details below and links to donate. For every \$10 donated you will receive an entry into the draw to win an Electric Mountain Bike generously donated by Wayne Mavin.



"After Dolly left us, Kate and I could see that Dolly's story had touched people everywhere and we felt the best way to remember our beautiful girl was to start a nationwide conversation about the devastating effects of bullying"

Tick Everett

Dolly's Dream

On the 12th May, Gloucester HS will be holding a 'Do It For Dolly' Day to raise much needed funds for suicide prevention.

We are asking staff and students to WEAR BLUE and you can help by donating to our Gloucester HS fundraiser page by following the link or QR code below or by purchasing tickets available for

For every \$10 donated, you will receive a chance to win an electric bike donated by WINNER ANNOUNCED 12th MAY generous local, Wayne Mavin.



DONATE HERE:







https://fundraise.dollysdream.org.au/s/775/699



MOBILE PHONE USE AT SCHOOL

Our school's mobile phone procedures, endorsed by our P&C, state that mobile devices are not to be used at school.

If students are sick, they are to tell their classroom teacher, then present to the school office and a call will be made home.

Similarly, parents/carers are to contact the school office to get messages to students. We have caring office staff who can relay a message to your child or provide access to the phone if your child needs to call you.

Please do not expect your child to receive a call or text during school hours as this interrupts lessons. Please encourage your child to follow our mobile phone procedures.

A MESSAGE REGARDING EXCURSIONS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our school uses behaviour points (like a licence) to help guide students in managing their behaviour at school. All students start on 10 points and as they lose points (demerits) for negative behaviour parents/carers are notified. A letter is sent at 7 points, 5 points and then at 3 points. If students reach 5 points, they are placed on a monitoring sheet.

If students are on a monitoring sheet, they are unable to attend/represent at excursions or sporting events. Once a student has completed 5 days of successful monitoring, they are then again eligible to represent the school.

If you would like to discuss this policy further, please contact the Deputy Principal.

Mik Wisely, Deputy Principal

MATHS CORNER QUESTION (for students and parents)

Question:

In our school, the average mark in Year 11 for a test was 70 and in Year 12 it was 80 for the same test. There are 20 students in Year 11 and 30 students in Year 12 who sat the test. The average mark for the two groups was

A. 72 B. 75 C. 76 D. 78 E. 74

Previous Answer:

707 ÷ 7 has no remainder; 707 ÷ 8 has remainder 3; 707 ÷ 9 has remainder 5; 707 ÷ 10 has remainder 7 and 707 ÷ 11 has remainder 3, **hence the answer is C.**

* 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.

PICASSO COW

Students have been decorating a cow as part of Dairy Australia's Picasso Cow education initiative. The task presented was to decorate the cow in a way that reflects our local dairy farming heritage and a variety of dairy products.

The initial design for the cow was developed by Yr 11 student, Meghan Baldock. Year 10 and 11 Visual Art students have since been working enthusiastically to add the colourful painting work and historical elements. This art room bovine is now affectionately known as 'Bessie' and a poem written by Year 7 student Emma Latimore has been scribed across her shoulder.



Our Agriculture department have been charged with the task of transporting Bessie to the Gloucester Show for a public appearance this Friday and Saturday. See if you can spot this friendly Friesian. Many thanks to all the students and staff who have supported this collaborative project.

Mrs Wendy Fraser, Art Teacher



FROM THE ART ROOMS

The Visual Arts department are grateful for the school's laser cutter and for the knowledge of our Industrial Arts and ICT staff. HSC student, Kate Bradbury has recently been testing the limits of this technology. She is developing the techniques required to precision cut multiple shapes out of an old book for her Visual Arts major project.

A big thank you to teachers Mr Sam Cornall and Mr Chris Murray for their technical support.



We had to share these fantastic landscape artworks, from the MC Class, made using torn paper templates and pastels.



by Edward Hollingsworth





BANGARA ABORIGINAL DANCE EXCURSION

On Friday 10 March, eight of our Aboriginal students participated in an Aboriginal Dance Workshop, run by Bangara Dance Company. Students spent the day engaged in cultural dance. Below is one of the students retelling of the day:

"When we got there, we started our day by doing some fun Aboriginal trivia. Next, we did some stretches to warm up. When we started the dances, we did an easier one to start with, everyone got that down pat really well. Then we did a harder one, some people got it quickly, and for some people it took a bit longer. We finished our day with a cool down. We had a lot of short breaks throughout the day. It was great to learn some of the dance from our culture."

Krystal Penfold, Year 8



YEAR 7 MANDATORY TECHNOLOGY - UPDATE

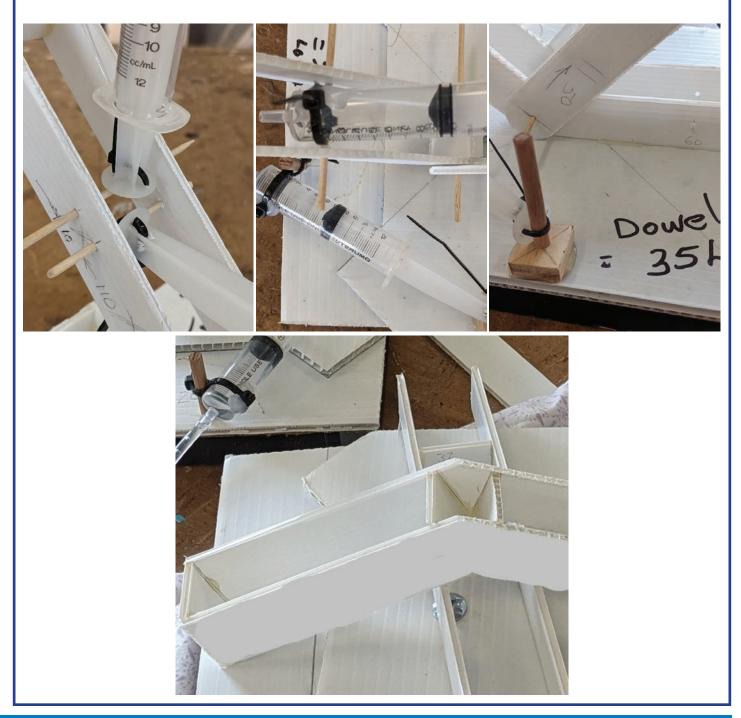
We are back again with a pictorial update. Students have progressed well and are now in Week 9 of the 13 week Mandatory Technology rotation. There have been a few management issues as they each juggle the many different parts that go into the finished assembly. This has been helped by each student bringing in a pillowcase or shopping bag to store their parts.

After some safety lessons, students have been busy using cordless drills, the pedestal drill, scissors, rule, pencil, try square, cable ties and hot melt glue guns.

Keeping with the surprise project reveal at Week 3 next term, here are some close-up images that reveal more detail.

Students continue to work well with a few progressing to the front of the pack. It is great to see these students willingly help their peers catch up and lend a hand. Well done everyone.

Mr Andrew Herps, Industrial Technology Teacher



OPEN BOYS CRICKET

Our Open Boys cricket team travelled to Kotara to play in their second round match of the Alan Davidson Shield on Tuesday.

Electing to bat, Gloucester was in trouble early at 3-4 before a steadying partnership between Rhys Summerville and Andrew Fraser.

Andrew was bowled for 9 and Rhys was unlucky with his dismissal for 21.

Gloucester was eventually all out for 56.

Kotara was able to score the required 57 with 2 wickets done. Andrew Fraser and Sam Collie taking 1 wicket each.



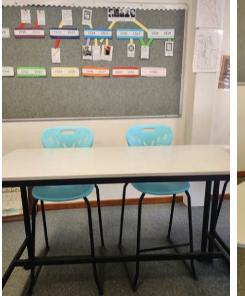
Back: Lachlan Sansom, Jackson Moore, Andrew Fraser, Rhys Summerville, Travis Allardice, Sam Collie, Jacob Edwards Front: Albie Cameron, Nicholas Maggs, Harvey Willis, Thomas Maggs

FLEXIBLE LEARNING SPACES

Check out our new flexible learning furniture in rooms AG03 and AG07! Flexible learning furniture allows classrooms to arranged into different configurations to accommodate individual work, group discussions or small-group projects. This provides more adaptive and engaging learning space, providing comfort to support students. Feeling more at ease in the classroom benefits their learning.









PEER SUPPORT

Year 7 have been completing Peer Support sessions with their Year 11 leaders. Students have engaged in activities such as: problem solving, who to go to for what information and maintaining positive friendships.



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'ACROSS THE DECADES' SCHOOL SOCIAL

SRC have been at it again, revving up the school spirit to welcome the new Year 7 crew to Gloucester High. Our School Social was held in the school hall on Tuesday 14 March, where students dressed up in all manner of costumes from 'Across the Decades'.....

DJ Azza kept the tunes pumping under a mirrored disco globe after travelling all the way from Queensland to volunteer his musical services, just for us. What a guy....

We're looking forward to our next opportunity to bring the cool to school at another successful School Social later on this year.



CAREERS NEWS

Plan Now for the AgriFutures – What is your Favourite Ag Industry?

Learn the various professional options in the agriculture and farming industries and where they are heading. Select from a range of options to see what it represents to our nation and where you want to head.

- Chicken Meat
- Rice
- Honey Bee & Pollination
- Ginger
- Tea Tree Oil
- Pasture Seeds
- Export Fodder

https://www.agrifutures.com.au/rural-industries/

ADF Gap Year Gap Year Videos

No matter what part of the Defence Force you wish to enter there is a role for you in an ADF GAP Year. See any of the 10 videos showing a wide range of roles you can go into in an ADF GAP Year.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLv0sCneygGhee5nNS03odp62fGvJLjKj8

Australian Federal Police Recruitment Requirements

To successfully become an AFP officer, you must be trustworthy, respectful, accountable, fair and committed to using intelligent action to outsmart serious crime.

To ensure we are able to stay a step ahead, we're looking for people who are committed to our principles of prevention, deterrence, collaboration and innovation.

To be a police officer or protective service officer in the AFP, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or over
- Be an Australian citizen
- Hold a valid full, provisional or automatic-only driver's licence
- Have at least a Year 10 certificate with a Cert IV/Diploma level qualification or Trade Certificate. University-level qualifications are welcomed
- Complete and submit the AFP Employment Suitability Questionnaire
- Provide your traffic history
- Undergo security vetting
- Undergo drug and alcohol testing
- Meet character standards if you have a history of breaking the law (even as a juvenile) or associating with people who are well-known to law enforcement, you may not be able to work for the AFP.

Visit the Application and Recruitment Process page for more detailed requirement information.

https://jobs.afp.gov.au/become-an-officer/eligibility

- Thoroughbred Horses
- Kangaroo
- Buffalo
- Deer
- Goat Fibre
- Emerging Industries



SCHOOL CODE



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* Disclaimer: Due to Covid and risk to student health the school may decide to remove a "Group" photo and replace with a second page composite without notice.



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Includes Two sheets of portraits consisting of:

- 1x 7x5' (176x127mm) portrait
- 2x 5x3.5' (127x89mm) portraits
- 3x 3.5x2.5' (89x67mm) colour portraits
- 2x 3.5x2.5' (89x67mm) black and white portraits
- 5x 2x1.5' (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits 3x 2x1.5' (50x38mm) black and white key ring portrait
- 8x 1/2x3/4' (20x13mm) locket sized portraits
- 1x 7x1.5' (176x38mm) bookmark

PHOTOBOOK ONLY PACK LISTED AS GROUP ONLY ON ORDER ENVELOPE

Includes the 16 PAGE A4 SIZED PHOTO BOOK that consists of :

- A front cover designed for your school
- A group photo in the format selected by your school
- A group composite page

\$25

\$30

- A large individual portrait presented within the book
- As well as pages for the students to complete eg. autographs, favourite things, memories etc.

FAMILY PACKAGES

13cm X 18cn

13cm X 18cm

Does NOT include bonus download

* Year 12 package includes Formal and Muck-up year photo

OPTION 1

9cm X 13cm

OPTION 2

OPTION 3





DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PORTRAITS OUTSIDE OF BOOK

EXTRAS

EXTRAS COMBO

Extras combo must be ordered in conjunction with a photo pack

Includes: 1 x 10x8' (250x200mm) portrait

Portrait Download NOT included in extras combo





KEYRING

Keyrings must be ordered in conjunction with a photo pack

NO PRINTS INCLUDED -

Please see packs on previous page for packages that contain 2x1.5' (50x38mm) sized key ring photos for use with this product.



CALENDAR

Calendars must be ordered in conjunction with a photo pack

One 11x14' (279x355mm) sized Black and White Calendar with coloured individual portrait photo and students name.







If you have any questions about our packages or how to place your order, please contact us on our email: info@donwoodphotography.com.au



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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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