# GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL

Quality education in a caring, innovative environment.

NEWSLETTER Friday 8 September, 2023

#### School Calendar

Monday 11 - Tuesday 12 September Y8 Excursion Camp Elim

Monday 11 - Friday 22 September Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams

**Thursday 14 - Friday 15 September** Y7 Archaeological dig

Thursday 14 September NRL 9s

Thursday 21 September Y12 Graduation Assembly

Friday 22 September Last day Term 3

Monday 9 September Students return Term 4

#### P&C

Our next P&C meeting will be: Monday 18 Sept - 6.30pm - Room AG03

#### CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

Monday 11 September Gai Tuesday 12 September Amanda Wednesday 13 September Merrilyn Thursday 14 September Kelly Friday 15 September Gai Monday 18 September Kelly **Tuesday 19 September** Amanda Wednesday 20 September Merrilyn Thursday 21 September Gai Friday 22 September Gai

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## **2024 LEADERS INDUCTED**

Today we held our 2023 Leadership Assembly. Congratulations to our newly elected school captains, senior SRC leader and SRC team. We are sure you will lead this school with confidence and pride.

We also awarded our Distinction Certificates and, for the first time ever, two Gold Awards - well done to Ella Howe and Natalie Rayner!



Mrs Trudi Edman & Mr Michael Wisely with Kailtyn Commons (Senior SRC Leader), Charli Macdonald (School Captain) and Mackenzie Schafer (School Captain)



Gold Award recipients: Ella Howe & Natalie Rayner

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## **2024 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**



Back: Findlay McIntosh, Blake Walker, Jaxon Griffis-Powick, Louis Want, Rahni Cardy, Alice Murphy Front: Amy Rumbel, Olive Kelly, Janella Brooks, Tiko Samson, Amy Fry, Charlotte Todd, Locky Moulds Absent: Charlie Bignell, Liam Wamsley, Irelyn Want

#### **2024 HOUSE CAPTAINS**



Left to right: Renee Coubrough, Emily Marsh, Halle Camarda, Hayley Edwards, Xavier Soupidis, Harvey Willis Absent: Taleah Higgins, Jackson Moore

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

We have commenced our Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Program. This program involves working closely with our feeder schools by initially having small groups of students visit the high school and teachers from the high school visiting primary school students. This week we held a welcome to our 2024 Year 7 students and their parents/carers from all the feeder schools, with an informal barbecue and introduction to staff and the school environment. This was well attended, with the students enjoying a game of handball in the quad and the parents having a tour of the school. Thank you to Mrs Toni Stanton (2024 Year 7 Adviser) and the transition team for the organisation of these events.



On Wednesday, Mr De Angelis organised students to attend the Connect Gloucester Event which was held at the showground. This was externally sponsored to enable all students who were interested to attend. Businesses and post school employers were on hand to provide students with information on a range of post school options and requirements for entry into courses.

Today, we acknowledged our school's future leaders in the Leadership Assembly. 2024 school captains (Mackenzie Schafer and Charli Macdonald), leaders from the SRC (17 students from Years 7-12) and house captains (8 students) were badged by their parents/carers and presented to the student body as their chosen representatives. Congratulations to all recipients of these esteemed positions within the school. On the day students were also awarded with Distinction Certificates and two students Ella Howe and Natalie Rayner were each presented with the highest award from our PBL CARER values program, a Gold Award. Congratulations on your commitment in upholding and role modelling these values.

Congratulations to the Year 9 Drama students; Mitchell Davies, Isabel Jeffreys and Alicia Martin who are finalists in the Parli-Flicks competition. They will travel to the NSW Parliament in Sydney on 11 October 2023 for the finals. Thank you to Ms Berger for providing this opportunity to our students and we wish them every success for the night.

I would also like to congratulate Renee Coubrough who has recently been selected into the NSW Under 18 Girls Softball Team for 2024.

Many thanks to the senior Construction class and junior Agriculture classes who helped in the construction of the garden beds and filling them with soil in readiness for planting.

Mrs Trudi Edman, Principal

#### YEAR 12 PARENTS AND CARERS ARE INVITED TO:

Year 12 Graduation Assembly Thursday 21 September

Breakfast BBQ @ 8am followed by Awards Assembly in the hall @ 9.15am



## **2023 DISTINCTION AWARDS**

Year 9

Congratulations to everyone that received a distinction award. Thank you for regularly demonstrating our CARER values.

Year 8

Amy Fry Alice Murphy

Kamryn Beard Albie Cameron Dylan Crossley **Mitchell Davies** Wyatt Griffin Stacee Henderson **Phineas Hester** Nikita Hobbins **Isabel Jeffreys** Sophie Lenehan Jazmin Murray **Bradley Rayner** Lachlan Sansom **Rhys Saunders** Cheyla Selby **Brody Taylor** Seth Toohill-Sargent Mitchell Whitby Jarrah Wilson

Year 10 Emma Bignell Kayla Blanch Sam Collie Selina Denyer Summer Edwards Jaxon Griffis-Powick Bianca Jackson Findlay McIntosh Elana Pope Xavier Soupidis Blake Walker

Meghan Baldock Gemma Davies Parker Higgins Trisha Richards Lotus Rossi Mackenzie Schafer Dylan Siely Abbigale Sterling Max Todd Danieka Wakefield Helena Ward

Year 11

Year 12

Ella Howe Toreen Denyer Jazmyne Rolvink Chloe Tresidder Jack Bignell Jessica Murray

## **STAY HEALTHY HSC HUB**

With the HSC quickly approaching, we understand that this can be a stressful time for students and families.

Kenneth Wright

It can be overwhelming for students to think about everything they need to do in the lead up to the HSC, what path to take after school finishes and anxiety around what will happen if they don't achieve the marks they want.

To help with this time and provide students with the best chance at succeeding, the Stay Healthy HSC hub is available.

The hub contains HSC resources to help students and families with:

- Study tips and tricks
- Physical health and wellbeing
- Exam time
- Life after the HSC

Visit the Stay Healthy HSC hub - https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/stay-healthy-hsc

Students are encouraged to contact one of the channels below for additional support.

- <u>au.reachout.com</u>, online student chat
- kidshelpline.com.au / 1800 55 1800

Please contact the school if your child needs further support during this time.



## **INCLUSIVE DANCE WORKSHOP**

On Friday 4 August, Tiko Samson in Year 7 spent the day at an Inclusive Dance workshop at Oxley High School in Tamworth, that was organised by the NSW Arts Unit.

There were about 20 students of all kinds of ability in attendance from around our region.

The day was led by two fabulous dance professionals: Virginia Ferris and Christine Gillette

Ginny and Chris led the students and their teachers (yes, everyone had to participate) through a fantastic warm up routine and proceeded to elicit new ways of thinking about dance moves. We then spent the day working on half a dozen dance routines, culminating in a performance by the students at the end of the day. It was great to make new friends, meet other talented and hardworking students, and have fun being part of a group performance.



# PIZZA!

This Tuesday the students of the MC Class made pizzas for our school staff. The students put into practise their skills of not only cooking, but also safe food handling and kitchen safety.

The pizzas were delicious and we hope we can offer staff another MC Class lunch special later this year!



#### SYDNEY JEWISH MUSEUM

On Wednesday 23 August, a group of Year 10 students had the opportunity to travel to Sydney to visit the Sydney Jewish Museum. After their unit of work in Semester 1 on 'The Holocaust', the excursion provided students a practical extension of their learning. The group had the opportunity to hear a live Holocaust survivors story and a guided tour of the museum to see a range of artifacts from the time





# **PARLI-FLICKS FINALISTS!**

Year 9 Drama students have been shortlisted as finalists in the Parli-Flicks Short Film competition and invited to attend the awards ceremony at Parliament House in Sydney.

The competition that students create a short film (1 minute) exploring the idea of whether or not the voting age should be lowered.



Mitchell Davies, Alicia Martin and Isabel Jeffreys are to be congratulated!

## **MUMMIFIED APPLES**

In our exploration of funerary customs in the Ancient World, Year 7 applied their mummification skills to apples and will be tracking the changes they notice in the coming weeks.



### **CONNECT GLOUCESTER 2023: A TRIUMPH IN CAREER EXPLORATION**

We are excited to share the outstanding success of the 2023 Connect Gloucester Jobs Fair and Careers Expo. This remarkable event, organised by the Gloucester Business Chamber and Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP), took place on Wednesday 6 September, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm under the expansive roof of the Gloucester Showground Cattle Pavilion. It provided a unique platform for students of ALL years to connect with local employers and businesses.

The Connect Gloucester 2023 event proved to be a transformative experience for our students, connecting them with a multitude of career opportunities and resources. The event showcased a dynamic line-up of employers, educators, industry professionals, and emergency services who were eager to share their insights and guidance. With a wide array of local employers and businesses participating, students had the invaluable opportunity to engage in one-on-one discussions, explore potential career paths, further education, and gain insights into the job market. The event created a bridge between our talented youth and the local job market, fostering connections that are poised to shape their futures.

Connect Gloucester 2023 was an empowering experience for our youth. It allowed them to envision their futures, discover their passions, and learn about the incredible possibilities right here in our local area. The event emphasised the importance of staying rooted in the community while pursuing one's dreams.

This event was made possible through the combined efforts of the Gloucester Business Chamber and RIEP, who recognised the importance of promoting jobs, apprenticeships, and career opportunities for our local community, especially our young talents. Their dedication and commitment were evident in every aspect of the event, from its organisation to its execution. We would like to thank Erin Lute, our RIEP Senior Project Officer, whose commitment to our school and the community is truly commendable.

We are absolutely thrilled to share some incredibly positive feedback that has filled our school with pride. This feedback, conveyed through Erin Lute, highlights the exceptional qualities exhibited by our students and reaffirms the values that define our school community. Their commitment to being respectful, polite, and engaging reflects not only their individual characters, but also the collective culture of our school community. We are delighted to hear that our students not only showed interest but also inquired thoughtfully about various job opportunities. Their eagerness to learn and engage with local industry professionals showcases their drive for personal and professional growth.

Considering this feedback, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our students who attended Connect Gloucester 2023. Your conduct and enthusiasm have made us immensely proud, and you have proven that you are indeed ambassadors of our school's mission to foster excellence in education and character.

The success of Connect Gloucester 2023 is a testament to what can be achieved when our community comes together to support our youth.

Mr Michael De Angelis, Careers Adviser

# **CONNECT GLOUCESTER 2023 continued...**



## **AORC RACING**

Bradley Rayner just traveled to Keyneton South Australia for Rounds 7&8 of the Australian Off Road Championship riding in the J3 class. Saturday format was a Cross Country race with a track about 10kms long which they race non stop for 2hrs. It was very foggy and ground conditions very dry and dusty. There were over 30 bikes which all line up together, starting the race with your engine off waiting for the green flag to drop. Unfortunately Brad's bike wouldn't start making him last off the line. By the end of the race Bradley got back to 6th position in class for the day.

Sunday race was sprints, a 4 km track set out over parts that were ridden the day before. Each rider takes off individually 30 seconds apart, racing the clock. The rider with quickest total times for all of their sprints wins.

Brad rode well over the day putting down some fast times placing him 3rd - Well done Bradley!

# STUDENT ACHEIVEMENTS



We love to hear about student achievements outside of school! f you have something worth sharing please send in photos and info to gloucester-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au







RSVP to Mydie Keegan Carer Advocate:- <u>mydie.keegan@onedoor.org.au</u> or 0429995907 Margaret Collins:- glmentalhealthcarers@gmail.com or 0456966173

by Wednesday 4th October 2023









# **Craft Cuppa and Chat**

Do you care for a family member or friend with a mental illness? You are not alone. Would you like to meet other carers in a place where you can connect and chat with ease? You are invited to join us. Venue: unit 2 /78 Wynter St Taree Date: Tuesday12th September 2023 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Time: 1.00pm – 3:00 pm Afternoon Tea provided.

#### **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

For more information or to register please contact, Carer Advocate Mydie Keegan Phone: 0429995907 or Email: <u>mydie.keegan@onedoor.org.au</u> Numbers are limited.



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# Finished Year 12? Looking to secure your future?

A **NSW Infrastructure Traineeship** can give you a headstart in your future career.

#### How does the NSW Infrastructure Traineeship work?

- The two-year traineeship program combines practical work while studying for a Certificate IV at TAFE NSW.
- The infrastructure sector includes private companies in construction, infrastructure, real estate and property, as well as local councils and a range of NSW government agencies, such as Transport for NSW, NSW Health, and NSW Department of Education.
- Trainees get experience over the two years with three eight-month work placements in government, in industry, and in consultancy.
- Trainees will be able to study for a Certificate IV in Business, Project Management Practice, Procurement and Contracting.

## Who is this program for?

This program is for you, if you are:

- a school student finishing year 12 or
- have finished year 12 and are unsure what to do next.

#### What Traineeship graduates say

"It's an awesome program if you're unsure of what you're doing outside of school."



Samuil Angelkoski, Traineeship Graduate

"I gained a whole world of experience and knowledge firsthand in the construction industry while learning about it."



Amanda Bruhn, Traineeship Graduate

#### More information

To receive updates about the NSW Infrastructure Traineeships contact us by email: traineeship@det.nsw.edu.au

Visit the Infrastructure Traineeships website by scanning this code:



#### What are the benefits?

Two years fulltime paid work while studying 1-2 days per week





Practical workplace experience you can take anywhere Get experience in the growing industry of infrastructure



#### **About This Camp**

The Winter Tennis Coaching Clinic Conducted by **Greg Billingham** – Level 2 Club Professional Affiliated with TENNIS AUSTRALIA.



**Gloucester District Tennis Courts** Gloucester District Park, Boundary St, 2422



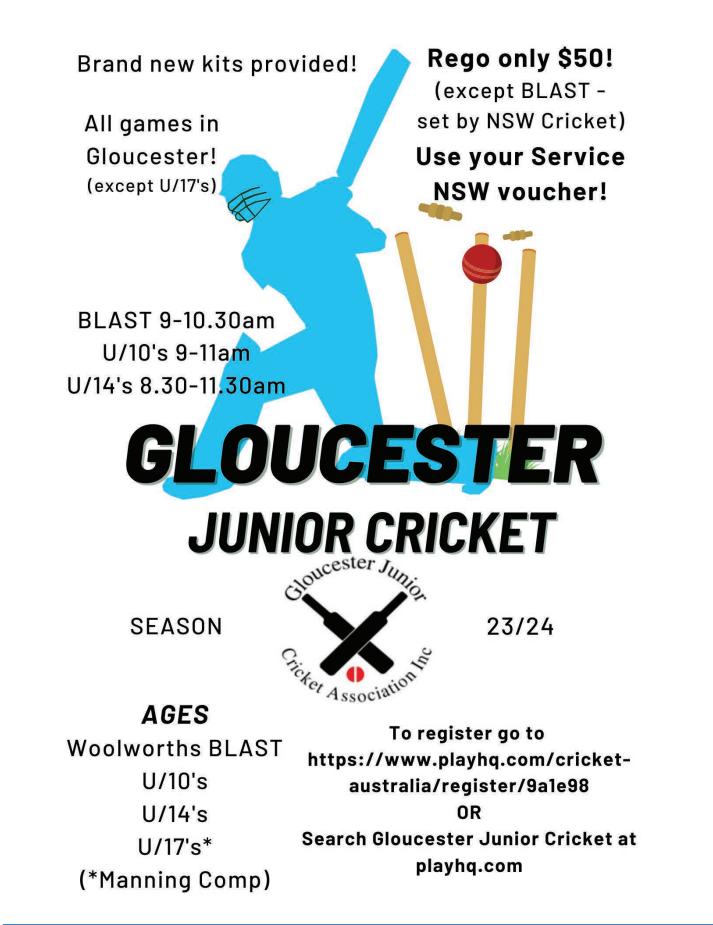
How to Register Registration Forms on the Gloucester District Tennis Association Facebook Page Dates 25th - 26th September 2023

Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

#### Contact

Name: Greg Billingham Email: billo62@bigpond.com Phone: 0414 552 966

Please note that all participants need to become members of the Gloucester District Tennis Association. Please find membership access at https://play.tennis.com.au/gloucesterdistricttennisassociation All participants will need to show proof of membership on the first day of the clinic.



#### 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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