



# Gloucester Public School Newsletter

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**Term 4 Week 7**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.**

## Dates to Remember

### Assemblies

Week 7 : 3C & 3G  
Week 8 : KM & KS  
Week 9 : Awards  
Week 10 : Y6 Final  
Assembly

**Kinder 2016 Smoothstart**  
23/11, 30/11, 7/12

**Schools Spectacular:**  
24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Presentation Night:** 9/12

**Year 6 Farewell:** 15/12

## Canteen Roster

**18/11**

Leanne Kearney

Liz Davis

**20/11**

Ruth Edwards

Ange Parish

**23/11**

Heidi Yates

Sandra Williams

**25/11**

Tracey Bignell

Susanna Jackson

**27/11**

Louise Thurgood

Amanda Bowling



**REMEMBRANCE DAY 2015**





# P&C Christmas Raffle

This year we are asking for donations of non-perishable goods to make baskets/hampers of goodies for a big raffle for our school and wider community. We are hoping to make 10 or more baskets/hampers to raffle.



At least two baskets/hampers will be given to charity to help families in and around Gloucester that need a little extra support at this time of the year.

We will send home a small book of tickets for 50 cents each to every family to sell and sell tickets at Presentation Night. The raffle will be drawn at the end of Presentation Night on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Please send items to the office. A collection box will be located in the admin office. Items may include:



- Cans of food or drink
- Christmas items - e.g. bon bons, puddings
- Unused toiletries - e.g. shampoo, conditioner, hair items
  - Packets of food
  - Kitchen items etc.

Any items suitable to fill a clothes basket to make a large gift hamper would be appreciated. Please do not send any second hand or used items. Thank you for your support and for helping us raise funds for the students of Gloucester Public School.



*From the Principal -*

**Leaders for 2016**

I have the honour of announcing the candidates for leadership roles for 2016. Each student needed votes from their Year 5 colleagues as well as at least one teacher vote.

Leadership speeches will take place next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2.00pm in the school hall with voting taking place sometime next week. Good luck to all the students and thank you to all the Year 5 students who nominated themselves in this process. There are many roles next year for each and every Year 6 student to be involved in the running/organisation of our school.

Captains, Vice-Captains and Executive SRC will be announced at Presentation Night on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

**Girls**

**Ava Tuckwell  
Laura Stone  
Lynelle Hester  
Brooke Willis**

**Boys**

**Bailey Hughes  
Cody Howard  
Josh Norrie  
Kayden Schumann**

**Thank you Choir members**

I would like to thank the choir members for an exceptional performance on Sunday at Sinfonia. The audience and orchestra were blown away by your performance and wonderful manners and how you represented our school so well. Thank you for representing our school with such pride and skill. An even bigger thank you to Mrs Carruthers and Mrs Burrows for giving up their valuable time. We are very lucky to have both of you on our staff.

**Remembrance Day**

Congratulations Year 6 on representing our school so well last Wednesday at Memorial Park. The morning was very warm. You all looked very smart in full school uniform and it is always a privilege to attend events with students from our school. Thank you





Levi Owens, Aylissa Redman, Casey Archer, Krystal Penfold, Mae'e Parks.

## Kindy Corner



### We are learning...

- Weekly Blends: tr and gr
- Weekly Word Family: 'an'
- Weekly Sight Words: not, say, house
- Number Focus: Reading, writing, counting and ordering numbers 0-1000
- Maths Focus: money, multiplication, division, fractions, area, position, 3D shapes, data

*Mirabai Carruthers and Alicia Taylor*  
*Kindergarten Teachers*

### Silver Awards

**1B** Cheyla Selby

### Gold Awards

**KS** William Woodbine

### Class Awards

**KM** Bailey McDonald

Tineah Richards

Mia Blamires

Cooper Gunn (E)

**KS** Jacob Whittaker

Amy Fry

Jayla Rapson

Makaylee Gooch (E)

**1B** Jamie Richards

Charlie Clarke

Riley Schafer

Amy Rumbel (E)

**1S** Jamieson Looby

Jessica Higgins

Phineas Hester

Wyatt Griffin (E)

**2H** Harvey Willis

Alex Channon

Ava Sanderson

Ruby Bradbury (E)

**2M** Charlie Thompson  
Teela Maslen  
Jaxon Griffis-Powick  
Ruby Tonks (E)

**3-6 Assembly**  
**Friday 20/11**  
**2.10pm**  
**in the hall**  
**Hosts/item = 3C & 3G**  
**Everyone welcome!**

### Kindergarten 2016 Smoothstart Program

Parents/carers are asked to escort their child/ren to the Kindergarten classrooms at 9.30am and return to collect them from the same area at 10.45am on the dates listed below.

Children will be involved in a variety of activities, for example -

- Structured play
- Listening to digital stories
- Art and Craft
- Playing with toys and games

During these visits your child will gain the confidence and skills to enable them to successfully enter Kindergarten in 2016 and ensure that your child's transition from preschool to primary school is successful. Participation in this program is voluntary, however highly recommended.

Children will need to bring morning tea, a water bottle and a hat to wear to the Smoothstart Program.

Dates: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**2015 Kindergarten Teachers**

### Assemblies for the Remainder of the Year

Stage 2 classes of Mrs Groves and Miss Coghlan will be conducting the Primary Assembly this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

This will be the last normal primary assembly for the year.

Kindergarten students will be hosting the Infants' Assembly next week (Week 8, 27<sup>th</sup> November).

The assembly in Week 9 (4<sup>th</sup> December) will be the major Merit Assembly for the year.

The Week 10 (11<sup>th</sup> December) assembly will be Year 6's final assembly.

**Mrs Ley & Mr Maggs**

**Assistant Principals**

### Australian Problem Solving Mathematical

#### Olympiads

#### **2015 Team Result**

Congratulations to the following students achieving at Certificate Level in the Maths Games that were conducted earlier in the year as part of the Maths Olympiads:

Anita Jackson

Cooper Harrod

Tanai O'Brien

Charlie Carruthers

Alarni Longbottom

Jarrood Crook

Chloe Hartley

Allison Simon

**Eve Green, Year 6 Teacher**

### Public Speaking

Unfortunately, the Inter School Public Speaking Competition normally held at Tuncurry PS will not be going ahead this year due to organisational difficulties. Those students who won in their year group in our school competition will not have the opportunity to compete at a higher level this year. Hopefully it will be running again next year.

**Kaye Leighton**

**Public Speaking Coordinator**

### Year 6 Transition Visit to High School

Year 6 students will attend the High School tomorrow afternoon, 18<sup>th</sup> November, for their last half day orientation visit, through which they are becoming familiar with the surrounds of the school and the routines.

They will be accompanied by Mrs Wilson and Mrs Green on the walk to the High School, leaving the Primary School at 1pm to join the High School by 1.30pm. Mrs Green will then return to the Primary School for the afternoon.

A reminder to Year 6 parents/carers, your Year 6 student will be leaving from the High School at 3.15 direct for home. They WILL NOT be returning to the Primary School.

If they catch a bus or walk they will do so from the High School. If you collect them in a car or other means then you need to make arrangements in regards to where you will pick your child up.

Year 6 will have their final Orientation Day on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, which will be a full day session.

### **Stage 3 Teachers**

### Crazy Cupcake Day

On behalf of Year 6 and the fundraising committee, we would like to say a huge thank you to the magnificent parents who cooked or provided delicious cupcakes for our crazy cupcake day last Thursday.

Another big thank you to Mr Ken Maurer for giving up his time to come and help us sell our cupcakes.

We raised a grand total of \$600 which will go towards our end of year gift to the school.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the Year 6 students who brought in the cupcakes and made this day happen,

Thanks also to everyone who bought cupcakes.

We hope you enjoyed them!

### **Year 6 Fundraising Committee**



# Choir

## Sinfonia Concert

On Sunday, our school choir had a wonderful opportunity singing with the Mid North Coast's orchestra, Sinfonia! What an amazing experience for them! We had so many compliments from the orchestra and the audience, who were blown away by our choir's amazing singing and wonderful manners. Thank you to all of those students who came and sang in this concert. We were very proud of you all!



*Mirabai Carruthers and Annette Burrows*



Yummy fresh spinach  
from our school garden  
\$1.00 per bunch.  
Orders to Mrs Groves.



### Schools Spectacular Information

- **WEEKLY SONG FOCUS:** Dancing in the Streets, Anything Goes, Breath of Life, World's Greatest and Shake it Off.
- **Movement Videos:** All students received an information sheet with video links for movement in Colour my World and Spirit of the Anzacs. Please practise these at home!
- School Rehearsals will continue this week. Please ensure that all Schools Spectacular music comes to school during rehearsal time.  
**Rehearsal Times: Thursday 12:50 to 1:30pm.**
- Fundraising Cheque: If you haven't banked your fundraising cheque, please do so ASAP!
- A big thank you to Jillie Stone and Elli Tuckwell for helping me to unpack and put together cookie dough orders. Your help was very much appreciated!
- **PERFORMANCE WEEK IS NEARLY HERE- 1 week to go!** Please make sure your child is practising, practising, practising! We want to have the best possible experience so let's make sure we know our words really well!
- **If you have any questions/concerns, now is the time to ask.** Please contact me straight away so we can solve any last minute queries!
- **And finally...** thank you to all our Schools Spec Students. Your effort is really appreciated and I cannot wait for our time away in Sydney! ☺

*Mirabai Carruthers*  
*Schools Spectacular Coordinator*

### Intensive Swimming

This year's intensive swimming is going swimmingly! All students are working extremely hard and have improved dramatically. It is so rewarding to see students who are now confident in the water, can float or even do proper freestyle. Well done to all the swimmers.

Remember to bring your gear every day, even if it is cloudy. At the end of this week, we will test all students and see just what they have achieved.

Thank you to Sue Kingston, Tarnya Turner, Danni Ryll and Kate Shanley for being top instructors.

Remember...early to bed and LOTS of food, they are starving after swimming.

Parents, try to take your child to the pool over the holidays, so they can reinforce the great work they have done during the lessons.

*Mark Howland & Caroline Moore*  
*Intensive Swimming Coordinators*



# WET AND WILD SYDNEY

## MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

### \$75 per person

Includes: Transport, Park Entry and Lunch

- \$25 deposit required with application form
- Full payment required by 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016
  - Departure 6.00am - return 10.00pm
  - For students aged 10 - 18 years of age
    - Great Christmas present



### COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Nomination forms and deposit (or payment in full) are to be returned to the Gloucester Police Station (if no one is present, please leave in the locked letter box in the driveway).

#### WET AND WILD SYDNEY Blue Light / PCYC

This trip is being offered to students aged between 10-18 years of age and is being planned for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

Cost = \$75 per person.

Application forms are due back to Gloucester Police Station on or before 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 with \$25 deposit and are available from the school office.



YOUR LOCAL PCYC PRESENTS

# BLUE LIGHT DISCO



**Friday - 04.12.15**

Combined Junior Blue Light  
Kindergarten to Year 7

6.00pm till 8.30pm  
Gloucester Soldiers Club  
Entertainment: MOBILISTIC DJ's  
Celebrating 5 years in Operation

**GOLD COIN ENTRY FOR EVERYONE - \$1000  
IN XMAS GIVEAWAYS - SANTA ATTENDING**

**NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS**

All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised  
by Police Officers



[www.pcycnsw.org.au](http://www.pcycnsw.org.au)

## Apple Slinky Machines - \$30



We only have a few of the Apple Slinky Machines left for sale at the canteen so you'd better be quick. **The price of the Slinkies was incorrect in last week's newsletter - they are \$30 each not \$25 as printed.** My apologies for the confusion. You can pick one up from the canteen on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 8:30am and 1:30pm. They are a great idea for the kids to use over the holidays.

If you've been thinking about volunteering why not call in and see myself and our friendly helpers at the canteen. We'd love to meet you or you can call my mobile 0447 727 388. Even if you can only spare 1 day a term or 1 day a year, it's all helpful.

*Lisa Norrie*  
*Canteen Supervisor*

## GENERAL MEETING HELD 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

Meeting opened 7.05pm

**Attendance:** As per attendance book

**Minutes:** Minutes from previous meeting read and moved to be correct.

Moved: Ruth Edwards

Seconded: Tonia Channon

### **Business arising:**

- Cover over playground equipment - We received \$5000 from AGL. Was transferred into our Bank today. Still no quotes for a permanent shed.
- P&C Levy survey. Ready to go on the SkoolBag app.
- HCCU grant - iPads have been purchased and are being used in classes. Need to get an article in the paper and newsletter.
- Sustainability Festival - disappointing we only received 1 cake donation other than P&C members and Lisa Norrie. Some slices were ordered from Hebbys. Robyn, Ruth and Susanna helped serve morning tea on Sunday.
- Car boot fundraiser, stall holders not covered by our insurance. Leanne W will speak to someone about how other places are covered for car boot sales they've held.
- Donations needed for Xmas raffle (non-perishable). Put into newsletter. Will make up some hampers to raffle on presentation night. Remaining mothers day and fathers day stall items can be used in hampers.

Moved: Robyn Beggs

Seconded: Sally Maslen

**Correspondence:** see correspondence book.

Moved: Ruth Edwards

Seconded: Robyn Beggs

### **Uniform Shop:**

- Orientation all ready to go - dresses have come in.
- P&C to donate a hat for each Kindy student.

Moved: Tonia Channon

Seconded: Ruth Edwards

### **Fundraising:**

- Xmas raffle: ask for donations and Xmas hampers to be raffled on the night. Check what tickets we've got. Approach IGA and Woolworths for donations.

Moved: Ruth Edwards

Seconded: Sally Maslen

### **Treasurer's Report:**

See attached report

Canteen Acc: \$8,841.29

P&C Working Acc: \$4,737.42

P&C Cash Reserve: \$4,709.77

- AGL money, \$5,000 went into Bank today.
- Reimburse Ruth \$21.17 for morning tea Sustainability Festival.
- Have ordered slinkys - 12 of them. Same price as last time - \$30.
- Open up a Christmas Club account with HCCU for our savings. Better interest than the S16 saver account.

Moved: Robyn Beggs

Seconded: Leanne Kearney

### **Canteen Report:**

See attached report.

- Woolworths will donate \$50 gift voucher for hot dog day.

Moved: Ruth Edwards

Seconded: Sally Maslen

### **Principals Report:**

- Mr Howland showed a video to us about the Gonski funding and urged all members to write letters to support ongoing funding of the Gonski program.

### **General Business:**

- Write a letter on behalf of the P&C re Gonski funding, to David Gillespie and Michael Johnson.
- P&C members to hand out Gonski fliers on Thursday afternoon covering all exists
- P&C to donate \$500 towards Presentation Evening Books.
- Canteen Flyscreens - quote from Elegant Blinds for security screens.
- Draw up Guideline Policy for fundraising money.
- Information about the Xmas raffle in Newsletter next Tuesday.
- Morning tea and talk for kindy orientation, slices to be donated.

Moved: Sally Maslen

Seconded: Susanna Jackson

Meeting closed at 8.20pm  
Next Ordinary Meeting 23 November at 7pm  
Next Executive Meeting 12.30pm on 5 November

# Kids DISCO

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**November**

**Drop off 6pm**

**Pick up 8pm**

**\$5.00**

**Includes Entry, Dinner  
and Drink.**

**Fully Adult Supervised  
Drinks, Chips, Ice Blocks,  
and Lollies available for  
sale**

**Kinder  
to  
Year 6**

**Fun Kids  
Music**

**Come and join the fun at  
Barrington Community Hall**

This is a Barrington and District Progress Association event

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