



# Gloucester Public School Newsletter

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**Term 4 Week 6**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

## Dates to Remember

14/11 SRC Crazy Sock Day  
16/11 Quiz Works Scripture  
20/11 Kinder 2018 Orientation  
20/11 - 1/12 Int. Swimming  
22/11 - 25/11 Schools Spec  
27/11 Smooth Start K 2018  
4/12 Year 6 Auction  
4/12 Smooth Start K 2018  
5/12 Presentation Night 6pm  
7/12 Citizenship Movie Day  
11/12 Smooth Start K 2018  
12/12 Year 6 Farewell  
14/11 Semester 2 Reports go Home  
14/11 Class Party Day - further Details to follow  
15/12 End of 2017 for Students  
19/12 End of 2017 for staff

## Assemblies

Week 6 - 1M  
Week 7 - 4D  
Week 8 - Citizenship  
Assemblies 11.30am & 2pm  
Week 9 - Yr 6 Final  
Assembly  
Week 10 - No Assembly

## Canteen Roster

15/11 Robyn Beggs  
Sally Maslen  
17/11 Casey Gooch  
Kim Haschek  
20/11 Ray Fitzgerald  
22/11 Tracey Bignell  
Liz Davis  
24/11 Tash Henrickson  
Karen Johnson



## Remembrance Day



Thank you to those students who chose to attend the Remembrance Day service on Saturday.

It was a lovely service that allowed us to pay our respects to those who have sacrificed themselves on our behalf in wars gone by.

Those students who attended certainly represented our school with pride and respect. Thank you.

***Rod Maggs - Assistant Principal (Stage 3)***

## Message from the Principal -



### P&C Christmas Raffle

Don't forget our Christmas hampers to be raffled on Presentation Night.

Within the next 2-3 weeks, the P&C will send home a small book of raffle tickets for \$1.00 each to every family to sell. Tickets will also be sold at Presentation Night on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the RSL at 6.00pm. Please send non-perishable items to the office. A collection box will be located in the admin area

Thank you for your support and for helping raise funds for the students of Gloucester Public School.



## Year 5 Nominated Leaders for 2018



### Our 5 School Expectations

- Care for our school and everything in it.
- Play and work safely.
- Show respect to yourself and all others.
- Be healthy and sun smart.
- Wear full school uniform with pride.

I would like to wish our 8 nominated leaders for 2018 the best of luck. Four of these students will be Captains and 4 will be our SRC executive. All 8 students spoke extremely well yesterday as they presented their speeches to the whole school in the hall.

#### Girls

Ellen Griffin  
Bree Norrie  
Tallulah Ashby  
Abbey Seale

#### Boys

Ryan Latimore  
Mitchell Hawkins  
Quinlan Collins  
Lochlan Mackintosh

Voting for Years 2-5 and staff will take place tomorrow Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Captains, Vice Captains and SRC Executive roles will be announced at Presentation Night on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm at Gloucester RSL. Best wishes to all!

## Year 6 Gift from the School and P&C

All Year 6 students receive a gift from the school and the P&C at the Year 6 Farewell. This year all Year 6 students will receive a calculator. Gloucester High School has recommended this calculator, so please do not rush out and buy one.

Each Year 6 student will receive a Casio fx-82AU Plus II Scientific calculator. We hope this parting gift will help our students and their families. Thank you to the P&C.

*Yours in Education*  
*Leanne Wakefield*



## Kindy Corner

We are focusing on

**Weekly Blends:** fl and pl

**Word Family:** 'ig'

**Weekly Sight Words:** got, some, friend

**Number Focus:** Reading, writing, counting and ordering numbers 0-1000

**Maths Focus:** multiplication, fractions, area and 3D shapes

**News:** Our topic this week is Free Choice 😊

**Family Booklets:** We've had lots of booklets returned and students have been presenting their information.

*Loryn Bratfield, Alicia Taylor and Susie McLeod - Kindergarten Teachers.*

K/1/2 Assembly  
Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November  
2.10pm  
Hosts/Item = 1M  
Everyone welcome!

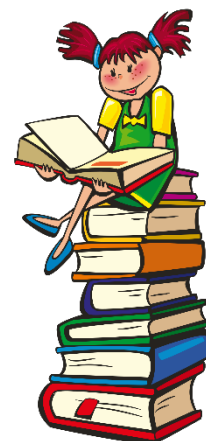


Alyssa Redman  
Ruby Tonks  
Charlie Bignell  
Casey Archer

FOR SALE  
From our school garden  
Spinach - \$1.00/bunch

## Class Awards - (Week 5)

- 3C** Tristan Young-Longmire  
Brody Taylor  
Jonas De Angelis  
Mackenzie Hardy (E)
- 3L** Cheyla Selby  
Wyatt Griffin  
Jamie Richards  
Albie Cameron (E)
- 4D** Blake Walker  
Michael Borradaile  
Olivia Kearney  
Alana Benson (E)
- 4G** Emily Beggs  
Alex Channon  
Ruby Bradbury  
Rhys Summerville (E)
- 5/6A** Travis Sansom  
Ellayn Smith  
Kyden De Angelis  
Clayton Selby (E)
- 5/6C** Caitlin Campbell  
Ryan Latimore  
Sam Leimgruber  
Tarlia Hollis (E)
- 5/6G** James Berry  
Taleah Higgins  
Lee Rolvink  
Lauren Wilson (E)
- 5/6M** Hailey-Jo Gruisinga  
Harrison Edwards  
Kobi Redman  
Alyssa Redman (E)





## Schools Spectacular Information- WEEK 6

**ONLY** a little over a **WEEK TO GO!**

**WEEKLY SONG FOCUS:** Deep Sea Dreaming (we've decided this is possibly our most challenging song!!!), We Know the Way, Live Right Now, Faith.

**REMEMBER...** Keep practising, listening and singing our Schools Spec songs. We don't have long to go! All words to songs must be memorised so they can sing without sheet music.

- School Rehearsals will continue this week. Please ensure that all Schools Spectacular music comes to school during rehearsal time.
- **Rehearsal Time:** Thursday at lunchtime and Monday 3 - 4pm in the Library (our last one!!!)
- There will be a quick **parent meeting after our final Monday afternoon rehearsal (20 November)** to go over a few final points and to answer any questions you may have. I am still receiving scheduling updates which means the timetable sent home yesterday may still be subject to slight changes however, be assured that if any changes, no matter how small, come up I will inform everyone via text. I look forward to seeing everyone Monday afternoon 20 November.

*Susie McLeod*

*Schools Spectacular Coordinator*



### Gloucester Public School Choir singing at Hillcrest Nursing Home this morning



# Transition to School Program



## **ORIENTATION/INFORMATION SESSION**

Monday 20th November 2017 (Week 7 - Term 4)

Our Kindergarten orientation will consist of:

- ✓ An information presentation for parents and carers in the school hall - 9.30am to 10.30am with morning tea available throughout. School uniforms will be available to order during the session or Fridays at the uniform shop.
- ✓ A 'Getting to Know You' session for your child/ren in the Kindergarten classrooms with teachers and senior buddies. We are proud of our 'Buddy Program'. Please note:
  - Parents and carers are encouraged to take their child/ren to the Kindergarten rooms prior to the information presentation.
  - Children will need to bring morning tea, a water bottle and a hat to wear when playing outdoors.
  - Children can be collected from the Kindergarten rooms from 10.30 to 10.45am (after the presentation in the hall)

\*\*\* Please do not include any nut products in your child's food as we try to be free of peanut and nut products due to the growing number of students with allergies.

Thank you.

## **SMOOTHSTART (TRANSITION) PROGRAM - 9.30am to 10.45am**

- Monday 27th November 2017 (Week 8- Term 4)
- Monday 4th December 2017 (Week 9- Term 4)
- Monday 11th December 2017 (Week 10- Term 4)



Parents and 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 above.

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

- Structured play.
- Listening to and responding to stories.
- Pre-reading and writing activities.
- Art and Craft.
- Whole number activities.
- Speaking and listening activities.



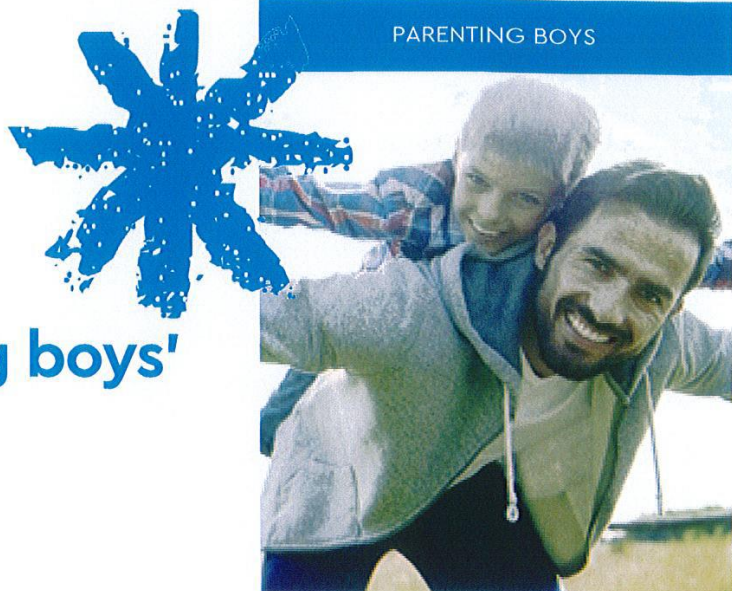
During these visits your child will gain the confidence and skills to enable them to successfully enter Kindergarten in 2018 and ensure that your child's transition from preschool to primary school is successful. Participation in this program is voluntary, however recommended and is in addition to our orientation/information session.

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

*Susie McLeod*

*Kindergarten 2018 Coordinator*





## Secrets of managing boys' behaviour

by Michael Grose

*Boys are behaviourally more challenging for parents than girls. Their physical nature, their boisterousness and their propensity to push boundaries can be challenging, particularly if parents are used to managing girls.*

There are some basic rules to follow when managing boys. If you follow these then I believe you'll successfully raise a boy who is eager to cooperate with you, will adapt to most of the social situations he encounters and, importantly, will treat others with dignity and respect. In a nutshell, a well-behaved boy!

### 1. Boys like rules, limits and expectations

Boys like to know who's in charge and what the rules are. They also like to know that someone will enforce those rules. They are hierarchical by nature too, so don't be too wishy-washy about who's in charge. You don't have to use the same authoritarian methods as your parents may have used, but don't be afraid to take a firm lead with your sons.

### 2. Boys learn from consequences (natural and logical)

Boys are more likely to be heuristic learners than girls. That is, they are more likely to learn from experience. Parents then need to allow boys to experience the consequences of their poor choices so they learn not to behave in those ways.

Protecting boys from their poor choices doesn't develop responsibility or independence. Telling them they need to improve their behaviour doesn't work either. Let them experience the negative consequences of poor behaviour and they will be more likely to change their ways. It just takes a few negative experiences before they learn.

Boys will cop most of your discipline as long as it's fair and reasonable. However, fairness is not only about being even-handed with your discipline. Particularly when implementing consequences, fairness is about being just, about not going too far with your consequences and about respecting their dignity: the three Rs of discipline:

**Related:** the consequence is related to what they have done. (Late home so don't go out next time.)

**Reasonable:** you don't go too far with a consequence. ("You're grounded for a day" rather than "You're grounded for a month.")

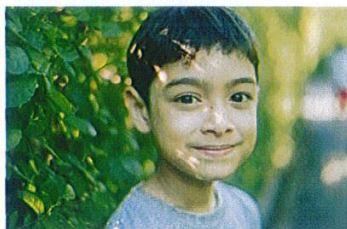
**Respectful:** boys maintain their dignity throughout the discipline process. (Consequence given in a friendly, calm way.)

### 3. Boys love consistency

Boys love consistency in their parents – it makes them feel that they are in control. On the other hand, parents who exhibit extreme emotional highs and lows can make life difficult for boys as all the boys' energy is



consumed dealing with fear or the uncertainty of life. In a behavioural sense, boys also like to know that their parents mean what they say and say what they mean. Again, they like to be able to predict their parents' reactions, which gives them a feeling of control. Follow through with consequences rather than just threaten or shout. They'll respect you for it and know that you love them.



#### 4. Manage visually

Use boys' heightened visual awareness to advantage by using lists, checklists and rosters to do the managing. In particular, most boys and all kids on the autism spectrum like the constancy and consistency of visual messages and reminders that support and reinforce verbal communication.

#### 5. Teach them how to cool off

Methods such as time out, cuddling and comforting are useful to help young children learn to cool down. As boys move into school age and beyond, help them understand the triggers that can lead to anger, then discuss various

methods to help them regain some calm. Deep breathing, getting some exercise or thinking about something different are simple ways of relaxing. Work out some ways with your son that will help him stay cool and in control when he needs to.

#### 6. Get them to reflect on what they've done

If a boy misbehaves, never ask him "Why?" He usually won't be able to tell you. Instead, get him to revisit the moment of poor behaviour and try to get a window into his thinking or motivation at the time. "What were you thinking about when you did...?" "What was going on to make you want to do that?" "What will you do differently next time?" This type of question helps ensure that boys learn from their experiences so they behave differently the next time they are in a similar situation.

#### 7. Encourage boys to repair and restore relationship breakdowns

Many boys naturally move on after conflict. This is often perceived as a strength or a positive compared to girls who can make conflict linger far longer than necessary. However, boys can often neglect repairing relationships as a result, which can lead them to be perceived as callous or uncaring. Following conflict with a sibling or a friend, encourage boys to make amends with the aggrieved person, either with an apology or an act of kindness. Alternatively, consider sitting down with both 'sides' to discuss what happened, what they might do differently next time and, in some cases, so that your boy can listen to how the aggrieved person felt about what happened. Some boys need assistance to develop the empathy to see how their remarks or behaviour can adversely impact others.



*Learn some great skills and knowledge to help you successfully raise the boys in your family in my practical 3-week Parenting Boys course. It's available now at [Parentingideas.com.au](http://Parentingideas.com.au).*



#### Michael Grose

*Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children*.*

# Year 6

## Year 6 - What's Coming Up?

### ***This fortnight:***

- Tues 14 Nov Yr 6 Fundraiser - Crazy Socks Day  
Yr 6 Farewell Committee meeting  
3.10pm  
Wed 22 Nov PtoH high school visit to GHS

### ***Future Dates for the calendar/diary:***

- Thurs 30 Nov GHS Orientation Day (full day)
- Mon 4 Dec Year 6 Auction  
Tues 5 Dec Presentation Evening - all students encouraged to attend  
Fri 8 Dec Year 6 Final Assembly  
Tues 12 Dec Year 6 Farewell  
Fri 15 Dec Final day - Walk of Honour

## Year 6 Farewell Meeting

The next committee meeting for Year 5 parents/carers helping to organise the Year 6 Farewell is today at 3.10pm in the 5/6C classroom. All parents/carers of Year 5 students are welcome to attend.

## Year 6 Baby Photos

All baby photos should be in by now. Also, remember to bring in your note and \$15.00 for the farewell so we can begin organising catering and other arrangements.

## Stage 3 Homework

As we gear up for a very busy end to the year, we have decided to take the pressure off students and families by finishing up homework as of this week.

Congratulations to all students who have routinely brought their homework in during the year. You are certainly setting yourself up for greater success, especially those in Year 6 about to head off for the demanding high school environment.

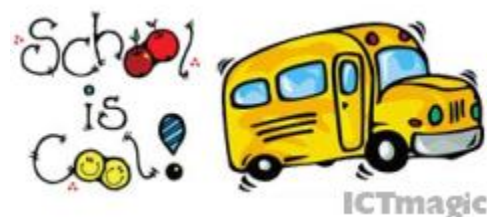
Thank you also to parents and carers for your support of homework throughout the year.

## 2018 Stage 3 Excursion Dates

Those students in Years 5 & 6 next year will be heading to Canberra in Term 3 as part of their studies on government and democracy.

The dates for this excursion will be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. This major excursion is certainly one of the highlights for students in their time at primary school. Please consider keeping these dates aside for your child when planning next year's calendar.

***Rod Maggs***  
***Assistant Principal***





## Canteen News



Congratulations to Eli Stuckings for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the Sydney Fruit Market's EAT FRESH TO WIN campaign that ran last term. The prize was a backpack, lunch box and drink bottle. Eli purchased fresh fruit every canteen day for the whole 6 weeks of the competition.

Well done Eli and all the other students who took part. Let's aim for the grand prize next year.

Please make sure that your lunch orders are in **BEFORE 9am** each morning. The occasional forgotten order is ok but we seem to have a few serial offenders making a habit of late orders.

*Lisa Norrie*

*Canteen Supervisor*

## Reading Recovery

Congratulations to Lara Taylor in 1M who this week achieved a remarkable goal in her reading. Consequently, she gets the big boot from the Reading Recovery Program. She will now be able to show off her new reading and writing skills. Lara deserves her success as she is a very conscientious and happy reader. She has done lots of reading practice, lots of homework and created some imaginative stories every day. Thanks must go to Lara's family who have supported and encouraged her.

*Bettianne Webeck*

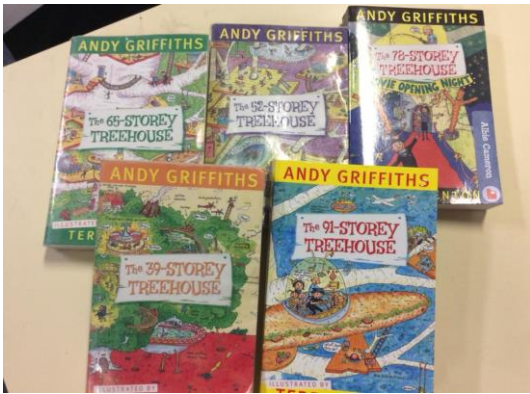
*Reading Recovery Teacher*

## Crazy Sock Day

A very big thank you to all the students and parents who generously supported the crazy sock day. The Year 6 students raised \$353.45 which will go directly towards their gift to the school. You all looked wonderful in your colourful, creative and crazy socks!







### 3L have been reading the Treehouse series by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

The first of the series was the 13 Storey Treehouse. Over the past few years several books have been added, each one being a story about another 13 storeys added to their Treehouse.

The most recent addition to the treehouse is the 91-storey Treehouse.

The story line is fun and silly and tracks their movements around the treehouse; their attempts to write the stories and

get their manuscript to the publisher by a deadline and the crazy things that happen in and around the treehouse.

Students in 3L have been creating their own storey for our class treehouse and it is now on display in the school library. Their design brief was that their 'room' would fit on a small cardboard plate and be no taller than two plastic bowls. Everything on the plates had to be made from recycled material.

Some of the rooms are 'real' as in a huge water slide, a variety of shops, a museum, parks, school, airport, helipad and some are personal creations such as a never ending gum room, bounce room, Gloucester Highway and 3L zoo.

We did not manage to make 91 storeys, however the children were very creative and had great fun building their own magical Tree House.

Please come and check out 3L's nearly 91-storey Treehouse.

Cheers

*3L and Mrs Ley*





**GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING HELD 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

Meeting opened 7.05 pm

**Attendance:** As per attendance book

**Minutes:** Minutes from previous meeting read. Moved to be correct.

Moved: Ruth                                  Seconded: Robyn

**Business arising:**

- School hats – Leanne Kearney still researching as most hats have toggles. Ongoing
- New Honour boards – Barrington Trophies are still working on new board and P&C life membership board.
- Uniform Shop- one part invoice still outstanding invoice.
- Transition to School evening at Seventh Day Adventist Church 19<sup>th</sup> October.
- Myer Foundation grant- awaiting outcome of grant application
- School Direction survey – Leanne W still collating report. Constructive and positive feedback.
- Presentation Night-
  - Life membership recipient invited. Will be away on presentation night. Suggested Monday morning assembly as alternative.
  - Christmas Hampers- 10 hampers to be made up. Raffle tickets to be sent home to children soon and collection box in school office for donations.
  - Curtain onstage- further investigation required
  - Floral arrangements- speak to Gloucester Floral Art Society.
  - Cookbooks- to be sold on presentation night again.

Moved: Tonia

Seconded: Nicole

**Correspondence:** see correspondence book.

Moved: Robyn

Seconded: Margo

**Uniform Shop:**

- Orientation shirts and summer dresses have arrived

Moved: Leanne K

Seconded: Amanda

**Fundraising:**

- Christmas Hamper raffle to be organised

Moved: Leanne K

Seconded: Ruth

**Treasurer's Report:** see attached report

Balances as at 23/10/17

Canteen Acc: \$12,387.59

P&C Working Acc: \$ 14,291.83

P&C Cash Savings Account: \$ 10,832.31

- Slushie Machine contract expires 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Robyn to investigate end of contract procedure.

Moved: Robyn

Seconded: Katherine

**Canteen Report:** see attached report

- Review Lisa's contract before end of year recommended.

Moved: Ruth

Seconded: Sally

**Principals Report:** see attached report

- No Sporting Schools for Term 4 due to Department budgetary constraints.
- Sandpit covers- timber/ shade cloth ideas presented by Sally.
- Year 6 gift- buy plants for garden in Infants area. May be undertaken by SRC.
- Mural on canteen wall discussed as idea for 2018.

**General Business:**

- Presentation Night- P&C to donate \$500. Unanimously carried.
- Year 6 gift (calculators)- investigate prices at Channells and Gloucester High School.
- COLA- P&C to donate \$20,000 towards cost of purchase. Carried unanimously.
- Stronger communities grant application applied for.

Moved: Sally

Seconded: Amanda

**Meeting closed at 8.30 pm**

**Next General Meeting to be held 20th November 2017.**