



Gloucester Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday 12th December, 2017.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Term 4

- 12/12 Year 6 Farewell
- 14/12 Stage Parties
- 14/12 Semester 2 Reports
- 15/12 Last day of Term 4 for students
- 19/12 End of year for staff

Term 1 2018

- Monday 29 January
Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 30 January
First day for students 1-6
- Wednesday 1 February
First day for Kindergarten

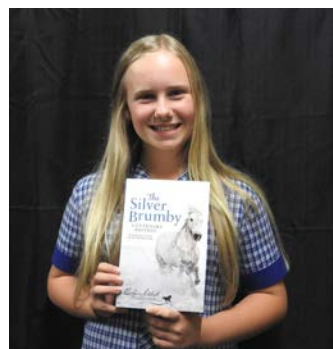
2017 Presentation Night



Dux of the School : Emily Kearney



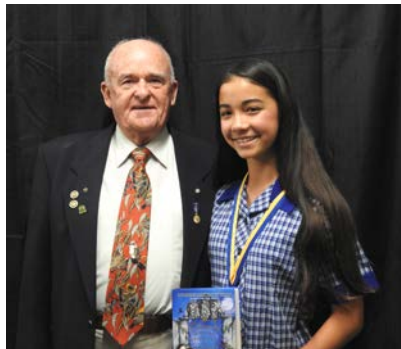
Principal's Award: Kate Bradbury



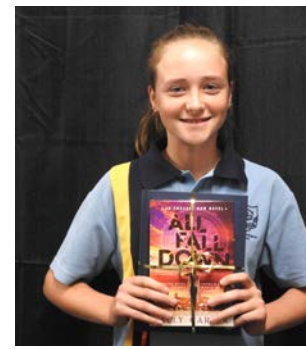
Student Leadership
Katrina Channon



Excellence in representing our
school & community
Will Griffis Powick



Citizenship
Josie Fitzgerald



English
Elyssa Keen



Maths
Ryan Beggs
Sean Pilgrim



Academic Improvement
Aston Wisely
Jazmyne Rolvink



Consistency of Effort
Rachael Smith
Verity Badham
Travis Sansom



Excelsior Awards
Jack Bignell
Darcey Fry



Uncle Jimmy Clarke Memorial Award
Xander Galvin
Sarah Galvin



Indigenous Achievement
Chloe Campbell
Lyla Cawley
Bianca Turner



Winning House: Carson Shield - Bradman



Sportsmanship & Sportsperson of the Year
Harrison Edwards
Sam Ashton



Encouragement Awards
Nicholas Maslen
Caiden Wakefield



Gardening & Sustainability Awards
Alicia Edwards, Reannah Yates
Melody Maslen, Rahni Coulton



Creative & Performing Arts
Ellie Bird



Overall Application and Commitment
Kyharlee Holden
Miranda Yates



Science: Charles Tonks
Public Speaking: Lillian Llewellyn
Harvey Willis



Maths Olympiad Awards
Charles Tonks, Emily Kearney,
Ryan Beggs, Daniel Rowney

Congratulations to the other award winners

History & Social Sciences : Jessica Murray

Music: Emily Clarke, Charlee Dillon, Hailee Labry, Marley Young,
Ruby Tonks, James Berry, Chloe Tresidder

Creative Arts (Infants) : Holly Davies

Reading Recovery : Poppy Murphy, Kaylie Maslen

GPS Reading Program : Lyla Cawley, Dale Gerdnoi

Learning Assistance Program :
Kiala Hardy, Phineas Hester, Clayton Selby

Information Technology Justin Boorer, Nylah Wisely, Seth Toohill-Sargent,
Jackson Blanch, Lachlan Gorton

Sporting Awards : Junior Girl Champion - Mackenzie Schafer
11yrs Girl Champion - Bianca Turner
Senior Girl Champion - Emily Kearney
Junior Boy Champion (Tie) - Zac Schafer, Jackson Moore
11yrs Boy Champion - Ryan Latimore
Senior Boy Champion - Sam Ashton

Library Awards : Amelia Fenning, Chloe Doolan, Nikita Hobbins, Caitlin Campbell

QuickSmart Awards: Brady Johnston, Pryce Crane

Class Awards:

- KC** : Lily Sansom, Maddison Wall, Miller Ribbons, Patrick Doolan.
- KL** : Joshua Stanton, Beau Laurie, Reanna Gorton, Bodhi Murphy.
- KS** : Toby Kellehear, Corey Everett, Emily Clarke, Destiny Osland.
- 1M** : Olive Kelly, Zali Jennings, Toby Warwick, Ethan Smith.
- 1S** : Amelia Wooster, Matthew Woods, Emma Latimore, Christopher Bolton.
- 2G** : Alice Murphy, Amy Fry, Ellie Berry, Oliver Collins.
- 2T** : Mia Blamires, Jessica Marchant, Charlotte Todd, Nash Griffin.
- 3C** : Sophie Lenehan, Mackenzie Hardy, Nicholas Maggs, Matthew Galvin.
- 3L** : Jessica Higgins, Nikita Hobbins, Jamie Richards, Rhys Saunders.
- 4D** : Joseph Hogan, Olivia Kearney, Brady Johnston, Ava Sanderson.
- 4G** : Xavier Soupdis, Sam Collie, Emma Bignell, Georgia Hughes.
- 5/6A** : Elyssa Keen, Lochlan Mackintosh, Emma Broadhead, Skye Hill.
- 5/6C** : Quinlan Collins, Kyle Atkins, Alyssa Paton, Shania Richards.
- 5/6G** : James Berry, Bryce Young-Longmire, Gemma Davies, Jack Fenning.
- 5/6M** : Ryan Beggs, Jazmyne Rolvink, Alyssa Redman, Matthew Hester.

Thank you to the following individuals and organisations for their generous sponsorship of prizes:

Newcombe Coaches
View Club Gloucester
Rotary Club Gloucester
Quota International of Gloucester
Masonic Lodge Gloucester
Lions Club of Gloucester
CWA Day Branch
CWA Evening Branch
Garner Family
Gloucester Public School P&C Association
Gloucester AECC
Mrs Bev Murray (Ivan Murray Memorial Award)

A special thank you to our P&C Life Members who attended our Presentation Night and helped to present awards.

School Leaders for 2018

Our school leaders for 2018 were announced at Presentation Night. **Congratulations** to **Ryan Latimore** and **Abbey Seale** who will be our captains and to **Lochlan Mackintosh** and **Ellen Griffin** who will be our vice-captains.



Message from Mrs Wakefield -

Presentation Night

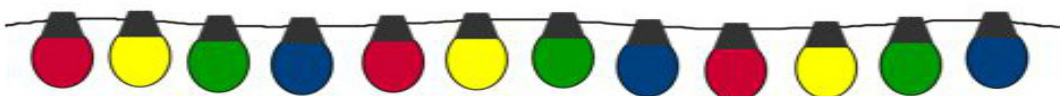
Congratulations to all the students who received awards at Presentation Night and to our new Captains and SRC Executive.

Captains - Ryan Latimore and Abbey Seale

Vice-Captains - Lochlan Mackintosh and Ellen Griffin

SRC Executive - Quinlan Collins, Mitchell Hawkins, Tallulah Ashby and Bree Norrie.

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope all our families and friends have a wonderful Christmas, fabulous New Year and a safe and happy holiday. See you all in 2018 for another fabulous year.



**Happy
Holidays!**

Happy Birthday!!

Lee Rolvink, Marcus Fish, Tiera-Jade Watt, Connor Garnham, Paddy Doolan, Jarred Rolvink, Tallulah Ashby, Sam Whittaker, Elise Coombes, Hannah Leimgruber, Nash Griffin, Archie Ribbons, Matthew Woods, Jack Johnson, Jimmy Pritchard, Matthew Galvin, William Wooster, Mitchell Davies, Ethan Blanchard.

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Gloucester Public School Farewells

Year 6 Farewell

Tonight is the night of the Year 6 2017 Farewell. All Year 6 students need to arrive at 6.15pm and assemble outside the library.

Year 6 parents leave once the students are seated and return at approximately 7.30pm to watch the dance, power point photos, Year 6 song and presentation of honour rolls.

The evening concludes at 9.00pm.

All the best Year 6 - have a wonderful night and remember this will be one of the highlights of your years in primary school.

We would like to thank all the Year 5 parents who have helped in any way to make this night such a success. Without your enthusiasm, dedication, skills and hard work, this event would not go ahead. Thank you for being so reliable, considerate and cooperative - a true team!

Rod Maggs

Stage 3 Supervisor



Come and share in the special time that is the last day of primary schooling for our Year 6 students.

At 2.40pm on Friday, students of GPS will form a guard of honour to farewell our Year 6 students as they head off to high school life and beyond. Family and friends are welcome to join in this memorable occasion as they finish primary school.

Best of luck, Year 6! You are an amazing group of fantastic people. Thank you for all you have contributed to our school over the last seven years. We will miss you!

**All of the Staff and Students of
Gloucester Public School**

Thank you -

We would like to say a big thank you to Gloucester Public School staff, especially all the teachers we have had over the last seven years. We will really miss all of the staff and fellow students!

We have so many great memories from the past years and we hope to meet again another day.

2017 Year 6 students



Smooth Start 2017

Our Smooth Start for 2017 is complete and thanks to our current Year 4 students the process has been very smooth and lots of fun for our 2018 Kindergarten students. The kindy students have participated in literacy and numeracy activities along with mini games and whole group mat activities. All the staff at GPS are very much looking forward to seeing them all back next year ready for their first year of learning.

Susie McLeod
Kindergarten Orientation Coordinator



School Banking

Congratulations to all our amazing school bankers. We have had a terrific year with so many children visiting each week.

Our top savers this year were Kate Bradbury and Ruby Bradbury with 39 visits, Christopher Bolton with 38 visits and Heidi Brenton on 37. Fantastic effort goes out to Amelia Gruisinga, Chloe Campbell and Chloe Doolan.

School bankers, please collect your award certificates if you haven't already done so.

A big thank you to all the parents, carers and students who support this school fundraiser.

Many thanks to Therese Cameron and Julie Clarke for their help every week. You are amazing!

Jane Richardson
School Banking Coordinators.



SMART PACKS & VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2018

Smart Packs will once again be available for purchase at the beginning of the new school year. The costs are as follows:

Kindergarten	-	\$45.00
Years 1-6	-	\$35.00

These packs contain everything your child will require for the year; e.g., pens, pencils, glue sticks, exercise books, textbooks etc.

Please pay for the pack as soon as possible at the office when school returns next year. We would appreciate it if you would make this a priority.

Voluntary school contributions will remain at \$30.00 per child per year. These funds are used to assist the school to purchase items used in teaching and student welfare. Such items include expenses relating to each of the learning areas such as art supplies, equipment, sports gear, library books, take-home readers, paper, cost of photocopying and texts etc.

Payment of these fees would be very much appreciated.

If you wish to make an online payment the reference numbers are as follows:

Smart Packs : 051624

Voluntary Contribution: 046001

Congratulations GPS Choir

Well done to all our 72 choir members!!!

We have had a very busy time over the last few weeks with lots of performances taking place around our community. The students have represented our school in an outstanding manner and have helped spread Christmas cheer to all they have performed for.

A very big thank you must go out to Mrs Burrows who guides and accompanies us everywhere we go (even on her day off!). Goodbye to our fabulous Year 6 members - keep on singing!!! And we look forward to lots of next year's Year 3s joining us in 2018.

Susie McLeod

Choir Teacher

Narraweema

Performance



Students Progressing to Year 3 and Year 7



This is a reminder regarding the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and students progressing from Year 2 to 3 and Year 6 to 7.

Some improvements have been made to the school transport system which now means that students who are progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 do not need to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW

The system has automatically validated a student's ongoing eligibility if they are at the same school and progressing to year 3 and year 7. Where students have met the new eligibility, the system has updated their entitlements and cards. If they didn't meet the new eligibility, they would have been sent an expiry notification.

If students need to update any information or reapply, they should go online to <https://appstransport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/update> Details.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2017 to ensure students' entitlements are updated.

Students residing in rural and regional areas should receive their new travel passes at the commencement of the new school year in 2018.

Note: Some operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



A HUGE thank you to everyone who has helped in the canteen throughout the year. You are all a pleasure to work with and I am so lucky to have such great help.

Due to work commitments for a few of our regular helpers we are looking for more volunteers for next year. If you can spare a few hours each term and would like to help, please call in and see me at the canteen or call on 0447 727 388. We have an awesome bunch of mums, dads and grandparents who lend a hand and a few more people would be much appreciated.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year. See you in 2018.

Lisa Norrie
Canteen Supervisor,



"Anyone who sends me junk e-mail is automatically added to the 'naughty' list!"



Goodbye primary school, hello secondary school

by Michael Grose

The end of primary school is a significant milestone in children's lives. They've spent half their lives in primary school, in many cases in the same school, which is significant.

Developmentally they've come a long way from those skinny little kids who lined up for class on the first day holding a parent's or carer's hand. Now entering puberty, most are taller than their mothers and the only people they'll hold hands with are 'special friends', but not in public. Those displays of affection will come later in the secondary school years.

Changing from primary to secondary brings a mixture of emotions in kids such as excitement, apprehension, pride and, in many cases, sadness about leaving friends and familiar surrounds behind.

Parents often go through the same range of emotions as children at this time so we need to acknowledge those feelings in ourselves, just as we should in our children.

Looking back

This is a time for kids to celebrate their achievements; show appreciation to their teachers and enjoy the friendships that they've formed. Here are three ideas:

1. Let's celebrate

Primary school graduation ceremonies play an important part in the primary school life, as they mark the end of an era and the start of a new part of their lives. We need to be careful that the meaning doesn't become lost as graduations become increasingly lavish, even to the point where some students are transported to their graduation in a stretch limo. *Keep them simple and keep them close to the school's values.*

2. Show gratitude

As a former teacher I know how much a simple thank you can mean from students at the end of the year. So make sure your kids take the time to thank their final year teacher and as well as seek out to thank other teachers who contributed to their education over their primary school journey. *Gratitude costs nothing but has a great impact.*

3. Enjoy friendships

Encourage your kids to be open and friendly at this time of the year, and steer clear of cliques and fellow students who want to exclude others from their groups. The end of primary school can be tricky to navigate,

particularly when early maturers stick together and ostracise certain classmates. *This is the time for friendly behaviour and inclusiveness.*

Looking ahead

When primary school is finished and the holidays are coming to an end it's time to focus on the new experiences of secondary school. Some kids take secondary school in their stride but it is natural to experience some difficulty.

If your eldest is starting, then secondary school will be a relatively new experience for you too. It will take some time for you to adjust to the school's culture and communication methods.

Your attitude as a parent can help your child quickly adjust. Here are three ideas for you to help kids make a smooth adjustment:

1. Promote friendships

The quicker kids form new friendships the sooner they'll feel comfortable in their secondary school surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive!

2. Be ready to listen

Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it's normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many difficulties they face will be temporary.

3. Keep your attitude positive

Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in issues with the appropriate person such as a year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.



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*. A trailblazer in the parenting and educational scenes Michael regularly appears in the media throughout Australia in programs including *The Project*, *The Today Show* and ABC radio.*

Animal Nursery hosted by the P&C at the Gloucester Community Christmas Carnival



FREE FAMILY FUN DAY



**Come & see
Scouting in
ACTION!**



**Scouting is for
boys and girls
from 6 to 18 years**

Learn how to use a compass, have fun doing teamwork games like magic carpets and twister, attempt an obstacle course, cook damper and camp treats over a fire. Then join us for a sausage sizzle at 1.00pm

**JOIN us for
FUN
EXCITEMENT
&
LAUGHTER**
on Saturday 16th,
December
from 10.00am
to 2.00pm at
Gloucester
Show Ground



What should parents and caregivers do now?

**MARK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY & ON YOUR CALENDAR
STICK THIS NOTE ON YOUR FRIDGE COME TO THE FUN DAY**

**Questions? Call Heather Egghins, our Gloucester Group Leader
Mob: 0419 179 274**

Merry Christmas

