



Gloucester Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 8

Tuesday 4th December 2018

Dates to Remember

5/12 Year 6 GHS Orientation
Day - all day at GHS
7/12 Citizenship Assemblies
10/12 Year 6 Auction 1.40pm
12/12 Presentation Night 6pm
13/12 Citizenship Movie Day
14/12 Year 6 Assembly 2pm
18/12 Year 6 Farewell 6.30pm
19/12 Last day of Term 4 2018

Assemblies

Week 8 07/12 Awards
Week 9 14/12 Year 6

Canteen Roster

5/12 Brad Sparke
Leanne Kearney
7/12 Mel Seale
Kim Haschek
10/12 Robyn Beggs
12/12 Skye Aphorpe
Sharon Osland
14/12 Liz Davis
Erin Campbell

Uniform Shop: Friday 7/12
8.30AM - 10.00AM

School Photos: 27/3/19



FOR SALE!

Spinach from our
school garden
\$1.00/bunch



GLOUCESTER CITIZENSHIP AND TERM 4 EXPECTATION ASSEMBLIES

Friday 7th December 2018

K-2 : 11.30am

3-6 : 2.00pm

Everyone welcome - Please note change of
times from normal assemblies.

Citizenship
Movie Day
Thursday
13th
December

"HOT DOG DAY"

Wednesday, 19th December



To celebrate the end of another year we are holding a special hot dog day on Wednesday 19th December at lunch time. Our hot dog meal deal will include a hot dog on a bun, sauce (optional), popper and a special Christmas treat all for \$5.00. If you would like to order, please fill in the attached order form and return to the canteen along with your money. As you can imagine this involves a LOT of hot dogs so to help us with catering **PLEASE HAVE YOUR ORDERS IN BY FRIDAY 14th December** so you don't miss out. Due to the hot dogs, strictly no other lunches will be available on this day. (Recess as normal).

Class Awards (Week 7)

KB	River Cowley
	Peter Clinch
	Connor Forbes
	Marnie Renwick (E)
KM	Trey Oestmann
	Krickett Jolliffe
	Indie Beaton
	Eiva Swilks (E)
1J	Josh Stanton
	Chloe Campbell
	Toby Kellehear
	Samantha Fraser (E)
1M	Layla Collins
	Hudson Wade
	Ellie Cameron
	Amelia Fenning (E)
2G	Taz Rumbel
	Lara Taylor
	Ivy Kellehear
	Amelia Wooster (E)
2S	Tyler Hobbins
	Ethan Smith
	Samira Soupdis
	Christopher Bolton
	Jacob Wright
	Zali Jennings
	Charlee Dillon (E)

Year 6 Farewell

Unfortunately, we still have a few outstanding payments due for the Year 6 farewell. It is getting a little tight now for our caterers, so please bring in your note and \$15.00 for the farewell so we can finalise arrangements for this special occasion.

Rod Maggs - Assistant Principal (Stage 3)

GHS Orientation Day - TOMORROW



Tomorrow, Wednesday 5th December is the full day Gloucester High School Orientation Day. Students will

make their own way to and from Gloucester High School either by normal bus transport or other arrangements organised by their parents.

Please do not send your child to GPS on this day as no transport from GPS to the high school is available.

Please ensure your child attends this important orientation day as it allows them to form vital relationships with their peer leaders and key GHS staff members. It is a great opportunity for parents to find out more information about the school and key staff. Parents are welcomed for the morning session to hear more about Gloucester High School, with the opportunity to meet staff and ask questions.

Students should wear full GPS uniform, enclosed leather topped shoes and school hat, bring recess/lunch or money for the canteen, and bring a water bottle. Something to write on and a pen would also be useful.

You should have received a note from GHS yesterday with information on the day. Should you require further information, please contact the GHS Office on 6558 1605.

Students not attending GHS in 2019 should attend Gloucester Public School as normal.

Rod Maggs - Assistant Principal (Stage 3)

Needed for Sick Bay

Girls' undies and summer clothing (Kinder to Year 4) and boys' shorts (Kinder to Year 2).

Clothing pool for life's little accidents has just about been depleted. Thank you!

Year 6 - What's Coming Up?

The busy last few weeks:

- Tues 4 Dec Yr 6 Farewell Committee meeting
3.05pm - all Yr 5 parents
welcome!
- Wed 5 Dec GHS Orientation Day (full day)
- Mon 10 Dec Yr 6 Fundraiser - Year 6 Auction
- Wed 12 Dec Presentation Evening - all
students encouraged to attend
- Fri 14 Dec 1.45pm Year 6 Final Assembly -
parents and community friends
welcome!
- Mon 17 Dec Auction duties day
- Tues 18 Dec Stage Christmas Party / Year 6
Farewell



Wed 19 Dec 2.30pm Walk of
Honour - parents welcome!
Bring the hankies!

As you can see, we have a fairly hectic schedule in the lead up to the end of the year. We also have a lot of preparation to do to prepare for many of these events. It certainly is an exciting time of the year!

Year 6 Dancing



Year 6 students started their dancing lessons last week in the lead up to their Year 6 Farewell later this term. Not only have they started with great maturity and respect in dancing with a partner, but they are really quite a talented bunch! They are also having lots of fun and Mrs Green and I have heard on a number of occasions, "Can we dance today?"

Parents, don't be surprised if you are dragged into the lounge room by your child for some practice yourselves. After all, you will be expected to have a dance on farewell night, too! We are once again supported by the wonderful Mrs Bev Murray, who continues to volunteer her time to teach the students some special skills in dancing and to whom we are very grateful.

We look forward to showing off our moves on the big night!

Rod Maggs - Assistant Principal (Stage 3)

Year 6 Auction - Monday Week 9 - Buy a Year 6 Student!



Yes, it's that time again!

Ever wanted to buy your very own Year 6 student? Imagine owning one! You could finally boss them around as you liked..... get them to carry your things around..... clean out your tote tray or classroom..... maybe even get them to do your school work!

Well, this opportunity doesn't come around very often. It's time to get together with your classmates, teachers, best friends and buddies, to try to snatch one of these Year 6 students at the upcoming Year 6 Auction on Monday 10th December (Week 9).

Bring a couple of dollars, combine it with your class and see if you can bid successfully for the right to 'own' a Year 6 student for a few hours and show *them* who's really the boss! Year 6 students will come to your classroom on Monday 17th December for a few hours to do as you command.

All money raised goes to the Year 6 gift to the school. Be part of the fun!

Mrs Bosworth, Mr Maggs and the Year 6 Fundraising Committee

Library borrowing coming to a close



Last week was the last week of borrowing for the year. All books that have been borrowed from the library must be returned this week in order for us to begin our annual library stocktake in Week 9.

Overdue notices have been sent home recently. If your child has received one of these can you please take some time to have a search for the missing books. Unreturned books cost our school a lot of money and we may request that the cost of these lost books is reimbursed in order to replace them.

Many thanks

Kim Macdonald

Teacher Librarian

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 bought 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.

Rod Maggs - Assistant Principal (Stage 3)

2019 Stage 3 Excursion Dates

Students in Years 5 & 6 next year will be heading to Bathurst and the Central West as part of their studies on Australian history, particularly the impact the discovery of gold had on our nation. The dates for this excursion will be

confirmed within the next two weeks. This major excursion is certainly one of the highlights for students in their time at primary school.

Rod Maggs - Assistant Principal (Stage 3)

LOST PROPERTY!!!

Please come and check for lost clothes, and items, otherwise they will be taken to the second-hand shop!



Public Speaking Finals

On Tuesday 6th November all of Stage 2 and 3 were treated to some wonderful public speaking. For some of our students, this was their first time standing up in the hall in front of their peers and parents. It was amazing how they overcame their nerves to present so confidently and clearly. We heard all about the wonders of the Bermuda Triangle, foods we all love to eat, and many different types of animals just to name a few topics. I commend all 16 students for their hard work and practice in delivering such a high standard of public speaking. Everyone in the hall was entertained and enjoyed the day immensely. Miss Layne Ross, our adjudicator, gave each student feedback and recommendations for future development. The contest was close, and the quality of the impromptu speeches came into play in deciding the champions.

Congratulations to our champions Amy Fry Year 3, Seth Toohill-Sargent Year 4, Ava Sanderson Year 5 and Quinlan Collins Year 6.

Felicity Willis, Public Speaking Coordinator



Upcoming Choir Performances

Our School Choir has a very busy performance schedule for Term 4. There are a few out of school performances and we would really appreciate your support in bringing you child/ren to each of these events.

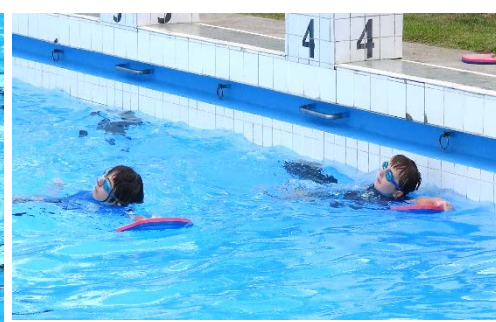
Date	Concert	Venue
Tuesday 7 December (During School Time)	Narraweema	Narraweema
Sunday 9 December 6:00pm	Carols in the Park	Gloucester REC Centre and Sporting Grounds
Wednesday 12 December 6:00pm	GPS Presentation Night	RSL Auditorium
Friday 14 December (During School Time)	Kimbarra Lodge	Kimbarra Lodge

Susie McLeod and Annette Burrows, Choir Coordinators

Intensive Swimming

During Weeks 6 and 7, 53 students from Years 2-6 were involved in the Intensive Swimming Program. All students improved their swimming skills immensely and pool staff congratulated all the participants for their behavior and performance.

Julie Groves, Coordinator



Windstars Performance Dates

It is that time of year when we have the opportunity to perform all the pieces we have been practising for so long. Thank you to all students and parents who make the effort to be at rehearsal on time every week. I have thoroughly enjoyed our year of playing music together. It is exciting to see the musical talent in our students and the enjoyment that playing an instrument in an ensemble brings. A huge thank you also to Mrs Burrows and Mrs Dillon for their continued help and support. Goodbye and thank you to our Year 6 students and we look forward to seeing some new faces next year! - ***Sarah Soupidis***

When	Time	Where	Wear
Sunday 9 th December	6.30pm – note change from 6.00pm to 6.30pm	Carols in the Park Outside the Recreation Centre	Full school uniform
Wednesday 12 th December	5.45pm	RSL Auditorium – Presentation Night	Full school uniform
Friday 14 th December	During school hours. Walking to Kimbarra.	Kimbarra Lodge Leaving school at 10.15am and returning to school at 11.30am	Full school uniform



How to stop your children from swearing

by Michael Grose



If you're like me, you feel decidedly uncomfortable when kids of any age turn the air blue with profanities. Swearing shows lack of respect for others, and also a lack of awareness for their surroundings.

Teaching kids to use appropriate language is trickier now than in the past. For a start, standards have changed where many words – such as the 'F' word – that were deemed inappropriate in the past are often heard on radio and seen in mainstream newspapers. Words that everyone agrees are inappropriate are frequently used in public forums, to the point that the boundaries of appropriateness have become blurred.

Standards may change, but the job of parents hasn't altered. That is, **to teach kids to use language that doesn't offend others**. Whether it's teasing or swearing – it's all the same. If a word or words are offensive, then choose other words or say nothing at all. That is the message to get across to the next generation.

Socially smart kids alter their language

Socially skilled kids of all ages will adjust their language to suit the situation they are in. They may speak one way with their friends but use a completely different vocabulary when they are with adults. They are aware that what works with their best friend just won't cut it when they are in Grandma's company. This awareness shows social acuity and the flexibility to adjust to different environments. It needs to be extended to all sorts of situations including where adults and younger children are present. Kids who constantly swear limit their social possibilities.

They didn't hear that from me!

What do you do when you know your children swear despite your best intentions? Don't over react. Try to work out its purpose. Children swear for many reasons, including: to experiment with language; to attract your attention; to make themselves appear bigger or older than they are; and even as a challenge or expression of personal power.

Inappropriate language can also simply be a reflection of your children's peer groups. "Everyone else swears so there's *nothing wrong with it*" is a common attitude of many children and young people.

Teach them that while swearing may be appropriate in one context or be accepted by one group, it is not acceptable in every situation. While not condoning swearing, get across to children that they need to learn to control their use of language and adjust it to suit the situation they are in.

When swearing becomes a habit

If swearing has become a habit for kids, make up alternative words to replace the swear words. One family I know had replaced certain words with fruit. They had a fruit for every situation!

Alternatively, use a penalty or fine system to make kids aware of their poor language. When you hear a family member swear, fine them an agreed amount. At the end of the week or month give the money collected to a worthy cause. Of course, this strategy is easier to implement when parents join in as well.

Take a long, hard look at, er yourself!

It's also helpful to examine your own choice of language to judge if it is an acceptable model for your children. Yep, sometimes kids will pick up their parents' language and repeat it at the worst possible time, such as when relatives are over.

The job of adults is to develop a sense of social awareness in the next generation so they can easily navigate a variety of different groups and social situations. Teaching appropriate language use is at the very heart of teaching kids to be socially skilled. That's something we all should swear by!

Things to remember when kids swear:

1. Avoid over-reacting when your kids swear. Look for the reason.
2. Discuss with older children the concept of matching their language with the audience.
3. Nip it in the bud before it becomes habit forming.
4. Use a penalty or fine system when kids swear in front of you.
5. Model the language you want your kids to use.

A last word

Standards may change, but the job of parents hasn't altered. That is, **to teach kids to use language that doesn't offend others**. If it's offensive then encourage them to choose other words, or say nothing at all. That's the approach that socially smart kids follow.



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 *Spooned Generation: How to raise independent children*.

GHS YEAR 10 PRODUCTION 2018:

FIGHT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT THE ZOMBIES OF TONIGHT

by Matthew Whittet

It's not easy being young and smart.

Alex is a twelve-year-old with a keen eye and a wit to match. She's been watching everyone at school for the last few days like an eagle... or maybe a hawk, and something's not right. Everyone is acting weird. They're all starting to say the same things, wear the same clothes, do bad dance routines in the corridors for no reason at all and meet up after school to drink decaf-mocha-latte-soy-frappuccinos. The writing's on the wall. She knows what's happening. They're all turning into zombies.

In fact, it's the Night of the Zombies - that fateful occurrence that happens once every 200 years. Alex and her buddies know what to do, they'll have to fight with all their might the zombies of tonight

If you saw the recent Australian movie *Girl Asleep*, it might not be all that surprising to learn that these zombies are the product of the imagination of that film's writer, Matthew Whittet.

"I really like genre stories and then subverting and playing with them," he says. "So I asked my son Jasper, who is 10, about his favourite stories. At that point he was really into zombies, and that got me thinking. There is a plethora of films about zombies - but I couldn't think of a play. I thought writing one would be awesome."

The Australian Theatre for Young People agreed. Whittet's new play, *Fight With All Your Might the Zombies of Tonight*, walked away with the 2015 ATYP Foundation Commission Award. The play explores themes such as fitting in, peer pressure and bullying. The moral of the story is all about being yourself.

Fight With All Your Might the Zombies of Tonight features Year 10 Drama students Hanna Ansell, Adam Battle, Ethan Bird, Will Bowden, Riko Fitzgerald, Connor Grady, Bethany Hester, Annika Hooke, Elizabeth Howarth, Tiarne Lawler, Cara Mackintosh, Charlotte Masten, Jordan Rae, Taylor Scanlon, James Terras, Holly Willis and Bella Yates. The production is directed by GHS Drama teacher Scott Davis.

Gloucester High School Hall

Friday December 14th at 7:00pm

Saturday December 15th at 3:00pm and 7:00pm

Tickets: \$3 at the door

The play is suitable for ages 8+ but lots of laughs are guaranteed for all those young at heart!

For further information contact Scott Davis at the high school on 6558 1605.







HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS
XMAS LIGHT SPECTACULAR
SATURDAY 15th DECEMBER 2018





\$25 per adult
\$20 per student (U/18)


To secure your seats - phone or text your details to
0475 563 043

GLOUCESTER BLUE LIGHT WILL COVER TRANSPORT COSTS
(Coach travel)



STONEY AQUA WATER PARK
THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 2019



\$40 per student

Includes: Transport, 2 x sessions on the Inflatable water park, ½ hour stand up paddle boarding

To secure your seats - phone or text your name, address and phone number to **0475 563 043**

RSVP – 24th December 2018 – For student aged 8 years or older

HOT DOG MEAL DEAL ORDER for the last day of school on Wednesday, 19th December

My child _____ of class _____ would like to order a Hot Dog meal deal. The meal includes a hot dog on a bun, sauce (optional), a popper and a special Christmas treat.

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY, 14TH DECEMBER OR YOU WILL MISS OUT.

☐ I have enclosed payment of **\$5.00**. Signed: _____

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