



Gloucester Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 8

Tuesday, 3rd December, 2019

Dates to Remember

Term 4

- 4/12 Orientation Day at GHS for Year 6
- 6/12 Term 4/Citizenship Assembly
- 10/12 Presentation Night 6pm
- 10/12 P&C Christmas Hamper raffle drawn at presentation night
- 12/12 Citizenship Movie Day
- 13/12 Year 6 Assembly
- 17/12 Year 6 Farewell
- 18/12 Last day of school for 2019

2020

- 29/1 Welcome back Years 1-6
- 31/1 Welcome Kindergarten 2020
- 31/3 Oz Opera
- 28/7 School Photos

Term 4 Assemblies

- Week 8 Expectation Assemblies
- Week 9 Year 6 Final Assembly

*Uniform Shop is open every
Friday morning
8.30am – 10.00am*

2020 Uniform Shop

Opening Dates

Tuesday 28th January
Wednesday 29th January
Thursday 30th January
Friday 31st January
8.30 – 10.00am

TERM 4 EXPECTATION & CITIZENSHIP ASSEMBLIES

FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER

K/1/2 = 12.00pm

3/4/5/6 = 2.00pm

Everyone welcome

Message from the Principal

Industrial Action this Thursday 5 December 2019

As you may be aware, teachers across New South Wales will be attending a stop work meeting this Thursday 5 December from approximately 9.00 – 11.00am, regarding the current staffing award and recommendations.

A number of staff have decided to attend the stop work meeting on this occasion. The school will be open with adequate supervision provided between 9.00 – 11.00am, to meet the needs of students. Please send your child to school as per normal.

I thank you in advance for your support.

Intensive Swimming Program 2019

The two-week Intensive Swimming program recently completed on Friday 29 November. Due to smoke and adverse weather conditions, Group 1 missed one swimming session and Group 2 missed two swimming sessions. In the second week of the program we attempted to extend the sessions by 10 minutes to try and make up lost time.

Some parents/carers have enquired about a possible refund or make up of lessons as a result of the lost instruction time. Unfortunately, we are unable to arrange make up lessons due to activities happening at school and the availability of instructors. As you are aware, the \$80 program was heavily subsidised by our school and the actual cost of the two-week program was valued at \$130 per child.

As a school, we always take into consideration the needs of our families, however on this occasion we are unable to refund families for lost swimming instruction time. A small deduction may be made from 2020 smart packs if you wish to be compensated.

Leanne Wakefield, Principal



Class Awards (Week 7)

3/4G	Jaxson Galvin Jesse Ashby Toby Warwick Makaylee Gooch (E)
3/4J	Tiko Samson Christopher Bolton Fallon Hardy Ellie Berry (E)
3/4L	Olivia Wade Brodie Baker Chloe Doolan Cooper Gunn (E)
5/6B	Georgia Ellis William Wooster Mitchell Whitby Ella Morgan (E)
5/6C	Lachlan Sansom Marley Young Matilda Dillon Amy Rumbel (E)
5/6M	Mitchell Davies Shauni Muddle Cody Sparke Emily Beggs (E)
5/6T	Albie Cameron Jake Coombes Lotti Warwick Teela Maslen (E)

P&C Christmas Raffle



The P&C are asking for donations of non-perishable, in-date goods that are not used or pre-loved, but rather brand new, to make baskets/hampers for a big raffle for our school and the wider community.

Please bring non-perishable items to the office and place them in the Christmas trolley. Examples of items may include:

- ✓ Cans of food or drink
- ✓ Christmas items – bon-bons, puddings, decorations etc.
- ✓ Toiletries, e.g. shampoo, conditioner, hair items, soaps
- ✓ Packets of food
- ✓ Kitchen items



Any items suitable to fill a clothes basket to make hampers would be appreciated.

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

P&C Committee

From the Library



Book returns

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 Weeks 9 and 10.

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.

Kim Macdonald, Teacher Librarian

Ice Cream Fundraiser



Ding! Ding! Ding!

Last Thursday we were finally able to hold our Year 6 ice cream fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone who purchased an ice cream and to our Year 6 fundraising committee helpers. The fundraiser was a great success, raising just over **\$500!**

We would like to send a HUGE thank you to **Gloucester Woolworths** for their extremely generous donations. They supplied all of the ice cream, ice cream cones, chocolate topping and sprinkles, making the fundraiser 100% profitable. Thank you again Gloucester Woolworths!

Monique Goodwin
Stage 3 Teacher

Year 6 News

Year 6 Auction

DON'T MISS OUT!



The Year 6 Auction is on next Monday 9 December. Bring in a couple of dollars, join in with your classmates and grab a Year 6 student to do with as you please!

A highlight of the end of the year, this is also part of the fundraising for the Year 6 gift to the school before they head off to become the little fish of the high school pond. So, bring along your money and be part of the fun!

Miss Goodwin and the Year 6 Fundraising Committee

Year 6 Orientation Day to GHS



Tomorrow - Wednesday 4 December is the full-day Gloucester High School Orientation Day for students attending Year 7 in 2020. Year 6 students attending GHS next year should not attend our school that day but head straight to the high school in the morning. Parents should arrange transport options for their student as school ends at GHS at 3.15pm.

This is also a great opportunity for parents to go along and support their child during the first session, and there will be a Q&A for parents during this time when the students head off to their first activity.

If your child is not attending GHS in 2020, they should attend school as normal on this day.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's transition to high school, please contact me at school on 6558 1303.

End of Year events for Stage 3!



- 4 Dec – GHS Orientation Day *
- 9 Dec – Year 6 Auction 1.40pm
- 10 Dec – Presentation Evening 6.00pm *
- 13 Dec – Year 6 Final Assembly 1.40pm *
- 16 Dec – Auction duties 11.10am – 12.40pm
- 17 Dec – Stage Christmas Party 11.00 – 1.00pm
- Year 6 Farewell 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start *
- 18 Dec – Year 6 Walk of Honour 2.40pm *

*** Lock in the dates and come along to be part of your child's special moments!**

GHS Year 6 Orientation Day - Wed Dec 4, 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer,

To conclude the **P to H** program, Gloucester High School invites all students enrolled to attend GHS in 2019 to our school for a **full Orientation Day**. This is to be held on **Wednesday 04 December** and will run from **9:00am to 3:15pm**. This is the formal orientation program and I encourage all students to attend.

Parents and carers are also invited to attend as there will be time allocated for questions to be asked in regard to School Administration, Uniform, Books and Stationery requirements, Student Support, Sport and PDHPE. The Senior Executive will also be available to answer your question on the above or other matters that require clarification. The Question and Answer time will follow immediately from the student assembly. It will conclude at around 10:50am

Students entering Y7 in 2020 will work directly with their Peer Support leaders and will participate in a variety of games and activities that will enable students to navigate the school and its systems. This day aims to further provide the Year 6 Students with knowledge and confidence to ready them for the exciting year ahead.

We ask that students make their own way to and from the high school. All students need to arrive by 9.00am and will stay until the end of the regular school day at 3.15pm.

- Students need to:**
- Bring recess or money for recess to be purchased from the canteen
 - Wear their uniform and enclosed shoes
 - Have a hat and sunscreen
 - Bring a water bottle

Please contact Year Adviser Judith Pickett at the high school on 6558 1605 if you require more information or assistance.

Below are the scheduled events for the day.

Time	Activity	Who / Where
9.00 / 9:10	Meeting in the hall / Start 9:10	Year Adviser / GHS Hall
9:10 – 10:20	Induction to School	Staff, Peer Support / Hall
10:20 – 10:50	P to H Students meet peer support. Parents Q and A	Mrs Andrews +Peer support / Quad YA, Teachers, Executive / Hall
10:50 – 11:30	Uniform Shop	P&C / Hall
11.00	Recess for students	In Year 7 Area
11.20	P to H Student Activities continue	Peer Support Leaders
12.30	BBQ Lunch	SRC Y11 Quad
1.40	P to H school activities	Year Adviser / Various venues
2:55	Return to Hall for 3:00pm Wrap-up	Year Adviser / Peer support
3.15	School Finishes	Students/Parents / Bus home

We hope your child enjoys this experience and we look forward to working with you and your child in 2020.

Judith Pickett
Year Adviser

Trudi Edman
Principal GHS



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Upcoming Choir Performances

Our School Choir and Windstars group have a very busy performance schedule for the remainder of the year. Our Presentation Night, along with Carols in the Park, both occur out of school hours and are both wonderful community events. We would really appreciate your support in bringing your child/ren to each of these events.

Due to our large number of performers and limited space at the nursing homes we will only be able to take a small number of the Windstars and these will predominately be students who are also choir members, however our remaining performances will include the entire Windstars group.

Students will need to wear full school uniform for all performances, however other than Presentation Night, students may bring a Christmas hat, decoration etc to wear.

Please call if you have any concerns or questions.

Date	Concert	Venue
Friday 6 December	Kimbarra	Kimbarra Nursing Home
Sunday 8 December approx. 7:00pm	Carols in the Park	Gloucester REC Centre and Sporting Grounds
Tuesday 10 December 6:00pm sharp	GPS Presentation Night	Gloucester RSL

Thank you for your support,

Susie McLeod, Annette Burrows and Sarah Soupidis
Choir and Windstars Coordinators



ICAS Assessments

Our students should be pleased with their results from this year's ICAS assessments. For the first time, all assessments, apart from Writing for Years 3 and 4, were completed online. Our students were not bothered by this and went forward with their usual determination to achieve well. All students who received a merit, credit, distinction and high distinction were presented with their awards at the primary assembly last Friday.

A further award was presented yesterday. This was the Principal's Award, presented to Year 3 student Olive Kelly. She was awarded this as a result of her amazing effort in Spelling, achieving a remarkable 39 out of 40. Congratulations Olive!

The awards from Friday's assembly were as follows:

English: Ivy Kellehear (3) – Distinction, Christopher Bolton (3) – Credit, Rahni Cardy (4) – Credit, Amy Fry (4) – Credit, Seth Toohill-Sargent (5) – Credit, Joseph Hogan (6) – Distinction.

Mathematics: Toby Kellehear (2) – Credit, Olive Kelly (3) – High Distinction, Christopher Bolton (3) – High Distinction, Matthew Woods (3) – Credit, Ivy Kellehear (3) – Merit, Amy Fry (4) – Distinction, Albie Cameron (5) – Merit, Seth Toohill-Sargent (5) – Merit, Sam Collie (6) – Merit, Xavier Soupidis (6) – Merit, Kaitlyn Beggs (6) – Credit, Ruby Bradbury (6) – Credit, Joseph Hogan (6) – Credit, Olivia Kearney (6) – Credit, Jackson Moore (6) – Credit.

Science: Christopher Bolton (3) – Distinction, Matthew Woods (3) – Distinction, Ivy Kellehear (3) – Credit, Rahni Cardy (4) – Credit, Amy Fry (4) – Credit, Jackson Moore (6) – Merit, Harvey Willis (6) – Credit.

Spelling Bee: Joshua Stanton (2) – Credit, Ivy Kellehear (3) – Credit, Olive Kelly (3) – High Distinction, Rahni Cardy (4) – Credit, Sam Collie (6) – Credit.

Digital Technologies: Ivy Kellehear (3) – Merit, Christopher Bolton (3) – Distinction, Rahni Cardy (4) – Credit, Joseph Hogan (6) – Credit, Xavier Soupidis (6) – Credit.

Writing: Ivy Kellehear (3) – Credit, Matthew Woods (3) – Credit, Christopher Bolton (3) – Distinction, Joseph Hogan (6) – Credit.

Well done.

Eve Green
ICAS Coordinator



20 jobs to work your way out of by the time your child turns 10

Build Confidence and Resilience by Developing Your Child's Independence

- 1 Get themselves up in the morning using an alarm.
- 2 Pack their own school bag each morning.
- 3 Make telephone calls about simple requests such as asking if a store has an item in stock.
- 4 Look after the rubbish including putting bins outside.
- 5 Prepare healthy snacks before, during and after school.
- 6 Make their own breakfast.
- 7 Cook one evening meal a week.
- 8 Walk to the shops on their own.
- 9 Tidy their own bedroom and make their bed.
- 10 Clean their part of the house including tidying, sweeping and vacuuming.
- 11 Keep clothes and shoes clean including using a washing machine and an iron. At the very least put their dirty clothes in the laundry basket.
- 12 Care for personal items such as toys, technology, sports and leisure equipment.
- 13 Take messages to school including delivering excursion notes and other important messages to the front office.
- 14 Take responsibility for personal hygiene such as teeth cleaning, bathing and keeping their face and hands clean.
- 15 Feed and look after pets on a regular basis.
- 16 Pack and unpack the family dishwasher or alternatively wash and dry the dishes by hand.
- 17 Prepare the weekly family chores roster.
- 18 Choose clothing each day within suitable limits.
- 19 Make their own in-store purchases and shop for some personal items.
- 20 Manage their own simple expenditure such as lunch money, entertainment expenses and some personal items.

Intensive Swimming Program

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in this year's Intensive Swimming Program!

Over the past 2 weeks, students have worked hard to learn and practise new swimming and survival skills, as well as work on stroke correction.

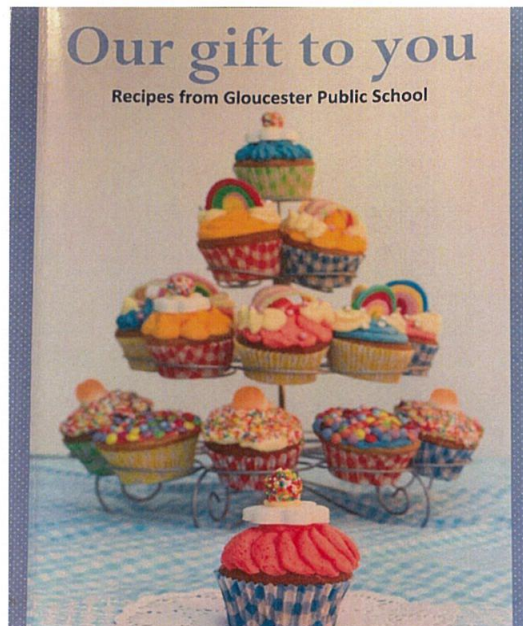
They were enthusiastic and extremely organised each day and should be proud of their efforts! It was fantastic to see an improvement in student swimming ability and growth in confidence as they entered the water each day.

We may even have some future Olympians amongst us!

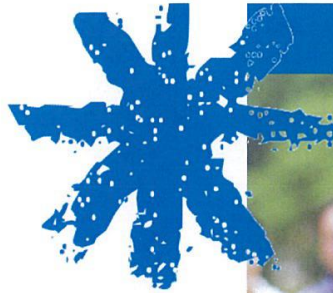
Keira Bell and Paul Carpenter



**Have you seen our
Gloucester Public School
Cookbook?**



This wonderful cookbook is packed full of family favourite recipes from the children of Gloucester Public School. There are 251 scrumdiddlyumptious easy to follow recipes. From Extra Fluffy Pancakes to the Best Sausage Rolls, Honey Pumpkin Soup to Beef Chow Main, Maggsy's Risotto to Honolulu Meatballs, Toffee and Cream Cheesecake to Pineapple Slice, Bev's Tasty Chutney to Creamy Mango Bacon Sauce. In this cookbook you will easily find a recipe to please your family. The cookbook is \$25 and available at our front office. What a wonderful Christmas present for family and friends. Support the P&C of GPS and get one now.



Preparing your child for high school

by Sharon Witt

Entering high school can be just as daunting for parents as it is for a child. It is a huge time of change, and coupled with the fact that starting secondary school often coincides with the onset of puberty, it can be quite a roller-coaster ride.

Spend as much time as you can reassuring your child that they do not have to face this change alone and that it will be, for the most part, a positive experience. Avoid sharing any horror stories you may have experienced as a teenager in high school – these will not help your child. Rather, recall any positive experiences you had, especially if you made life-long friends at high school.

Organisation is crucial to helping your child cope well with entering high school. Those students that are well organised have a much better chance of settling in those first few weeks of secondary school.

Here are some tips for preparing your child for high school:

Ensure your child has everything they need for high school well before school starts for the year

Having items missing at the beginning of the year will frustrate not only your child but the teachers. Ensure they have enough books to write in for each subject and always have spares on hand at home.

Practise using public transport if your child is using it for the first time

For many students, changing schools means they may now have to travel on buses or trains for the first time. Help them to familiarise themselves with the bus/train timetable and offer a contingency if they miss their transport. If possible, practise the trip during the holidays.

Set up a designated study space in the home

This tip is so important as so many children don't have a specific area set up to allow them to quietly complete their homework. The bedroom is not recommended as this is purely a space for sleeping and relaxing. Use any area that is reasonably quiet and well lit. Set up a desk with a computer, if possible, along with stationery items.



Set up a high school parent folder

This will be a place to file all correspondence so that you can know exactly what is happening for your child at high school, including important dates. If you know what is going on at school,

parenting * ideas

you will be able to help your child feel in control and stay organised. I cannot recommend this highly enough. As a parent you really need to stay on top of school information, at least until your child has established their own routine and systems for staying organised at school.

Encourage healthy sleeping patterns at least one week before starting high school

If your child has got into a holiday habit of staying up late and waking up at lunch time, they will get a rude shock come first day of school when their sleeping patterns are all out of whack! Get your child into 'school routine' for sleeping during the final week of the holidays.

Keep your child's high school in the loop

Inform your child's new school if they have special needs or learning difficulties. Teachers will benefit from being made aware of any particular needs or special circumstances that will help them in working with your child. If there are any specific family issues that might affect your child's ability to settle into high school, communicate these to your child's class or home-room teacher as soon as you know who they are. Never underestimate the importance of keeping the lines of communication open with your child's school.



Sharon Witt

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School Banking

This will be our last week of banking for 2019. Thank you to all the students, parents and carers who have supported School Banking this year.

Please make this a great last week, and remember to collect your certificate for participating.

Many thanks to Mrs Clarke and Mrs Cameron for helping every Thursday morning.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and return to School Banking in 2020.

Jane Richardson
School Banking Coordinator



GLOUCESTER COMBINED CHURCHES PRESENT

Carols in the Park

7PM SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
BERT GALLAGHER OVAL

- * Carol singing
- * BBQ & soft drinks
- * Candles available
- * Local talent
- * Great family fun

*She is going to have a son.
You must give him the name Jesus.
That is because he will save his people from their sins.*

