



Gloucester Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 6

This week's expectation: **Care for our school and everything in it** **Tuesday 15 November 2022**

Dates to Remember

16,30 November - Year 6

High School Transition

7-18 November Intensive

Swimming

11/11, 18/11, 25/11

K 2023 SmoothStart

6/12 - Presentation Day

13/12 - Year 6 Farewell

15/12 - Reports Go Home

16/12 - Last day of school

for 2022 for students

19 & 20/12 - Staff Development

Days

27 & 30/1/23 - Staff

Development Days

31/1/23 First day for students

Years 1-6

2/2/23 - First day for Kinder

Primary Swimming Carnival -

Friday, 10 February, 2023

Canteen Days: Monday

Wednesday

Friday

Uniform Shop is open every

Friday morning 8.30am -

9.30am. (EFTPOS

now available)

Please check our SkoolBag

App for updates daily.

This is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all school communications.

1. Download the app
2. Create an account
3. Add our school



**ORIENTATION
FOR
KINDER
2023**



Remembrance Day 2023



SACRIFICE
TRIBUTE SOLDIERS
REMEMBRANCE
POPPY DAY
VETERANS BRAVERY
RESPECT HEROES
LEST WE FORGET



Year 6 - Save the Dates

Some important dates for the calendar....

16 November PtoH transition afternoon at Gloucester HS

30 November Full day Orientation at Gloucester HS (includes final PtoH session)

6 December Annual Presentation Awards

13 December Year 6 Farewell

16 December Year 6's last day and the 'Walk of Honour' – a must!

There will be more dates to hit the calendar shortly and, of course, more details to come regarding their big events.

Stay tuned - **Rod Maggs, Assistant Principal – Stage 3**

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION WINNERS



Janella Brooks (Year 6), Sienna Sanderson (Year 5), Maggie Compton (Year 4),

Tied: Jaida Sanderson and Leonardo De Angelis (Year 3)

Adjudicator – Ms Renee Berger (GHS Drama Teacher)



Book Club

Brochures are going home this week for our last Book Club for this year. This is a chance for you to boost your child's home reading library as well as helping our library purchase books through reward points that we



earn. The easiest way to order is online in Book Club Loop (all the information is in the brochure or see the ad in the newsletter) but orders must be received by **Friday 25th November** as that is the day that the order will be placed. No late orders will be accepted.

Given the time of year we are fast approaching, if you would like some or all of your purchases to be a surprise, please select the 'gift' option in LOOP or let me know and we will hold the books at school for collection by you rather than handing them out to your child.

Kim Macdonald, Teacher Librarian

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Three **Easy** Ways To Pay

- 1 CREDIT CARD** Your School is in the **LOOP!** When you order and pay by **LOOP**, do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order. Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) OR download the app:  
- 2 CASH** If your school accepts cash payments, please enclose cash with completed order form and return to school.
- 3 CHEQUE OR CREDIT VOUCHER** If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to **Scholastic Australia**. Attach cheque or voucher to completed order form and return to school.

Class & Expectation Awards Term 4 Week 5



Kindergarten: Aaron Castles, Mayson Smith, Jack Quentemeijer, Lochlan Martin, Michael Harris, Mitch Laurie, Charlie Rawlings, Braxton McDonald, Lachlan Sansom



1B: Dallas Hennessey, Kaylie Hamson, Olivia Lewis, Fletcher Jennings



1K: Lachlan Hamilton, Bentley Genoli, Shelby Rumbel



Year 2: Macey Barron, Indigo LeBrocq, Aria Jory, Roy Fisher, Fletcher Compton



3/4H: Clayton Baker, River Cowley,
Leo De Angelis



3/4L: Maggie Compton, Krickett Jolliffe,
Jaida Sanderson, Nullah Clarke



3/4S: Archer Ranieri, Chay Harris,
Daisy Jennings, Isabella Guiren



3/4W: Henry Maggs, Sahara-Roze Genoli,
William Leczkowski, Connor Warren



5/6G: Isabella Fisher, Jazmayn Rumbel,
Chloe Campbell



5/6K: Braxton Leczkowski, Logan Fisher,
Ryder Guttridge, Olivia Wade



5/6M: Ajay Jolliffe, Rhys Redman,
Grace Markham, Janella Brooks



5/6S: Matthew Woods, Sam Griffin,
Indiana Dodds

INSIGHTS

Making a smooth transition to secondary school



Going to secondary school is both exciting and scary for many kids. There's excitement about new friends, teachers and ventures, but this can be overshadowed by anxiety and stress.

The sheer size of a high school building can be overwhelming to the uninitiated. The potential loss of status when moving from big fish in a small pond to tiny minnow in a large ocean can be hard to swallow for some. Add the increased number of teachers and the hormonal changes that accompany puberty and drive emotional and cognitive development and it is little wonder the first year of secondary school often sees a plateauing in learning. Most kids are flat out making new friends and getting used to how secondary school works, so learning takes a back seat for a time.

While it's easier for those who have a brother or sister already there who can pass on some tips about how to survive secondary school, many don't have that luxury. Fortunately, there are number of strategies parents can use to make the transition to secondary school easier.

Know the school space

Familiarity helps reduce anxiety. Most secondary schools have familiarisation programs for incoming students but it helps to reinforce with your young person where the key spaces are – such as administration, toilets, the tuck shop and drinking taps. A trip to the school during the holidays, if possible, can help reassure a nervous secondary school starter.

Make the leap with friends

Negotiating new friendships can be stressful so it helps to identify some friends from primary school or outside school that your child can travel with or meet up before school, at lunch breaks and during times when classes aren't scheduled. This will give them the opportunity to share and compare experiences, which is therapeutic for kids who are experiencing change.

Help with planning and organisation

Some students can be overwhelmed by the organisational demands of secondary school. If your child fits this category, be prepared to be on hand to coach your young person in the finer arts of being on time to class, organising work in folders, planning homework time, handing in multiple assignments and filling out forms.

Set up a designated study space in the home

Now that your young person has hit the big time it's important that they have a study space to call their own. Keep this outside the bedroom if possible – the bedroom is 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.

Establish a work schedule

parenting*ideas

If your child's primary school homework was given inconsistently then be prepared for a change. Most secondary schools try to coordinate homework between different teachers but there will be more times than not when your child will come home with multiple homework assignments to complete. Build the homework habit early and choose a regular time that allows for breaks. Encourage them to work quickly so that work does not drag on and become demotivating.

Stay patient and positive

The social and academic demands of going to secondary school can be mentally draining for young people. Some will miss old friends and the relative comfort of primary school. It's important for parents to be patient with their young person, to expect a few behaviour blowouts and to be prepared to listen and help them process their new experiences. If your young person has negative experiences, point them in the direction of the good things that may happen during the day.

Your young person's coping mechanisms are being tested during this time. They can change on a daily basis. If stress becomes overwhelming or persistent to the point that they don't want to go to school after the initial settling-in period, consider organising some extra assistance. A year-level coordinator, school counsellor or the local doctor can be good starting points should extra assistance be needed.

Starting secondary school is one of many transitions your young person will face in life. With planning and support, your child can make a positive start to secondary school and enjoy an amazing time at their new school.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.

Presentation Day

Unfortunately, we have made the regretful decision to hold our Annual Presentation Award Ceremony online again this year. We were hopeful to hold this wonderful event at Gloucester RSL, however, to adhere to current guidelines and for the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff, we will continue to ensure that all necessary health advice is closely followed.

This was not an easy decision but one that we had to make to ensure planning could start and the online event could be prepared for and produced properly.

We thank you for your ongoing support and hope you can join us online on Tuesday 6 December 2022. We will ensure multiple screenings similar to 2020 and 2021.

P&C RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are included with your newsletter today.
Prizes include various vouchers from local businesses in town.
Raffle will be drawn on Presentation Day – 6 December.
All tickets (sold and unsold) must be returned to the school office by 9am on
Tuesday 6 December.
Extra tickets are available from the school office



Compulsory school attendance

| Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order**

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = over **2.5** years missed

Good for kids

good for life



Keeping active and cool in summer

Physical activity makes kids stronger and fitter, they can concentrate and learn better at school, and sleep better at night.

The weather is warm, and it's a great time to get outdoors and get your 60 minutes of activity each day. Just remember to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide!

Some fun ideas to keep active and cool in summer are:

- Create a slip and slide in your yard with a tarp, water and detergent.
- Go for a bike or scooter ride.
- Go out for a picnic and pack the soccer ball with you.
- Turn on the hose or sprinkler in the backyard.
- Use chalk to draw on the path/driveway and play games like hopscotch, or draw a target.
- Use wet sponges or water balloons.



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Developed by Hunter New England LHD



Dec 3rd

2 PM

Build your

Gingerbread House



COME & JOIN US!

Bring the kids and build a yummy house together, participate in our Christmas quiz and hear about the very first Christmas.

\$25 per house
Includes decoration
& wrapping

Afternoon tea
provided

Gluten free option
available

Houses are easily
shared with up to
four people

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