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Gloucester Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 8This week's expectation: Work and Play SafelyTuesday 29 November 2022

Dates to Remember

30 November – Year 6 High School Transition

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.

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GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL ONLINE / VIRTUAL PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Please join us to celebrate this special event. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, our Presentation Assembly will be held via a Zoom Stream. The assembly will be live on Tuesday 6 December 2022 at 1.30pm and replayed at 7.00pm. The assembly will also be replayed on Wednesday 7 December at 4.00pm.

Our Zoom Event Information:

1. Topic: Gloucester Public School - Online Presentation - 2022 Time: Dec 6, 2022 01:30 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/69200319613?pwd=Y3FkRmcrZGJybGt0L08xSkVjUDhyUT09

Meeting ID: 692 0031 9613 Passcode: 104002

> 2. Topic: Gloucester Public School - Online Presentation - 2022 Time: Dec 6, 2022 07:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/69412081037?pwd=ZTNaMGYzTDZIc0NZcG9nSit1SmITUT09

Meeting ID: 694 1208 1037 Passcode: 104002

3. Topic: Gloucester Public School - Online Presentation - 2022 Time: Dec 7, 2022 4:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 613 2362 6299 Passcode: 104002

We invite you to join us for this special assembly and thank you for your support.



Year 6 - Save the Dates

	Some important dates for the calendar
30 November	Full day Orientation at Gloucester HS (includes final PtoH session)
5 December	Year 6 Auction
6 December	Annual Presentation Day – online event
13 December	Year 6 Farewell
16 December	Year 6's last day and the 'Walk of Honour' – a must!

Stay tuned - Rod Maggs, Assistant Principal - Stage 3

Year 6 Orientation Day to GHS tomorrow



Tomorrow, 30 November is the full-day Gloucester High School Orientation Day for students attending Year 7 in 2023. Year 6 students attending GHS next year should not attend our school this day and head straight to the high school in the morning. Parents should arrange transport options for their child as school ends at GHS at 3.15pm.

While no new additional information will be provided to parents since the Parent Information Session held last term, parents are welcome to go in to buy uniforms. If you missed the information

night, it would be good if families touch base with Miss Ross, the Year Advisor for the students next year.

Students will not attend GPS this day and should head directly to the high school.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's transition to high school, please contact me at school on 6558 1303 or Miss Ross at GHS on 6558 1605.

Rod Maggs, Assistant Principal – Stage 3

Year 6 invitation to audition for GHS musical in 2023

For Year 6 students wanting to audition for the Gloucester High School musical, auditions have been postponed until later in the term.

Rod Maggs, Assistant Principal – Stage 3

Year 6 Fundraising

Ice Cream Day

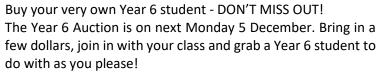
This Thursday, 1 December, Year 6 are holding an ice cream day as a fundraiser for their end of year gift to the school. There will be lactose and gluten free options available. The cost will be \$2.00.

Stage 3 teachers and the Year 6 Fundraising Committee



Year 6 Auction – next Monday 5 December





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!

Stage 3 teachers and the Year 6 Fundraising Committee







Library books due back now

Last week was our last week of borrowing for the year. All books that have been borrowed from the library must be returned next week in order for us to begin our annual library stocktake in weeks 9 and 10.

Overdue notices will be sent home this week. If your child receives 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



2022 Schools Spectacular

Schools Spec will be broadcast on Channel 7 on Saturday 17 December at 7:00pm. Make sure you check it out because the show was AMAZING!

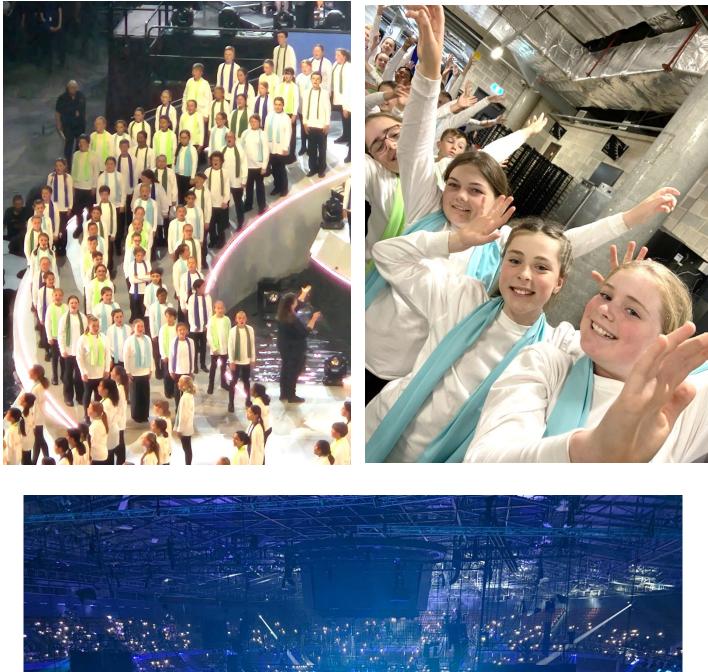
What a wonderful experience! Every year the show is different but still spectacular. I am so very proud of all our students for their preparation and performances. Watching the show on Saturday night was wonderful and melted my heart once again. What a fantastic event for Public Education.

Gloucester Public School has proudly been part of Schools Spectacular for 7 years and we hope to be part of this fabulous event for many years to come.

A very big thank you to Mrs McLeod and Mrs Soupidis. You are exceptional and GPS is so lucky to have you. So much work and preparation goes into this event. Thank you for the mammoth effort.

Leanne Wakefield, Principal







Class & Expectation Awards Term 4 Week 7



Kindergarten: Rhys McDonald, Jayce Beaton, Holly Goldsmith, Stella Kellner, Ace Baker, Reggie Laurie, Tylar Garland



1B: Axel Zimmerman, Paige Leczkowski, Harrison Leitch, Matthew Plater



1K: Joshua Compton, Elijah Brooks, Axel Codreanu, Olsen Landers



2A: Matilda Kellner, Roy Fisher, Ryan Campbell



25: Angus Hall, Alistair Clinch, Riley Hawdon, Aiden Harris, Kiarah Grosser



3/4H: Olley Murray, Layla Henrickson, Eiva Swilks, Jaylen Marley



3/45: Luca Predebon, Matthew Geosits, Kara Brooks, Gracie Tukuafu



5/6G: Eli Stuckings, Paddy Doolan, Bradley Higgins, Corey Everett



5/6M: Justin Boorer, Layla Collins, Janella Brooks



3/4L: Jarrah Baker, Cooper Walker, Lucas Schumacher, Leeland Rawbone



3/4W: Ellie Rawlings, Mitchell Andrews, Noah Leitch, Sahara-Roze Genoli



5/6K: Logan Fisher, Taya Fox, Ava Saunders, Amos Tukuafu



5/6S: Tyler Hobbins, Shyanne Henrickson, Emma Latimore, Madison Gooch

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INSIGHTS





Beck Delahoy is a neuroscientist, writer, and home-educator. When she's not researching and writing about parenting, she's outside exploring the wonder of nature with her three kids. Find her @beckdelahoy on Instagram

My husband and I are looking to buy a new car. I'm dreaming of an electric vehicle, and with 3 kids in car seats, a 7 seater would be ideal. So I'd been doing some research when I found it – the perfect car. It had an impressive range for an electric vehicle, the required 7 seats, and with falcon wing doors I would be the coolest mum in the kinder car park.

I excitedly showed my husband and told him that I want this car! And he ooohed and aaahed at the car with me, and then I went back to looking at cars that were realistically in our budget. Because my dream car had one issue. It cost twice as much as we earn in a year.

How often do our kids ask us for things that they can't realistically have?

A 5-year-old wants to read books at bath time.

A 7-year-old wants to kick their soccer ball in the living room.

A 12 year-old wants the latest smartphone, with the 6.1" screen and a camera that can record in 4K – perfect for filming TikToks!

But in these moments, when our kids tell us what they want, how often do we immediately say "no"?

"No way"

"Notnow"

"No...no...NO"

parenting *****ideas

The problem is, when we are constantly telling our kids "no", they don't feel full of gratitude for having such reasonable and logical parents. Instead, they feel unheard and frustrated. They feel as though we don't trust their decision making. They feel as though we are taking away their capacity to make choices. And they feel disconnected from us. What if we could do for our kids what my husband did for me, and show them that we honour their wishes and trust them to make reasonable decisions?

Next time a "no" jumps to your lips when your child wants something they can't have, try one of these three strategies instead:

1. Engage in problem-solving to find win-win solutions

Instead of pushing our will onto our kids, we can work with them to find a solution that works for everyone. This involves hearing their perspective, voicing your own concerns, and then working to come up with possible solutions together. That might look like this:

"You want to read books right now. You really love reading books. I'm worried that if we read all of our books right now, we won't have time for a bath. What do you think we can do so that we have time for books and a bath?"

By working with our kids to find solutions, we give them power over their own lives, and show that we trust them to make good decisions.

2. Find the yes in the no.

Sometimes what our kids want is almost ok. It might be ok to kick the soccer ball around, just not in the living room. Or it might be ok to eat ice cream, just not right before dinner. When that happens, we can say yes to what is ok with their desire, while redirecting the rest. That might look like this:

"I can see that you want to kick the soccer ball around! You sure can kick that ball really well. I'm a bit worried that there's not enough room inside our house for you to kick the ball around safely. Let's take the ball outside where you have more room. Would you like some help to set up some goals?"

When we say yes to what we can, we help our kids feel heard and understood.

3. Give it to them in fantasy.

Joanna Faber and Julie King, authors of How to Talk So Little Kids Will Listen, suggest that when your child wants something they can't have, our first impulse is to explain why they can't have it... which often doesn't work out very well for us. Instead, we can give to our child in fantasy what they can't have in reality. That might look like this:

"You want to buy that new smartphone? Wow, I can see why! That camera is fantastic. Look, it says here that it's the same quality as what you see in the movies! Maybe we can go to the shops tomorrow and record a TikTok on the display phone. That could be a bit of fun!"

By acknowledging that our child wants something, and joining them in their fantasy, we're not building them up for disappointment like we think we might be doing. We're actually giving them a healthy outlet for experiencing their desire.

Taking "no" out of our vocabulary doesn't mean that we need to buy the latest smartphone for our tweens, eat dessert at every meal, and spend all of our life savings on a fancy car. It's not a recipe for indulgence. It does mean that we honour our kids' feelings and help them make good choices. And boosting our kids' sense of autonomy and competence is something we can say "yes!" to.

Gardening Club

Our new garden beds are finally starting to grow with the warmer weather we are experiencing. The students have been diligently watering with Seasol, checking our worm pod and learning how some of our new vegetables produce fruit. Our zucchini plant even has its first zucchini and some will be available next week. Currently we have a few things available for purchase. Please enclose cash and a small bag for your goods to Mrs Cox.

Rainbow Chard – bunch \$2 Bunch herbs \$2 – Thyme, Curly parsley, Chives, Stevia, Sage *Felicity Cox and Amanda Stacey Gardening Club teachers*







P&C RAFFLE

We would like to thank the following businesses in town that donated to the raffle: Land & Sea Café, Beauty Let's Make Up, Killer Graffix, Avon Valley Meats, Tracy's Salon, Melbah's, Gift it with Love, Elk & Willow, Gloucester Thai Massage, McRaes Fashion, Forest of Play and Oyster Bay Wines.

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.

Thank you for your support!

Extra tickets are available from the school office

Uniform Shop Opening Times for 2023

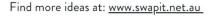
- 27 January 2023 9.00am 11.00am
- 30 January 2023 9.00am 11.00am
- 31 January 2023 8.30am 10.00am
- 1 February 2023 8.30am 10.00am
- 2 February 2023 8.30am 10.00am
- 3 February 2023 8.30am 10.00am



Fresh festive swaps

Festive food can be colourful, fun and fresh! Why not try these ideas:

- Swap from cakes and pastries to watermelon Christmas trees or mini bagel Christmas ornaments.
- For a fresh twist on dip and crackers, serve guacamole with cherry tomatoes, cucumber and red capsicum strips for a very festive look.
- Swap from gingerbread and shortbread to wholegrain cereal bites or you could try this fruit salad parfait











Gloucester High School P&C Association



Position Vacant

SCHOOL CANTEEN ASSISTANT

2 days/7.5 hours per week - 10:45am to 2:30pm

This position is perfect for someone that prefers to work during school hours. The role does not require you to work in the school holidays

Essential Criteria:

Support the Canteen Manager in the running of the canteen
Exceptional customer service & interpersonal skills
Excellent cash handling & time management stills
Computer literacy skills
Maintain safe food handling and food safety procedures
Food Handlers Certificate, or willingness to obtain
Working with Children Check (employee)
Criminal History Check, or willingness to obtain
COVID vaccination certificate or medical exemption
Canteen or similar food preparation experience preferred

Applications close 8th December 2022



Gloucester Showgrounds

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18TH DEC 2022 6:00pm BBQ 7:00pm Program



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