



Gloucester Public School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 10

This week's expectation: **Be Healthy and SunSmart**

Tuesday 20 September 2022

Dates to Remember

- 21/09 Choir to Mirrabooka
- 21/09 SRC Disco
- 22/09 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 23/09 Footy Colours Day
- 23/09 Last day of Term 3
- 10/10 First day of Term 4
- 18/10 Susan McLean visit

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 make sure that
we have your current
details.

If anything has changed,
(address, emergency
contacts, phone
numbers etc), please
advise us as soon as
possible.

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



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SRC Disco



Tomorrow, Wednesday 21 September, the SRC will be running a disco.

K-2 disco will take place from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

Years 3-6 disco will take place from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Entrance fee is \$5.00 which includes the disco, a popper, a small packet of chips and a surprise.

The dress up theme of the disco is:

- dress as your favourite colour or
- dress as something which starts with the first letter of your name.

Come one and all to groove to the tunes played by our special guest DJ.

We look forward to seeing you there.

SRC Executive



Fight Cancer – Footy Colours Day

On Friday, 23 September (last day of term 3), in conjunction with the *Fight Cancer Foundation*, we are holding a ***Footy Colours Day***.

Whichever team/code you follow, wear your team colours and bring a gold coin to support kids with cancer.



Windstars Welcomes Year 2 students

Next term, our school band would like to welcome any Year 2 student who would like to join 'Windstars'. Rehearsals are before school at 8.00am every Thursday morning.

Students need to bring along a folder for their music as well as a TooT or a DooD. These instruments can be purchased at Bass n' Blues Music Store in Taree. If your child is interested in joining, a note has been sent home with him/her this week.

Secondhand TooTs and DooDs

Does your child have a TooT or DooD at home that he/she no longer plays? Please consider selling or giving it second hand to a younger student. If this is something you are able to help out with, please contact the school and talk to Mrs Soupidis.



P&C Raffle

Don't forget to return your tickets for your chance to win.

- 1 x \$100 petrol voucher
- 2 x \$50 petrol vouchers

Tickets are \$1.00 each and the raffle will be drawn on 23 September. All tickets (both used and unused) must be returned to the school office by **9.00am** on **Friday 23 September**. Additional tickets are available at the office.

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You can also use our FREE (Skoolbag) App to keep informed of what is happening at our school.

Important Information for
PRE-SCHOOL PARENTS/CARERS

*IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE for KINDERGARTEN IN 2023?
(5 years old before 31st July 2023)*



We have started planning for our classes in 2023 and would like to anticipate how many Kindergarten students will be attending Gloucester Public School.

Please call into the school admin office before Monday, 17 October 2022
to request an application to enrol.

This will ensure that you will be invited to our Information Session and that your
child can take part in our exciting SMOOTHSTART program –
11/11/2022, 18/11/2022 and 25/11/2022.

When returning your child's enrolment form, a **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**, as well as proof
of **IMMUNISATION** and your **RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS** (e.g. rates notice,
electricity bill, etc.) is required.

Please feel free to phone or visit us at any time to discuss
your child's enrolment.

We look forward to meeting you and discussing
your child's educational needs.

Leanne Wakefield
Principal

Loryn Bratfield
Smoothstart Coordinator





We are looking forward to our new ordering system. Please see the information attached regarding My School Connect.

Please remember, you can only order using this new platform from Monday 10 October. The platform will go live during the school holidays, so that you can start using our new system and become familiar with the new system.

At this point in time, our school is only using **My School Tuckshop**. Other icons on the Connect Dashboard, such as 'Uniform Shop' are not currently available to use, however this may change at some point in 2023. Thank you

We hope this new system assists our GPS families. Thank you for your ongoing support.



SKIP THE CANTEEN LINE WITH



1. DOWNLOAD THE MY SCHOOL CONNECT APP



2. SELECT MY SCHOOL TUCKSHOP



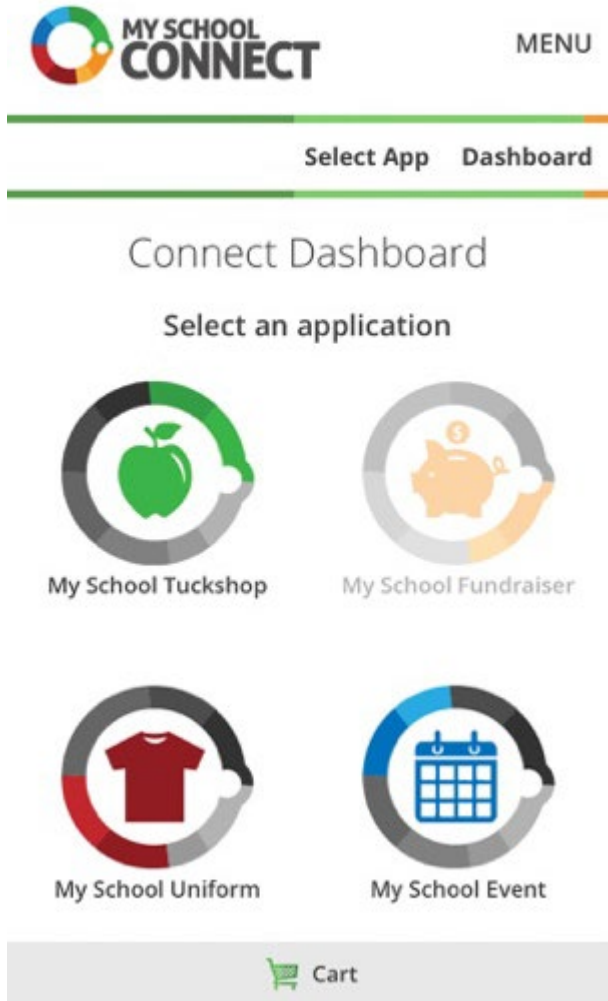
3. ORDER YOUR LUNCH



4. SKIP THE QUEUE!



WWW.MYSCHOOLCONNECT.COM.AU
MY SCHOOL CONNECT HAS A 7 DAY A WEEK SUPPORT LINE, CONTACT 1300 030 915





Susan McLean

Susan McLean, Australia's foremost expert in the area of cyber safety will be visiting Gloucester Public School on Tuesday 18 October 2022.

Susan will be working with students and staff during the day and will be hosting an information evening in our school hall for parents/carers.

Susan is a passionate advocate for child safety online and has established an enviable working relationship with most of the key players in the online world who value her extensive knowledge, balanced commentary, and commitment. She has recently been appointed as a member of the National Centre Against Bullying.

Please place this date in your diary, as we would love for you to join us for this informative evening on cyber safety.



Tell Them From Me

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in the second *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey is voluntary, however if you would like your child to opt out of the survey, please complete the forms at <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents> and return to the school.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with further valuable feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours in Week 10, Term 3.

Rod Maggs and Felicity Cox
Tell Them From Me Survey Co-ordinators

Class & Expectation Awards Term 3 Week 9



Kindergarten: Isobel Morrison, Sienna Ross, Charlotte Knudsen, Lochlan Martin, Michael Harris, Isabella Leczkowski



1B: Kaylee Hamson, Olivia Lewis, William Andrews, Jacob Grant



1K: Olsen Landers, Hazel Sweeny, Taylah Worth



2A: Oscar Campbell, Fern Wilson, Aliyah Matri, Leon Blanch



2S: Dakota Clark, Adam Stanton, Emily Perry, Indigo LeBrocq



3/4H: Urban Holden



3/4L: Leeland Rawbone, Jaida Sanderson,
Maggie Compton



3/4S: Isabella Guiren, Ryan Hodgess,
Archer Ranieri, Spencer Haschek



3/4W: Peter Clinch, Ellie Rawlings,
William Leczkowski, Emma Beahan



5/6G: Eli Stuckings, Samira Soupdis,
Hudson Wade



5/6K: Amelia Rawbone, Sophie Dickson,
Olive Kelly, Jake Blyton



5/6M: Logan Sultana, Janella Brooks,
Zali Jennings, Tiko Sansom



5/6S: Sam Griffin, Shirley Guiren,
Sarah Renwick, Amelia Gruisinga

Woolworths Cricket Gala Day

Last Wednesday, selected students from Years 3-6 participated in the Gloucester Cricket Gala Day. Everyone had an enjoyable day playing modified games of cricket.

GPS demonstrated excellent sportsmanship over the day and represented our school with pride.



Mission: Wildlife discovery

How many stuttering frogs are hiding in the leaf litter in the window at Nanna's homewares and antiques?

How many Manning River helmeted turtles are crossing the road in the window at the NRMA office?

What animal is nesting in the tree hollow at the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) office?

Visit the Wild at Art gallery in the helloworld travel building. What animal has come out to drink from the river?

How to play

Now that you have collected your activity sheet:

1. Choose your mission. You can complete koala search, wildlife discovery or both.
2. Explore the main street to complete the mission.
3. Record your answers on this activity sheet.
4. Return your activity sheet to the National Parks and Wildlife Service office to receive your award! Activity ends 1/10/22.

Gloucester NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Office

60 Church St, Open 9am - 4.30pm weekdays.

Open 9am - 1pm on the weekend for the duration of this activity.



Join our Wildlife quest

Your mission

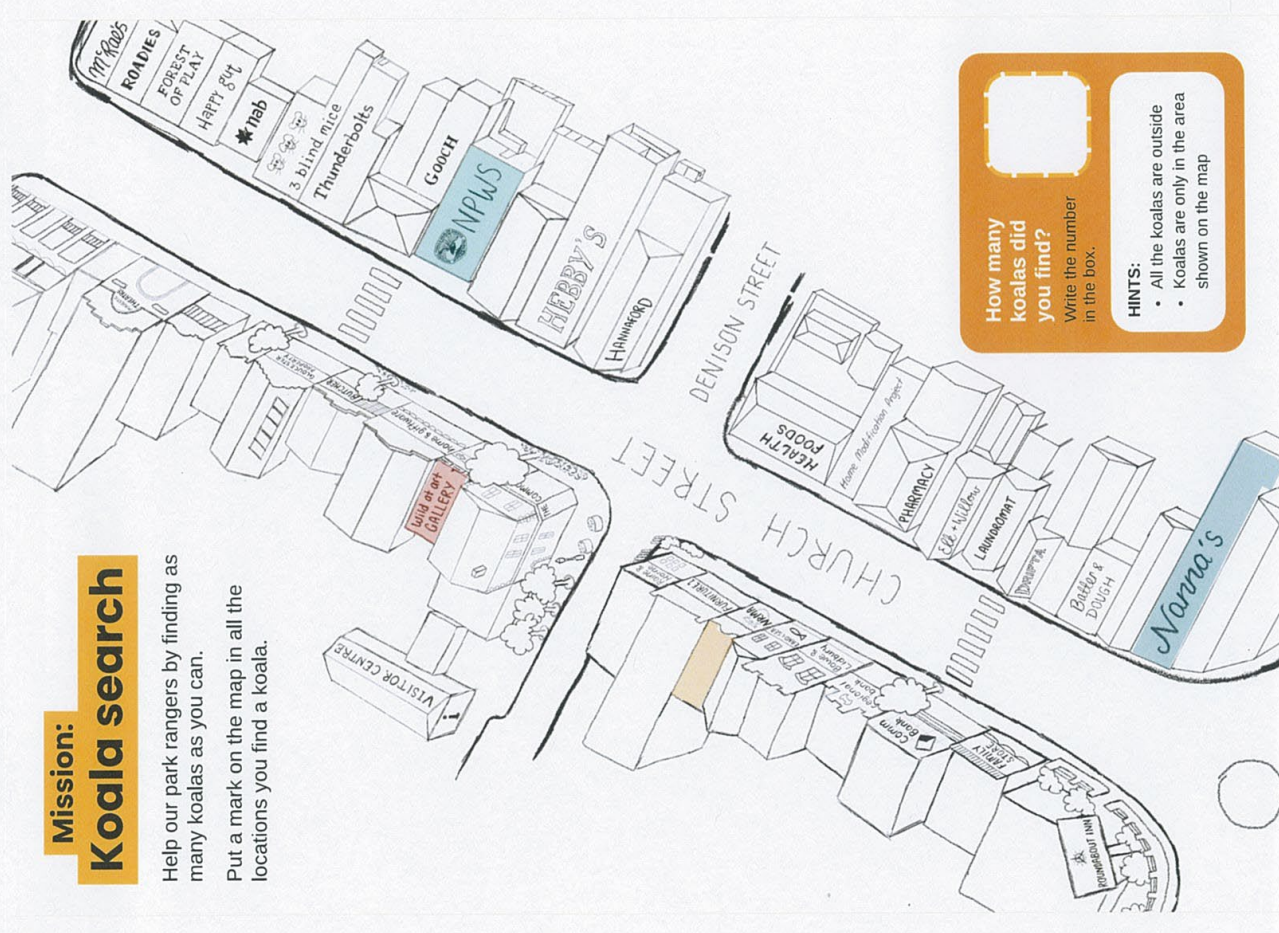
Koalas are an endangered animal that need our help!

Some trees were cut down and the koalas have lost their home. Luckily, you can help them! The koalas were recently sighted in Church Street in Gloucester. If they stay in the main street, they are in danger from vehicles and dog attacks.

Can you help our rangers by spotting all the lost koalas so that we can return them safely to the trees that they need to survive?

Special ranger:

(Your name)



Mission: Koala search

Help our park rangers by finding as many koalas as you can. Put a mark on the map in all the locations you find a koala.

How many koalas did you find? Write the number in the box.

HINTS:

- All the koalas are outside
- Koalas are only in the area shown on the map



GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Our mission is to provide within a genuinely caring environment
an excellent education for all students

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16 September 2022

Attention: Families of Gloucester Public School

Our school canteen provides healthy nutritious food to students and staff each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We are passionate about helping students set up healthy routines and habits for life, by preparing fresh snacks and meals each canteen day.

Our canteen is run by myself and with the support of a network of volunteers from our school community. Parents, Grandparents and Carers are more than welcome to give their time to volunteer on any day that suits. If you can spare some time to join our network and help prepare and serve food at our canteen, we would very much appreciate your support. It is easy and fun work with on-the-job training, and you can dedicate as much or little time, as you like. We have short and long shifts to suit any time limit that you may have.

We are also launching our online order system next term (Term 4) – My School Connect Tuck-shop. The tile/platform will be available on our SkoolBag App. We are hoping this will streamline our orders and provide more access to our families at GPS. You will be able to see the platform on our App during the last week of school (next week), however cannot order on the platform until Monday 10 October 2022.

Please fill in the volunteers slip below and send it back to the school canteen. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me on 0411 593 899.

Many thanks,
Suzie Dark
Canteen Manager

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FOR GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

This information will be kept confidential and secure unless otherwise noted.

Volunteer name: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Child (s) name: _____

Day (s) available to volunteer: <input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday	Frequency you would like to volunteer: <input type="checkbox"/> Once a week <input type="checkbox"/> Once a fortnight <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month <input type="checkbox"/> Once a term <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Shift Preference (Please tick)

- Power hour (from 8:30am - 9:30am) - Power hour is to help complete orders and prep food for recess.
- Short shift -2hrs (11.30am -1.30pm) -Wash up after recess and prepare meals for lunch.
- Long shift 4-5 hours (9.00am - 2.00pm) - Prep food and serve for recess, prepare meals, and serve lunch, help wash up.

Minimbah Gardens Holiday Fun Day



10am – 2pm

Tuesday 27 September

Minimbah Gardens

(If wet weather, please check BWNG Facebook page on the day)

Bush Tucker Gardening

Hair weaves

Kid's games and sport

Clay workshop

Face Painting

Treasure Hunt

Snake bite kits and demonstration

Boomerang throwing

Arts and Crafts

Sausage Sizzle

Face painting

Please note BWNG organising event only, parent/adult supervision is required

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Junior Ranger Adventure

Booti Booti National Park

Thursday 6th October, 2022
10am –12pm

Join us for an adventure Junior Rangers as we walk along the shores of Seven Mile beach. Join a Discovery Ranger to find out what plants and animals live here and how they survive in this magical environment. Walk to the Beach and learn about Booti Booti NP and all its beauty.

Understand the important role of workers in a national park, and how you can help to conserve and protect these special places.

Discover what role our future environmental leaders 'jr rangers' can play in preserving these important places into the future.

Bookings essential – Fees apply

For more information and to book please visit

**[Junior ranger: Booti Booti](#) | [Learn more](#) | [NSW National Parks](#)
or call 1300 072 757 (13000 PARKS)**

holidays

Last Day of Term 3 = Friday, 23 September

First Day of Term 4 = Monday, 10 October