



Gloucester Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 1 This week's expectation: **Wear full school uniform with pride** **Tuesday 10 October 2023**

Dates to Remember

23/10 P&C Meeting
27/10 Family Breakfast
3/11 Kinder Excursion
3/11 Stage 1 Excursion
7/11 Stage 2 Excursion
6/12 Presentation Night 6pm
12/12 Year 6 Farewell

10/11 Information Session
for Kinder 2024
Parents/Carers

10/11 Smoothstart for
Kinder students

17/11 Smoothstart for
Kinder students

24/11 Smoothstart for
Kinder students

Canteen Days: Monday
Wednesday
Friday

Uniform Shop is open
Friday mornings 8.30am -
9.30am Weeks 1,3,5,7,9.
(EFTPOS or Cash)

Please check our SkoolBag
App (now known as 'Audiri')
for updates daily.

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stay up-to-date with
school events, last minute
notices, newsletters and all
school communications.

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**COME & JOIN US FOR A
FAMILY
BREAKFAST
TO CELEBRATE
WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER
AT GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
07:30 - 09:00 AM**

Event details:

The P&C are running this fundraiser as a community fun event to celebrate the wonderful teachers at Gloucester Public School. All profits from the food and 100s club will go towards the construction of a new under cover area over the multipurpose court.

**All Current and future family and community members invited.
Food from \$2-\$10**

Year 5 Parent/Carers - Year 6 Farewell meeting reminder



Our second meeting to begin coordinating the Year 6 Farewell will be held this afternoon in Mrs McLeod's classroom (the Stage 3 classroom closest to the hall) at 3.15pm. We hope to see as many of you as possible to make this event as successful as it can be.
Mr Rod Maggs – Assistant Principal – Stage 3

Year 5 Students – Application for Selective High School Placement in 2025

A note was sent home today to all parents/carers of Year 5 students with details on how to apply for a Selective High School placement in Year 7 in 2025.

It is important to note that this process opened yesterday 9 October and will close on 20 November 2023.

If you feel your child may be suited to such a placement, it is highly recommended that you discuss this with your child's class teacher or myself for further information regarding their suitability.

This is an excellent opportunity for our high performing students to extend their learning opportunities as they head into Year 7.

Mr Rod Maggs

Assistant Principal – Stage 3



Expectation Awards:

Harrison Leitch
Miah Byrne



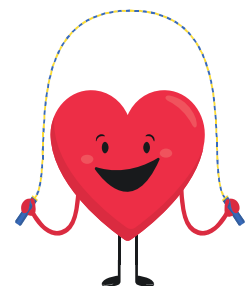


JUMP ROPE FOR HEART @ GPS

Thank you to ALL the students who got involved with Jump Rope for Heart!

A huge thank you for the effort skipping and fundraising for the Jump Rope for Heart program last term. So far, we have raised an incredible \$8503.00. This money will all go towards vital heart research and education programs. We are yet

We've loved seeing so many smiling faces skipping on the playground and in sports lessons. Our Jump Off Day was an enormous success, you can see a few action photos from the day below.



Here's our school online leaderboard, congratulations to our top fundraisers! Keep up the skipping and thanks again for the hard work!

1. Isabella Coulter - \$411.82
2. Spencer Galvin - \$411.64
3. Isobel Morrison - \$359.47
4. Alana Sweeny - \$337.12

Keep up the skipping and thanks again for the hard work!

Melissa Seale, Eve Green, and Lauren Munn - JRFH Coordinators



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.

Explaining every absence



If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



Let us know

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

Every day matters



Road safety



Wearing helmets and riding safely

Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades.

Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 12 and their

accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** procedure.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au

Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

Messages to share with your children in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads



Lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.

