



Gloucester Public School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 10 This week's expectation: **Show respect to yourself and all others** **Tuesday 19 September 2023**

Dates to Remember

21/9 RUOK Disco
22/9 Expectation Assemblies

22/9 Last day of Term 3
9/10 First day of Term 4

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.

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



The SRC will be hosting a **DISCO** on Thursday -

Theme: RUOK?

Colours to wear: Black and Yellow

K-2 Disco - 4.30pm - 6.00pm

3-6 Disco - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Cost: \$5.00 (which includes a packet of chips and a drink).

Expectation Assemblies

Students in K/1/2 will be presented with their expectation awards at an assembly which will be held at 11.30am Friday 22 September.

Students in Years 3 to 6 will be presented with their expectation awards at an assembly which will be held at 1.30pm Friday 22 September.


Parents/carers are most welcome to attend.

2024 at Gloucester Public School – An insight, as we plan for 2024 from Mrs Wakefield

Explicit Instruction



This year, our school was chosen to participate in professional learning about Explicit Instruction. Explicit Instruction is systematic, direct, engaging and success oriented and is guided by a strong body of evidence to promote achievement for all students.

 Our job as educators is to maximise student academic growth and one of the best tools is Explicit Instruction. From 2024, Gloucester Public School (GPS) will begin our journey with our signature pedagogy being Explicit Instruction. Our teaching approach will involve transparent explanations, strategically guided student talk, step-by-step guidance with gradual release of supports and spaced, interwoven retrieval practice. Students are also provided with many opportunities to apply critical and creative thinking following mastery learning. These strategies align with cognitive science and how the brain processes, stores, and retrieves information.

Our aim at GPS is to be a centre of educational excellence where every student is known, valued, and cared for. Our learning culture is shaped by our five school expectations and the NSW Department of Education Behaviour Code for Students. The expectations and code, influence all actions and decisions, not only in the classroom, but across the whole school community. As educators, we are driven by our belief that, through excellence in teaching and learning, every child can achieve their absolute best.

We look forward to sharing our journey with you in 2024 and many years to come.

PSSA Sport in 2024



From 2024, our preferred choice for PSSA Sport will be Gala Days, rather than single sporting event days. Gala Days equate to one day out of the classroom with multiple games, instead of multiple days for singular games. School sport and carnivals will absolutely continue.

We value sport and sportsmanship, however, we are finding that students are spending too many days out of the classroom/school, with someone recently stating to me that 'Year 6 is like a Gap Year' with so many days out of the classroom. This was a good pause point and a good example for GPS staff. Our job is to prepare our students for high school and teach all the Stage 3 content before transitioning to Stage 4 content in Year 7. No matter what stage/class students are in, our first and most important job is to teach, maximise and ensure academic growth.

I have written to Manning Zone PSSA and requested that most sports where possible such as Netball, Touch Football, Soccer etc. be run as Gala Days, for the benefit of all. We will still offer Zone Trials and Zone/Hunter carnivals e.g., swimming, athletics, cross country. For team PSSA sports, GPS primary students will be provided with three choices from 2024. From these choices, we will establish teams and try outs. As a school we are placing a considered limit on the PSSA sport choices, to gain more time in the classroom and do what we do best, learn and teach.

We are very blessed in Gloucester, with multiple sporting opportunities after school and on the weekends. We urge you to take advantage of these wonderful sporting opportunities.

Our core business is teaching and learning and maximising our time in the classroom.

Year 5 parent/carer volunteers for Year 6 Farewell



Our next planning meeting is on **TODAY** - Tuesday 19 September at 3.10pm in the 5/6 Wambuyn classroom.

We would really appreciate your presence to help make this year's farewell a special event for our Year 6 students. If you cannot make it to this meeting, however, are willing to contribute to the team, please leave a message on Class Dojo or via the office to let us know. – **Stage 3 Teachers**

Jump Off Day!

Our Jump Off Day (JOD) is fast approaching! The (JOD) is the final day of our Jump Rope for Heart program. It's a day when our students can have fun, show off the skills they've learnt and be acknowledged for their fundraising efforts.

Our JOD is being held this Friday 22 September. It will showcase our school's commitment to being active, heart health and nutrition, and to supporting the lifesaving work of the Heart Foundation. This is also the final day for fundraising and all cash donations should be returned by this date.

Now for an update. We have raised an amazing \$8079 for the Heart Foundation! We have 60 students registered to the portal and 129 Hours of skipping practice logged.

Top 5 fundraisers this week are:

1. Braxton Bruce - \$599.97
2. Isabella Coulter - \$411.82
3. Spencer Galvin - \$411.64
4. Isobel Morrison - \$359.47
5. Alana Sweeny - \$337.12



We have done an amazing job with the program this term, and the students deserve every opportunity to celebrate the end of the program and demonstrate all they have achieved! Have fun everyone!

Melissa Seale, Eve Green, and Lauren Munn
JRFH Coordinators

GLOUCESTER
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*Welcome to
Kindergarten
2024*

Please contact our friendly office staff to
organise enrolment for your child in 2024

Creating confident, independent and creative young students

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RUOK? Day

Last Thursday was RUOK Day at Gloucester Public School. Students wore black and yellow to raise awareness about mental health issues. Peer Support groups had a focus on 'Joining in with friendships' and all the students were then able to eat lunch in their peer support groups together in the top playground.

Mrs Cox visited all the classrooms and ran a presentation teaching the students how to check if their friends are OK. The four steps learnt were;

1. Ask RUOK?
2. Listen with an open mind.
3. Encourage action.
4. Make time to check in later.

We are really hoping to equip the students with the strategies to support their peers when they are going through a rough time. Please have a chat with your child about chatting with their peers and checking they are OK.

Felicity Cox

Learning and Support teacher





A Special Choir Performance

Our lovely choir walked up to Mirabooka last Thursday to perform for the residents and staff. As usual our choir members sang beautifully, finishing off with 'You are my Sunshine'. The delighted residents sang along and accompanied the students with shakers.

We are very proud of our choir and the time they give to prepare for special performances like this one.



PSSA Netball Gala Day

Last Friday I was fortunate enough to take some very enthusiastic stage 2 girls to play in the local netball gala day. Throughout the day the girls had to play four 25-minute games, with a half hour break in between each game. The girls were keen and energetic, representing our school with pride. We won two out of the four games on the day, and the girls should be proud of their efforts. A massive thank you to the parents who came and supported our students, and to Liz from Gloucester Netball club who umpired all our games. **Felicity Cox – Netball Coordinator**



Class Awards Term 3 Week 9



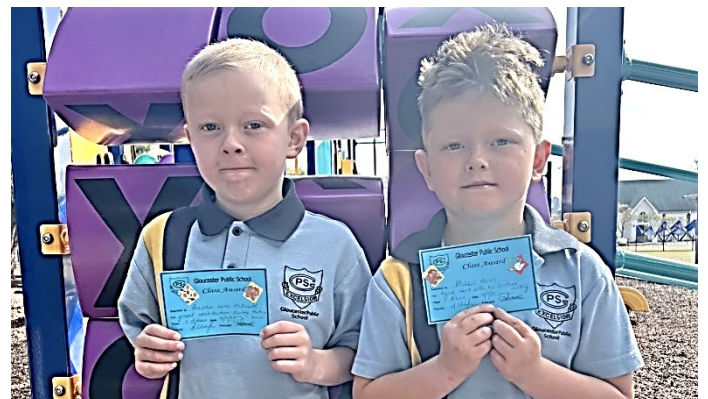
Kindergarten - Wathu: Daniel Warner, Lincoln Markham



Balay - Charlie Rawlings



1 Wathaan - Braxton Bruce, Isobel Morrison,
Hunter Murray



1 Bikan: Braxton McDonald, Michael Harris



2 Guula - Amber Ranieri, Kaylee Hamson,
Matthew Plater



2 Wayila - Dallas Hennessey, Lucy Saunders,
Piper Newman



3/4 Burrang: Riley Hawdon, Jonathan Labry



3/4 Dhurrung: Roy Fisher, Fletcher Compton, Archie Baker



3/4 Gukandi: Luca Predebon, Aiden Harris



3/4 Gulan: Patrick Lenehan, Ava Jeffreys



5/6 Mikiri: Sahara-Roze Genoli, Ava Saunders, Chloe Campbell



5/6 Wambuyn: Sophia Sultana, Eiva Swilks



5/6 Witjagit: Ellie Rawlings, Jarrah Baker, Kara Brooks



5/6 Wurrn: Jasmyne Warner



Expectation Awards:

Chloe Sabanal
Isabella Fisher
Spencer Haschek

School Veggie Garden

Our budding gardeners have been working hard in our school veggie garden, planting seeds and seedlings, watering regularly and keeping the weeds at bay. Our citrus plants are madly flowering so hopefully we will have some fruit a bit later on in the season. We have some lovely plants available for sale now.

Assorted herbs \$2/bunch: Thyme, Rosemary, Curly and Flat leaf parsley, chives and marjoram
Rainbow chard: \$2/bunch
Baby Spinach: \$2/bag
Cos lettuce: \$2/plant

Ty Soupidis and Felicity Cox
Gardening club coordinators



Last day of Term 3 - Friday 22 September

Students return for a very busy Term 4 on Monday 9 October

Thunderbolts Tennis-wildcards Academy



Thursdays Term 4 Tennis Lessons at G.P.S

- 30 MINUTE LESSONS FROM 3:30PM ON THE ALL PURPOSE COURTS
- \$25 PER LESSON WITH MAXIMUM OF 2 IN A GROUP.
- AGES 2+
- SKILL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH GAMES AND MODIFIED EQUIPMENT
- HIGHLY ENGAGING AND TAILORED TO YOUR CHILD'S ABILITY
- ATPCA QUALIFIED COACHES

Lessons are also run from Barrington
Public School

Other enquiries welcome

Contact Coach Rusty or Coach Kimmy

Phone: 65587576 or 0418 889 096
thunderboltstennisacademy@outlook.com



SUMMER FOOTBALL

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| Registered Junior 9yrs - 13yrs | \$30.00 |
| Unregistered Junior 9yrs - 13yrs | \$45.00 |
| Registered Senior 14yrs - 17 yrs | \$42.30 |
| Unregistered Senior 14yrs - 17yrs | \$51.50 |
| Registered Senior 18yrs+ | \$50.00 |
| Unregistered Senior 18yrs+ | \$90.00 |

Competition Commences Wednesday 11th October, Concludes Wednesday 6th December 2023

A registered player is someone who has played soccer during the Winter Season 2023

Active Kids Vouchers accepted

REGISTER NOW: www.gloucestersoccernsw.org

Registrations Close Monday 9th October, 5pm

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

IN THE KNOW

Handy resources to help you stay updated during the holidays.



Roadworks and closures

Check your route before heading out.
Visit www.livetraffic.com.au



Weather and tidal information

Be prepared whatever the weather.
Visit www.bom.gov.au



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LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Bulahdelah 63 Stroud Street

Forster Closed these holidays

Gloucester 27 Denison Street

Hallidays Point 87 High Street

Harrington Caledonia Street

Nabiac 44 Nabiac Street

Old Bar 3/50 Old Bar Road

Stroud 6 Church Lane

Taree 242 Victoria Street

Tea Gardens 135 Marine Parade

Wingham 20 Wynter Street

Head online for opening hours:
www.library.midcoast.nsw.gov.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ON THE MIDCOAST

Sept / Oct 2023

Spring into action these holidays with our jam-packed guide to keeping the kids entertained.



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council

THINGS TO DO

Spring into our libraries for holiday fun

The weather might be warming up, but things have never been cooler for kids across the MidCoast with our Spring holiday program. Designed to entertain kids of all ages, the sessions are free but numbers are limited and some activities may have specific requirements. Head online for full details and to reserve your place. **Book now at library.midcoast.nsw.gov.au**



| When | What | Where |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Mon 25 Sept 2 - 3pm | Frisbee workshop: Decorate and fly a frisbee | Taree |
| Tues 26 Sept 10.30am | Movie screening: Dreambuilders | Gloucester |
| Tues 26 Sept 2 - 3.30pm | Desktop organiser workshop | Hallidays |
| Wed 27 Sept 10 - 11.30am | Crazy weaving: Make a bracelet or crazy creature | Nabiac |
| Wed 27 Sept 10-11am | Paint and plant: A plant-astic blend of nature and art | Tea Gardens |
| Thurs 28 Sept 10.30am | Movie screening: Argonuts epic tails | Wingham |
| Thurs 28 Sept 10.30 - 11.30am | Science with Sue: Colours, bubbles and gliding | Hallidays |
| Fri 29 Sept 10 - 11am | Kids Bingo | Harrington |
| Tues 3 Oct 3 - 4pm | Kids Bingo | Taree |
| Wed 4 Oct 10 - 11.30am | Paddle puppets: Decorate your own puppet | Nabiac |
| Wed 4 Oct 10.30 - 11.30am | Primavera art workshop: Inspired by spring | Wingham |
| Wed 4 Oct 10.30 - 11.30am | Bee hotel workshop | Hallidays |
| Wed 4 Oct 2pm | Movie screening: Super Mario Bros. | Tea Gardens |
| Thurs 5 Oct 10 - 11am | Djembe drumming workshop | Harrington |
| Fri 6 Oct 10.30am | Movie screening: The Amazing Maurice | Hallidays |

Please note: Our Forster library team will be preparing to move into their new location during this time; for this reason there are no activities planned for Forster these school holidays.

ON THE GO

Take a dip on the wild side!

Who doesn't love a good rock pool - and with 190km of coastline, the MidCoast has plenty to offer.

Our rock pools are a great place to keep cool in the warmer weather, while exploring the colourful creatures that live in this marine environment.

From The Tanks at Forster, to the Crystal Pools at Hallidays Point, our team of Barrington Coast explorers has curated a list of some of the best rock pools for you to discover - scan the QR code for details.



Barrington Coast

Barrington Coast is the destination brand of MidCoast Council

Pools reopening across the MidCoast

Our outdoor swimming pools will open for the summer season on:

Saturday 30 September

Gloucester, Nabiac, Stroud, Bulahdelah and Krambach

Sunday 1 October

Taree, Tea Gardens and Wingham

NOW OPEN

Tuncurry water playground

10am - 5pm daily, free entry

SEE A SHOW

Frozen Jr

Do YOU want to build a snowman?

28 September
3.30pm and 6.30pm



Spellbound

A spectacular night of Magic and Grand Illusion.

29 September, 7.30pm



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LEGACY
PROGRAM

I AM A
GIRL
I CAN DO
ANYTHING
COME
N
TRY



GIRLS BASKETBALL

IT'S FUN & FREE

Tuesday 3rd October

4.5 - 9yrs: 1 - 2pm (Come & Try)

10-18yrs: 2:15 - 4pm (Come & Play 3x3)

Taree Iron Arena
Cnr Bligh St & Recreation Drive

SIGN UP NOW

www.bnsw.com.au/i-am-a-girl

SPECIAL GUEST:
Isla Juffermans



BASKETBALL NSW



Cattai Wetlands

BIOBLITZ FESTIVAL

Join scientists and experts at this free nature festival to discover and celebrate all the cuddly, crawly and colourful plants and animals of the Cattai Wetlands.

There are activities for everyone:

- spotlighting
- bug and plant hunting
- reptile searching
- frog tours
- koala walks & detection dogs
- birdwatching walks
- Huge variety of stalls with lots of free resources and citizen science (9am - 5pm Saturday at Base Camp)

**Friday 22 and
Saturday 23 September**

**Cattai Wetlands,
Spring Hill Road, Coopernook**

For more details and to see the full schedule of events, scan the QR code. Bookings essential.



midcoast.nsw.gov.au/BioBlitz

