School Calendar

2013 Term 1

Friday 22 February
Charles Sturt Visit - Year 11-12

Monday 25 February
Year 12 Parent Information Night
Deposit for Jindabyne due - Year 11

Tuesday 26 February
Year 9 Laptop - Parent and Student
Information Session 6:30pm

Thursday 28 February
P&C Meeting
Year 7 and Year 9 Vaccinations

Thursday 7 March
Shakespeare - Romeo and Juliet
Year 11 -12

Friday 8 March
Shakespeare - Romeo and Juliet
Years 7-10

Monday 18 - 20 March
Year 7 - Great Aussie Bush Camp
First instalment - Jindabyne due

Friday 22 March
Art Express - Year 11-12

Monday 25 March
Year 10 Work Experience

Wednesday 27 March
Year 7 SRC speeches and elections

Friday 29 March
Good Friday

Monday 1 April
Easter Monday

CANTEEN - TERM 1
Phone 65589963

Monday 25 February
Elona

Tuesday 26 February
Sandy

Wednesday 27 February
Fiona I

Thursday 28 February
Grant

Friday 1 March
Elona

Monday 4 March
Elona

Tuesday 5 March
Carla

Wednesday 6 March
No Volunteer

Care Achievement Respect Effort Responsibility

Saturday 12 January 2013, Lachlan Clarke and D’arcy Tuckwell had the privilege to go on a promotion course to the RAAF base at Wagga.

“We flew from Taree to Sydney Airport where we boarded the AAFC coach for a 6 hour drive to the RAAF base. This was were we would meet people from all over the state including, Sydney, Dubbo, Canberra, Maitland and Port Macquarie. For the next two weeks we were woken every morning at 6 am to the sound of “REVEILLE, REVEILLE, REVEILLE”. Throughout the course we built on our leadership and self-discipline. We had to teach our course a subject related to the AAFC and then went on a leadership range that could display our team building and our maturity. We were taught skills that we could use in everyday life that would help us, such as; reaction to stress and maturity.

On the second last day of our promotion course, we had our final parade where we marched in front of high ranked Air Force personnel, family and friends. We both graduated and are now Corporals. On the Tuesday 26 January we said our final goodbyes to everyone and left the RAAF base Wagga where we could now take the skills and abilities that we learnt and use them at our local squadron. We travelled Back to Sydney by coach and then waited for our flight to Port Macquarie.

The course was a great experience for both of us.”

Lachy Clarke  and D’arcy Tuckwell
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

In this report, I would like to focus upon what’s needed for success at High School. Obviously, what a Year 7 student needs to do will be different from what someone preparing for the HSC will do! For now at least, I’d like to focus on our senior students. With Year 12 having only three terms before their HSC Exams, the time is NOW to get started. Students in Year 12 have had their interviews with Scott Davis (Year Adviser) and me, and all have the concept of the 40 hour week firmly embedded in their respective psyches! Parents who will be attending the Information Night for Year 12 students on Monday 25 February at 6:30pm will get a fuller explanation of how this works, but the short answer is this. To maintain a competitive edge on others across the state, students need to find an extra 15 hours in which to do study, homework, preparation for assessment tasks, revision, etc. Added to the 25 hours they spend at school, we get to the magical 40 hours. Students and parents will also hear about how to become better organised, how to ensure you’re meeting work requirements, and how to celebrate you successes at meeting your goals. As you may have noticed on our school sign, GHS was placed second in the district among public schools when we measured the number of Band 6 results as a percentage of students sitting the HSC in 2012. Already several Year 12 students (2013) have expressed a competitive desire to go one better at the end of this year! While on the subject of the responsibilities of seniors, I’d like to reinforce that licensed students are allowed to drive themselves to and from school each day. However, they can only take passengers after written permission from both sets of parents has been received by us, and after photocopies of licence, registration and insurance have been provided. This is to guarantee that people who travel in cars have parental permission to do so.

I would like to publicly congratulate members of our Year 11 class who recently witnessed inappropriate behaviour by other students in the school and, knowing the seriousness of this behaviour, immediately reported it to the school’s senior executive. Your actions are confirmation of your capacity to know and do the right thing and are evidence of your growing maturity and positive citizenship. Well done Year 11!

Cheers!
Pat Cavanagh

YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

By now you will have received a letter from Gloucester High School seeking your permission to your child being photographed/filmed/interviewed for our school’s promotional activities and also requesting that you check your child’s contact details.

Please complete the Permission to Publish form and update the Student Contact Detail Report and return to the school to assist us in the support of your child’s wellbeing.

Thank you
Lyn Harwood
School Administrative Manager

YEAR 10 SHIRTS

Orders for Year 10 shirts need to be into the office by Friday 22 February. Please make sure you try on the new style of shirt to get the correct size for your order. Please see Ms Keirstead if you have any issues.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

U/12
Champions Jakara Henley and Liam Bolstad
Runners Up Sian Hoggett

U/13
Champions Molly Danton and Jacob Bird
Runners Up Jenna Davis and Harrison Clarke

U/14
Champions Lily Nixon and Lachlan Howard and Jayden Mackintosh
Runners Up Kylee Fitzgerald and Emmeline Moulds

U/15
Champions Lauren Cameron and Brodie O’Brien
Runners Up Sandhi Thompson and Oahanu Barff

U/16
Champions Bronte Davis and Laura Bignell and Callan Radford
Runners Up Cameron Williams

17+
Champions Kate Radford and Danyon Wilkinson
Runners Up Stacey Mitchell and Jackson Davis

Champion of Champions
Champions
Kate Radford and Callan Radford
Runners Up
Stacey Mitchell and Wyatt Hall

Ironman/Ironwoman
Champions
Kate Radford and Callan Radford
Runners Up
Sophie Kingston and Jackson Davis

HOUSE POINTS
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Tibbuc (300) Kurracar (192)
YEARS 11 HOSPITALITY VET COURSE

Certificate II Hospitality (Food & Beverage).
I would like to welcome your student to our Hospitality Food and Beverage course. In this course students will develop a variety of skills involved in cafe style food preparation and service and will learn about many topics which impact on workers in the hospitality industry including hygiene, dealing with customers and WHS. Real life case studies will be used and all students will experience the hospitality industry first hand when they undertake duties in local businesses in the community through our work placement program.

To prepare students adequately for work placement students will participate in many practical lessons at school to help build their confidence and skills. To give students an understanding of the dress requirements and work expectations of local businesses they will encounter through work placement, all hospitality students are required to wear a hospitality uniform, use commercial tools and adhere to hygiene and safety regulations during their lessons at school.

Students are expected to wear their hospitality uniform in timetabled practical lessons.
I ask that this uniform cost be paid to the front office and the receipt be shown to the teacher as proof of payment so the uniforms can be ordered as soon as possible.

Hospitality Uniform Cost - $35.00
The hospitality uniform includes: A black polo shirt with school logo, a hat and apron.

WORKPLACEMENT
As a TAFE accredited course all hospitality students are to undertake practical training in the local community. This is known as work placement and students are expected to complete 1 week (35 hours of work placement) each year with 70 hours to be completed by the end of Year 12. Work placement is scheduled for Term 3 this year. Should these hours not be completed in the school allocated time due to absence or illness, students are expected to complete the work placement hours in their own time. Venues for work placement will be negotiated with the teacher and the work placement officer prior to commencement.

I look forward to a busy year in Hospitality. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Myree Ribbons

SEASONS FOR GROWTH
Seasons for Growth is a special loss and grief education program that assists young people to deal effectively with change and loss, enabling them to lead happier and more fulfilled lives.

Seasons for Growth is an educative process where young people can explore and understand what happens when they experience significant change/loss in their lives, e.g. parental separation, divorce, death of someone close, living with disability/mental illness/terminal illness, moving, living in foster care, pet loss. Participants are able to gain the skills needed to manage the effects of loss, to more effectively manage their emotions. Participants develop an integrated sense of self that supports their ability to build effective relationships with peers and family, and engage more enthusiastically in learning and classroom activities.

Gloucester High School offers this program to all students who are experiencing any of the above life/family situations. A qualified and experienced Companion/Facilitator conducts the program. Students meet for one hour every week during class time for 6 weeks.
If you would like your child to be part of the SEASONS PROGRAM please sign the permission note below and return it to the school as soon as possible so that resources can be prepared.

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Dear Ms O’Keefe and Mrs Edman,
I give permission for my son/daughter ____________________________
Roll Call Class___________________ to participate in the
SEASONS PROGRAM for 6 weeks in Term 2 -2013.
Name __________________________________________
Signature________________________________________
Date____________________________________________

Myree Ribbons
CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
Please complete your forms as soon as possible and return them to Mr De Angelis in the Careers Office.

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12
If you are interested to know what it’s really like to work in the Health Industry in fields such as nursing, nutrition, speech pathology, medicine, pharmacy, physio, etc, there will be a Health Career Forum Wednesday 27 March in Taree. Please see Mr De Angelis for further information.

VALENTINE’S DAY CUPCAKES
Year 10 Food Technology enjoyed a great start to the year in their first practical task. Valentine’s Day cupcakes were prepared and presented to a very high standard. Students in the class worked extremely well with good attention to detail given to their final products. The class is looking forward to completing more practical activities as part of the ‘food service and catering’ context area of Food Technology this term.

Ms Ribbons
Food Technology

JINDABYNE EXCURSION 2013
Gloucester High School has booked a Winter Camp again at Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre for Year 11. The camp is in Week 1 of Term 3. This is Sunday 14 July to Friday 19 July.

The cost is the same for skiers and snowboarders but for those students that have skied or snowboarded before are charged slightly more because all of their lessons and free time will be using chairlifts whereas the beginner slope has a rope tow and this makes the lift ticket slightly less.

For those students who have NEVER skied/snowboarded before the cost will be approximately $1,040.
For those who have had a try at skiing/snowboarding before the cost will be approximately $1091.

This cost covers bus transport to Jindabyne, accommodation, food, ski/board hire, lift tickets, ski/board lessons, transport to the ski fields and use of the facilities at the centre. The camp includes three days skiing and two days of outdoor activities at the Centre.

If you wish to attend this excursion, a deposit of $200 needs to be paid to the office by Monday 25th February (Week 5). Those students cancelling may lose some of this deposit. If you have difficulty paying this deposit but wish to attend the excursion, please see me as soon as possible.

This excursion is costed on 20 students attending and if fewer than 20 students are able to go then the excursion may be cancelled and deposits refunded.

Due to the cost of this excursion, it is suggested that students pay in instalments on the following dates:

Deposit $200 Monday 25 February 2013 (Week 5, Term 1)
Instalment 1 $200 Monday 18 March 2013 (Week 8, Term 1)
Instalment 2 $200 Friday May 2013 (Week 1, Term 2)
Instalment 3 $200 Friday 17 May 2013 (Week 3, Term 2)
Balance outstanding Friday 14 June 2013 (Week 7, Term 2)

If you have any questions regarding the excursion please contact me at the school on (02) 6558 1605.

The balance of the excursion cost must be paid in full by Friday 14 June 2013.

Mrs Stanton

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Year 9 Laptops

Parent and Student Information Session

Tuesday 26 February 2013 6:30pm

It is anticipated that the laptops for Year 9 students will be arriving very soon. It is important that students and parents are aware of the requirements and responsibilities associated with the laptops. To assist in this process we will be having a parent information night about the laptops. This will be held on Tuesday 26 February 6:30pm in the Hall at Gloucester High School. We would expect that Year 9 students and parents/carers of Year 9 students attend this evening so that student agreements can be signed by both student and parent/carer.

There has been two significant changes to the DER program for Year 9 2013 students regarding transfers between schools and the transfer of ownership on final completion of Year 12, so it is important that all Year 9 students and parent/carers attend.

Digital Education Revolution (DER) ➤➤ NSW

DER-NSW program was implemented from 2009 to 2013. 2013 marks the final year of the program with the finish of the Australian Government’s DER National Partnership funding and the final rollout of laptops to schools.

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**GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL**

**2013 FEES**

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**STUDENT'S NAME**  **YEAR**  **DATE**
SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL 2013
“A kiss has the power to erupt the world but only love can take life.”

Gloucester’s Shakespeare Festival is up and running again in 2013, a little earlier than usual this year with performances taking place in March. Now in its fourteenth season, the festival is a mainstay on the region’s cultural calendar. This year the Shakespeare Festival is proud to be presenting a fresh and youthful production of one of the Bard’s greats, Romeo and Juliet. This production will be staged by the exciting and innovative Tantrum Theatre from Newcastle.

Once again all GHS students will have the opportunity to see the show with Years 11 and 12 attending on Thursday March 7 and Years 7 to 10 attending on Friday 8 March. Students will return to school for the final two periods of the day. The cost is still value for money at $12 per student (this includes bus fare to and from the Soldier’s Club).

Performances will take place at 10:00am and there will be an informative workshop session with director and actors from the play following the performance.

There will be a BBQ lunch available after the performance. For a nominal price students can purchase a sausage sandwich and/or a can of soft drink. Of course, students may also bring their own lunches should they so desire.

This is the most famous love story in English literature, and the world’s favourite, portraying the chaos and passion of being in love. In Romeo and Juliet, love is a violent, ecstatic, overpowering force that supersedes all other values, loyalties, and emotions. Their love is a brutal, powerful emotion that captures individuals and catapults them against their world, and against themselves.

Permission notes are available through the English department. Seats are limited so students are encouraged to return their signed permission notes with their money to the school office asap to ensure they don’t miss out on an entertaining and educational day out.

Shakespeare Masterclasses
The renowned Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company will be providing three workshop-style sessions for the 2013 Festival, with a focus on Shakespeare’s comedies. These two hour Masterclasses are a great way to get involved in an expert-led, action-packed experience. Time and time again, Bell Shakespeare Masterclasses have been proven to raise even the most reluctant participant to their feet, and add to the enjoyment of reading, speaking and understanding Shakespeare in new and exciting ways. Suitable for students and adults of all ages.

Choose one, two or three sessions, each one features a different comedy classic from the Bard.
All sessions are 2.30pm-4.30pm and take place in the hall at Gloucester High School.

Thursday 07 March 2013: A Midsummer Night’s Dream
Friday 08 March 2013: Much Ado About Nothing
Saturday 09 March 2013: Twelfth Night

Cost: $15 adult; $5 school student.
The Broadway Musical

**Hairspray**

**VENUE**
Gloucester High School Hall

**PUBLIC PERFORMANCE DATES**
Wednesday June 19 @ 12:00pm
Tuesday June 18, Wednesday June 19, Friday June 21,
Saturday June 22 @ 7:30pm

**TICKETS**
$10.00 adult, $6.00 concession,
$26.00 Family

**BOOKINGS** - Phone 6558 1605 or purchase tickets at the door

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**COMING SOON!!!!**
THE GHS 2013 MUSICAL

**Hairspray**

**The Broadway Musical**

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Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters

Orchestrations by Harold Wheeler

Arrangements by Marc Shaiman

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, Exclusive agent for Music Theatre International (NY)
MUSICAL PROFILE

Who: Mr Davis

Role: Director/Co-Producer

Musical experience: Director of three of the past four musicals at Gloucester High School, including Grease and Back to the Eighties. Twelve years professional experience in the performing arts industry.

Favourite musical: Les Miserables

What are your first impressions of the play? It’s a great script, very funny and different to the film, and it has some very important messages about tolerance and discrimination. But, above all, it is a feel-good underdog story with richly written characters and fantastic songs.

What do you think will be the challenges in staging the show? There are multiple locations so establishing those different places will require some imaginative staging. Of course, there are roles that are necessarily African-American so we will need to find creative ways to convey differences in race and nationality. And finally, the show is very dance-oriented so it will require extra work to get all of our performers moving fluently around the stage.

What are you looking forward to most? It is always very rewarding working collaboratively in a very big team towards the creation of something that, hopefully, audiences will enjoy. So the sound of that applause on opening night is probably what I treasure most.

How are rehearsals going? We are in the process of reading through the play and allowing the actors time to build their characters. Soon we will start moving actors around the stage and then we will eventually add the music and choreography. It’s going to be a lot of hard work but I am excited about working with this talented cast and crew.

OFF TO STATE ATHLETICS

Gloucester Little Athletics travelled to Taree on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 February 2013 for the Regional Athletics Carnival.

The results of the athletes are as follows:-

Under 12
Kieran Schneider Discus 26.65m Finished 1st, Shot Put 8.82m Finished 1st, Javelin 20.75m Finished 7th.

Taylor Predebon Discus 21m Finished 3rd, Shot Put 9.16m Finished 1st, Triple Jump 7.09m Finished 10th, 1500m Walk 11m 10.78s Finished 5th.

Olivia Allardice 60m Hurdles 12.44s Finished 2nd Heat, 60m Hurdles 13.43s Finished 8th Final, 100m 16.99s Finished 6th Heat, High Jump 1.34m Finished 3rd, Triple Jump 8.57m Finished 4th.

Under 13
Andrew Hughes 400m 1m 25.09s Finished 6th, Shot put 6.90m Finished 7th, Discus 16.86m Finished 5th, Javelin 16.21m Finished 9th.

Laura Dunlop 400m 1m 26.13s Finished 7th.

Under 14
Natalie Schneider 100m 14.45s Finished 1st Heat, 100m 14.49s Finished 2nd Final, Long Jump 3.72m Finished 7th Discus 14.53m Finished 6th.

Under 15
Kenneth Wamsley 100m 13.86s Finished 5th Heat, 100m 13.88s Finished 7th Final, Shot put 11.85m Finished 2nd, Long Jump 4.90m Finished 3rd

Under 17
Daniel Hughes 100m 17.75s Finished 7th Final, 1500m Walk 12m 23.34s Finished 1st, Javelin, 16.40m Finished 6th, Shot put 6.59m Finished 7th, Discus 18.95m Finished 9th.

Hannah Yates Triple Jump 9.32m Finished 5th, Long Jump 4.33m Finished 5th.

Nine students from Gloucester High School competed at the carnival. Five of which have made it through to the State Athletics Carnival.

Congratulations Kieran Schneider, Taylor Predebon, Natalie Schneider, Kenneth Wamsley, and Daniel Hughes. We wish you the best of luck.
CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

Generosity
One of the important tasks of a chaplain is to support the spiritual life of both individuals and the community. Spiritual life is inherent in each human being, and may or may not have religious dimensions. Our spirit is the life force within that gives energy and inspiration. Human beings are made to aspire to the transcendent and to seek the higher good. One of the innate qualities of spirituality is generosity.

The school term has begun with a great flourish of activity, noise, routines and enthusiasm. There is a special kind of busyness and high energy that is sustained and that has not diminished as this term has progressed. Quite often by the fourth week of term students are dragging their feet and teachers are beginning to look exhausted. What is making the difference here at Gloucester High School?

Whilst there are highly organized timetables and regular meetings, and good communication, all of which help to create a healthy and happy environment in a school, I note the extraordinary spirit of generosity and commitment amongst the staff of Gloucester High School that is generating this enthusiasm and wonderful sense of joy in learning. I see teachers running, always ensuring that they are where they are supposed to be right on time and well prepared for their class. I see them talking quietly with students who need a little extra support, eating their lunch as they walk around on duty because they have taken on an extra duty for a colleague who became overloaded, and I see them chatting along corridors and in moments at the photocopying machine with welfare staff ensuring that each student is properly cared for, academically, emotionally and socially. Each one is available and ready to engage in any initiative that may support the happiness and well-being of a student or a group, and a continuous collaborative effort marked by respect is creating a sense of communal support.

Assisting the staff to provide for those students who are finding learning difficult, or who are more vulnerable or who need to build resilience for life and learning (which is part of the brief of a chaplain) becomes easy because of the generosity and kindness of each person on staff. Ensuring that the dignity of each person is upheld and that we are able to live fully human and fully alive is surely a most relevant spiritual way to live and act, and a spirit of generosity makes a great contribution to a healthy spiritual life.

Remember, if you want to have a chat about your own personal spiritual journey I am available on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

Eulalie O’Keefe

PRACTICAL LESSONS

It is a WHS requirement that all students in practical lessons wear sturdy non-slip shoes with leather uppers (no mesh or fabric tongue) which covers the entire top of the foot. Students who do not wear appropriate safe footwear will not be able to participate in practical lessons.

YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Your school Student ID cards are ready to be collected. Please collect them from the Library. Thank you

Eulalie O’Keefe
NEW BOOKS

PICTURE BOOKS

VERY HUNGRY ZOMBIE - In this parody of a children's classic, a very hungry zombie eats his way through a variety of his favourite foods, including clowns, astronauts, rock stars, and brains. With vivid, playful art and amusing text, this book will appeal to picture-book lovers of all ages.
Author: Jonathon Apple

TIME FOR BED - 1993 bedtime favourite from the Australian author Mem Fox and the illustrator Jane Dyer. Even the most reluctant snoozers will find themselves lulled by the repetitive rhythms, as the parent sheep, cat, snake, and fish implore their babies to get some shuteye. Dyer’s watercolour illustrations are beautiful.

POSSUM MAGIC - For over 21 years Possum Magic has captivated and enchanted children and adults. Mem Fox's lovable characters, Little Hush and Grandma Poss, and Julie Vivas' exquisite illustrations weave a story of pure magic. Continuously in print since it was first published by Omnibus Books on 31 March 1983, Possum Magic has been embraced as a timeless Australian tale and as Australia's most-loved children's picture book.

WILFRID GORDON MCDONALD PARTRIDGE - Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge, a rather small boy, lives next door to a nursing home in which resides Miss Nancy Alison Delacourt Cooper, his favourite friend, because she has four names as well. When Miss Nancy "loses" her memory, the intrepid Wilfrid sets out to find it for her.
Author: Mem Fox

WOMBAT DIVINE - Wombat loved Christmas. He loved the carols and the candles, the presents and the pudding, but most of all he loved the Nativity Play. Wombat loves the Nativity Play so much that he tries out for every part, but he doesn’t seem to be right for any of them. Luckily, wise Emu knows the perfect role for a sleepy wombat, and it's the best Nativity Play ever. Author: Mem Fox

NON-FICTION

BEGINNERS GUIDE TO CAKE DECORATING - Beginner's Guide to Cake Decorating will show you how to make sugar flowers and leaves, plus many other sugar craft techniques such as fabric effects, piping royal icing, modelling figures and animals. Foolproof methods will ensure impressive results every time, no matter what your level of experience.

COOKERY THE AUSTRALIAN WAY - Cookery the Australian Way is now in its eighth edition. It successfully integrates exciting contemporary food trends with tried-and-true favourites. With its fresh design, and stunning new photography and food styling, the eighth edition has had a complete makeover, bringing the world of food and cooking to life for everyone.

BEAUTIFUL CHICKENS - Portraits of forty champion breeds, the latest title in the successful Beautiful... series (Beautiful Sheep, Pigs, and Cows). Stylishly lit and shot against a studio background, the portraits showcase forty of the world’s most distinctive breeds, primped and preened for their moment of fame at assorted livestock shows. Author: Christie Aschwanden

SCRIBES IN THE SHED

What: Come and meet together with other writers over a cuppa and cake to share one of your writings
When: Sunday, 24th February 2013
Starts: 10.00 am
Where: Stroud Men’s Shed (near of Stroud Court House)

All writers, authors and poets welcome
Readings welcome
Poetry and Short Stories
(500 word limit)
Open theme
WYATT YOUNG WON THE NATIONAL TITLE
Wyatt Young won the National Title in Tamworth at the ABCRA Campdraft Title and was presented with his ABCRA award on Sunday 27 January 2013.

Wyatt is a Year 10 student and started riding at the age of two and began campdrafting when he was eight. Wyatt has competed in many different disciplines with his horses over the years including shows, pony club, dressage, jumping and campdrafting at state, national and royal show levels.

With a positive attitude and the view that you can never stop learning, Wyatt has been influenced and taught by some of the best.

Wyatt spends lots of hours training and keeping his horses fit. He competed on several horses and has travelled every weekend across NSW to gain points for his ABCRA (Australian Bushmen’s Campdraft and Rodeo Association) National Juvenile Campdraft Title.

The mare Wyatt rode ‘Cedervale Jekyllin’ was awarded the ABCRA National All-Round Campdraft Horse of the Year title for 2012.

JUNIOR COOKING COMPETITION
Friday 15 and Saturday 16 March, boys & girls are invited to enter the Gloucester Show Cooking Competition.
Entry categories are as follows-
4 to 8 years
1. Six chocolate crackles
2. Six pieces of coconut ice (uncooked)
3. Four iced and decorated Arrowroot biscuits (must be edible)
4. Chocolate packet cake (iced)

8 to 12 years
5. Cup cakes six decorated (no papers)
6. Jam drops six
7. Sweet muffins six

12 to 16 years
8. Six pieces health slice (uniced)
9. Orange cake (iced)
10. Plain sponge sandwich. Mock cream filling (uniced)

Entry fee: 50 cents
All exhibits to be in the hands of the stewards by 9:am Friday 15 March 2013. All exhibits to be picked up following Presentation on Saturday.

Sandy Tebbet
Steward

2013 GLOUCESTER SHOWGIRL
Miss Mini Showgirl (7 to 10 years) – a brief discussion about your favourite thing at the show and answer some general knowledge questions.

Miss Junior Showgirl (11 to 14 years) – a brief discussion about an experience or memory of the show and answer some general knowledge questions.

Miss Teenage Showgirl (15 to 17 years) – a brief discussion about what you would do at the show if you were president and answer some general knowledge questions.

Entry forms available from - IGA, Leisuretime, Town & Country, Retravision, www.gloucestershows.org.au Please contact Kathy Sansom on 65589050

2013 GLOUCESTER ART COMPETITION
Please print name on front of painting
Years 7-8 Texture, Colour and Design
Years 9-10 Texture, Colour and Design
Seniors Digitally enhanced or any media
No entry fee. Helpers urgently needed! Mums and dads are needed to help hang the school art work of judging on Thursday 14 March at 9am, just turn up and bring a cuppa you may need one.

Lorraine McLeod

Diverse educational programs that challenge and inspire students
Gloucester Community Drug Action Team

Presents

Celia Lashlie

“The Power of Mothers” &
“Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men”

Date: Thursday, 14 March 2013
Time: 10.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: Senior Citizens Hall
Hume Street Gloucester
Cost: $27.50 CDAT Members (active*)
$37.50 NON CDAT Members
Cost includes morning tea & lunch
Or $16.50 per session (no Lunch)
RSVP: Friday, 8 March 2013
Registrations are essential as places are limited!

This completed form is a TAX INVOICE. ABN 80152696399

Please return your registration from to neigh_centre@bigpond.com.au or fax 0265582820

Payments to be made to Sticky Tickets Event Link: http://www.stickytickets.com.au/9951

TAX INVOICE
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Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
CDAT: ___________________________________ Service: ________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
Phone: _______________________________ Mobile: _________________________________________
Email: _____________________________________________________________________________
Do you have any dietary requirement? __________________________________________________________________

Your registration information may be shared with the relevant Community Drug Action Team
* to be classed as an active CDAT member you must have attended/participated in CDAT meetings/activities within the last 6 months.

AUSTRALIA AIR FORCE CADETS

If you are between 13 and 18 years of age, male or female, your invited and come along and bring your parents to the information and recruiting night on the Wednesday 27 February at Macquarie Barracks – Muldoon Street Taree at 6pm.
HPV VACCINATION

Giving all students a shot at a safer future

The national Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program is being extended to boys this year.

The free vaccine is being offered to boys in Year 7 and Year 9, and will continue to be offered to girls in Year 7. The extension of the HPV vaccination program follows the success of the female program, which is credited with significantly reducing HPV-related infections among vaccinated women since it began in 2007.

The vaccine is delivered in three doses over a six month period by qualified immunisation providers. We have scheduled the first dose at school on Thursday 28 February 2013.

While you may be aware HPV can cause cervical cancer in females, there are benefits for males too. Vaccinating males against HPV will help protect them from a wide range of cancers and disease, including genital warts. Vaccinating males will also help to protect females from cervical cancer and HPV-related disease by reducing the spread of the virus.

It is important that the full course, all three doses, is completed to make sure students have the best protection.

The vaccine has been tested to ensure it is safe for males and females. Close to seven million doses of the vaccine have been administered in Australia so far.

HPV is transmitted by sexual contact and affects both females and males. It is believed that four out of every five people will have a HPV infection at some time in their lives. Most infections don’t have symptoms, so people don’t realise they are carrying it.

What you should do:

- Complete and return the consent forms for boys in Year 7 and Year 9 and girls in Year 7 before Monday 25 February if not already returned.
- Explain the importance of completing the full three-dose course to your child.
- Read more about the vaccine and HPV at australia.gov.au/hpv

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Gloucester High School aims to develop a supportive learning environment that engages all students, teachers and community in the pursuit of excellence.