GREAT TEACHING, INSPIRED LEARNING

On Thursday, all of Year 7 participated in Mathemania, a series of hands-on activities, based on the Mathematical concepts of problem solving; basic numeracy; strategic thinking; volumes of solids; working with precision; and following a plan. After the 10 minute Maths Relay warm-up, students rotated through three 25 minute sessions (How big is a cubic metre?; The Attribute Stick game; Paper Cube Origami). Student feedback was really positive! The Mathemania session was designed to engage Year 7 students (which it did!) and to show them what I’ve known for years - that Mathematics can be fun! It also provides a leadership opportunity for some of our Year 7 students. Students have been asked to nominate themselves if they felt confident enough to run a similar session for our visiting Year 6 students next Wednesday afternoon, as part of their PtoH Orientation Program. The response so far has been fantastic. For those chosen, they will have had the opportunity to be both an Inspired Learner and a Great Teacher!

More photos on second last page of the newsletter.
Some exciting programs involving students are coming our way. As mentioned in the Year 7 Mathemania article, next week sees the first session of our PtoH Transition Program. Organised by Mr Wisely and the Transition Team, in consultation with our local Primary Schools, this program provides for three sessions at GHS where Year 6 students will be participating in a variety of activities, culminating in the Year 6 Orientation Day on Monday 23 November. Mr Davis, 2016 Year 7 Adviser, has been busy visiting schools and is keen to be of service to his students throughout their secondary school experience. Judging by the turn-out at last week’s “getting to know you” barbecue, we have an interested, committed and supportive bunch of parents as well. Looking good for 2016!

I’m excited! I’ve just received confirmation that our Students as Learning Partners Team will be visiting Gosford High School on Tuesday 10 November to see how they operate their program. The program aims to train students in the art of classroom observation, reflection and effective feedback. Once trained and confident, students will then be able to liaise with teachers in organising a classroom observation, conduct the observation, then provide the teacher with constructive feedback as to how the lesson went. This is high quality stuff, with teachers learning from students, and students gaining a deeper understanding of the complex art of teaching. The ultimate aim is to continue on the road to enhancement of lesson delivery and to improved student outcomes. Exciting times!

Once again, Gloucester High will be one of the highlight acts at this year’s Akoostik Festival, which will be on this weekend (16 – 18 October). Our talented bunch this year is comprised of vocalists Emme, Grace, Nina, Oihanu and Mr Cavanagh; guitarists Ben, Hamish and Mr Cavanagh; and our strings section of Laura (violin) and Nina (cello). The group has been practising feverishly on their bracket of all-original music, with great success. They are all looking forward to their big performance, which will kick off proceedings on Sunday 18 October at 10:00 am. If you’re within coo-ee of Wingham Showgrounds on Sunday, please drop in and see this talented group do their stuff. You won’t be disappointed! To watch them practising please click on the following link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ueZychL4ZQA&feature=youtu.be

The Open Boys Cricket team travelled to Forster to take on Great Lakes College in round two of the knockout competition.

Winning the toss and electing to bat, Captain Coen Durbidge and Brad Darmody started with a solid partnership before Coen was dismissed for seven. Bard continued to bat well with partners falling around him and was eventually dismissed for 30. This led to a collapse and Gloucester was all out for 58.

A few quick wickets were needed defended 58 and Ben Reynolds delivered striking the stumps of one of the Great Lakes College openers. A wicket to Brodie O’Brien and a late consolation wicket to Cormac Campbell wasn’t enough and Great Lakes College passed the Gloucester total three wickets down.
Gloucester Schools Tri Challenge 2015

The Gloucester High School Tri Challenge is a unique event started in 1992 about the same time as the Gloucester Mountain Man Tri Challenge. The 2015 GHS Tri Challenge held on Friday 18 September, the last day of Term 3, was a great success once again with 16 individuals and 19 teams completing the 10km bike ride, 4km kayak and 4 km run. A further 150 students were on the course as marshals, cheering on the competitors. The weather for the 24th running of the event was threatening rain but held off, making conditions a little cooler for competitors.

First to complete the course in a time of 1h:09m:43s was Ryan Yates (Senior Male). Ryan’s time becomes the best individual time for the course since it was modified in 2013. He was well clear of the second individual competitor Jacob Bird (Junior Male) in 1:19:10. Third individual was also a junior male, Kaito Sutton, in 1:19:40. Joshua Westley was the fourth individual and second senior male in 1:23:30.

The first team to complete the course, coming in second overall, was the Year 8 male team of Cadel Beard (B), Hamish McClure (K) and Jacob Moulds (R) in 1h:18m:01s. The first female team, and sixth overall was also from Year 8, Madelaine Blanch (B), Kyra Edstein (K) and Tahnee Yates (R) in 1:19:56. The first mixed team made up of Year 9 students, Emily Ryan (B), Cael Hickman (K) and Kieran Schneider (R) (1h:35m:50s) came in 19th overall.

The best Gloucester Primary School team finishing in 1h:24m:41s was, Darcy Allardice (B), Bradey Rose (K) and Aiden Rose (R).

The best leg times were: Bike – Ryan Yates 22m:29s, Kayak – Ryan Yates 24m:59s,
Run – Lleyton Richards 20m:38s.

Congratulations to all the competitors for making the effort to train and compete.

The Tri Challenge does not happen without the support of a lot of individuals and organisations, so a very big ‘Thank You’ is in order for all those who helped make the event so enjoyable. The Gloucester Shire Council and the land owners along the course deserve a special mention for continuing to allow us to hold this special event. Thanks also to Barrington Outdoor Adventure Centre for the use of their kayaks and the training they provide for our students prior to race day. Thanks to Gloucester SES, Police and Ambulance for their assistance during the day, Jamie Andrews for the use of his truck, and Bernie Edstein and Troy Higgins for riding sweep for the bike leg. The GHS P&C deserve thanks for the barbeque and drinks at Rocky Crossing. Last but not least the staff and students of GHS deserve a big thanks for their enthusiasm and co-operation throughout the day.

Greg Leighton
Race Director
Gloucester High School Tri Challenge 2015

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GHS MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Gloucester High School Multicultural Festival will celebrate its 10th anniversary this year. How time flies! This has been an amazing experience for our students over the years, offering valuable educational opportunities and unique insights into the lives of young people who have had different life experiences to their own. The emotional bond that is built between our students and our visitors is truly phenomenal. In fact, it was a feature of the recent nationally televised documentary, *Cast from the Storm*, about the creation of the play that is the main showcase of the visit. Please click on the following link to view the documentary [http://iview.abc.net.au/programs/cast-from-the-storm/AC1500H001S00](http://iview.abc.net.au/programs/cast-from-the-storm/AC1500H001S00)

This year’s Multicultural Festival will take place from Wednesday November 25th to Tuesday December 1st, a longer period than usual due to the specially added activities to celebrate the anniversary. The festival will include a MAD night, a performance of the Tree of Life play, a hike up the Barrington Tops, a multicultural foodfest, a social and some other whole school activities. Even the founder of this event, former head maths teacher head, Mr Kevin Costa, will take a break from teaching duties at Molong Central School to play a part in our festivities.

This year, 20+ students from Miller Technology High School, many of whom arrived in Australia as refugees, having escaped from a troubled homeland, will take up residence in the homes of GHS students. This may be the last year that the Multicultural Festival runs at Gloucester High School for some time so, if you haven’t had the opportunity to host a student before, then now is your chance. It will provide your family with an experience to remember and maybe even a new friend for life. An Expression of Interest form is located elsewhere in this newsletter.

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2015

School Vaccination Clinics - Thursday 12 November 2015

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE

If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinics at their school.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2015

Any Year 7 student with missed doses of vaccine can be caught up in 2016. Additionally – any Year 8 student who commenced HPV vaccination while in Year 7 and are yet to finish all three doses of HPV (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive these at the next clinic at their school. Don’t forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination. Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at: [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx)

WANTED

Our TAS department is after small two and four stroke engines for dissection for the Automotive class. Could any engines destined for the tip be redirected to Mr Seale thank you.
LAPTOP GRADUATION - YEAR 12 STUDENTS
STUDENT TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND ACCEPTANCE

In 2012, the Digital Education Revolution (DER) NSW Program rolled out the silver Lenovo x130e laptop to all Year 9 Students under the Commonwealth Government’s National Secondary Schools Computer Fund (NSSCF) initiative. Under the Digital Education Revolution – NSW Policy guidelines, 1.9:
Ownership of laptops will be formally transferred to students who have completed Year 12. Laptops remain the property of NSW Department of Education and Training until transfer takes place.

Things you need to do:
- Bring laptop to school and logged into the school network one week prior [username@detnsw]
- Backed up all files on your computer
- Note down your Student Reference Number
- Complete Student Transfer of Ownership form
- Go to Microsoft eAcademy website:
  - Register
  - Download Source media
  - Copy down the Licence Keys
  - Complete and submit Student Transfer of Ownership forms found at http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-channel/yr12-der-laptop-graduation

You're Leaving School and so is your Laptop
Be prepared for the exciting opportunities ahead of you with your unlocked laptop.
1st step is take a backup (copy) of your files on the laptop.
Get a 'Transfer of Ownership Acknowledgement and Acceptance' form, fill it out and hand it in with your laptop to be unlocked.

Starts NOW!

Attention Year 12
WE NEED YOU! MULTICULTURAL VISIT – 2015

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The most exciting part of this event is, of course, the visit to Gloucester by a number of students from the Miller Intensive English Centre in South Western Sydney. These students represent a very diverse range of cultural backgrounds and are very keen to experience all that a small country town has to offer. But they need somewhere to stay. As a part of this visit we are looking for families willing to billet these students during their six day visit. Please note that, due to cultural differences, some students may need to adhere to particular dietary requirements.

If you are willing to provide accommodation for these visiting students please complete the expression of interest form below and return it to Mr Davis before the end of Week 5, Term 4. This is a great opportunity. Please don’t allow sporting or work commitment to stand in your way of hosting a student. We can work around most obstacles.

Please call me on 65581605 or email me at scott.davis10@det.nsw.edu if you have any queries.

Mr Scott Davis
Multicultural Festival Co-ordinator

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO BILLET VISITING STUDENTS

I would be interested in providing accommodation for _______ student(s) from Wednesday 25 November to Tuesday 1 December 2015.

Student Name: _____________________________________________________

Parent Signature ____________________________________________________

WHAT IS OPAL AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

Introduced in 2014 for Years 11 and 12, and expanded this year to include Year 10. OPAL is a system designed to provide feedback about student academic performance and engagement on a regular basis. This gives students important information about how they perform in their subjects and across the school. OPAL is designed to be a supportive tool, used to encourage students to give their best consistently.
NEW BOOKS

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SENIOR FICTION

The Eye of the Sheep by Sofie Laguna

Meet Jimmy Flick. He’s not like other kids - he’s both too fast and too slow. He sees too much, and too little. Jimmy’s mother Paula is the only one who can manage him. She teaches him how to count sheep so that he can fall asleep. She holds him tight enough to stop his cells spinning. It is only Paula who can keep Jimmy out of his father’s way. But when Jimmy’s world falls apart, he has to navigate the unfathomable world on his own, and make things right.

Already Dead by Jaye Ford

Journalist Miranda Jack is finally attempting to move on from the death of her husband. Then a single event changes everything. On a Monday afternoon as she waits at traffic lights, a stranger jumps into her car and points a gun at her chest. As a journalist Miranda has always asked questions. But this time the questions are dangerous – and the answers might get her killed...

Scared Yet? By Jaye Ford

When Livia Prescott fights off a terrifying assault in a deserted car park, the media hail her bravery. And after a difficult year it felt good to strike back for once. But as the police widen their search for her attacker, menacing notes start arriving. And brave is not what she feels any longer...

Always You by Kirsty Moseley

Riley Tanner has a best friend, the best friend a girl could ask for. He's also the biggest player in school. Their relationship has always been easy and affectionate, but after Riley's month long vacation, things become a little strange. She starts to look at him in ways that go way beyond the 'friend zone'. Add in her best friend’s rival, and things become a whole lot more complicated.

SENIOR NON FICTION

Hidden by Cathy Glass

A memoir of Glass’ relationship with Tayo, a young boy she fosters whose good behaviour and polite manners hide a terrible past. Tayo arrives at Cathy's with only the clothes he stands up in. He has been brought to her by the police, but he is calm, polite, and very well spoken, and not at all like the children she normally fosters. The social worker gives Glass the forms which should contain Tayo’s history, but apart from his name and age, it is blank.

Saving Danny by Cathy Glass

While Danny’s parents have everything they could wish for in material terms, they are unable to care for their only child. This is where Glass comes in. On a cold dark evening Danny finds a place in her home where he can be himself; away from his parents’ impatience and frustration. Often in his own little world, six-year-old Danny finds it difficult to communicate, finding solace in his best friend and confidant George -- his rabbit.

SCHOLASTIC - Book Club

Pick up your Book Club Catalogue Order (Issue 7) from the LIBRARY. Orders for this issue need to be returned and paid for at the Front Office by 23/10/15

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FICTION

Sea Horse by Bruce Pascoe
Jack cannot believe his luck when he comes across a sunken boat not far off the coast. When he shows his father, they discover it is in pristine condition and decide to take on the challenge of salvaging it. But what is the story behind this mysterious boat? How long has it been in the bay? How did it get there? And who is the man on the cliff with the binoculars? When the boat is finally raised, the adventure begins...

Intruder by Christine Bongers
Kat Jones is woken by an intruder looming over her bed. She’s saved by Edwina – the neighbour Kat believes betrayed her dying mother. Her dad issues an ultimatum. Either spend nights next door, or accept another intruder in her life – Hercules, the world’s ugliest guard dog. It’s a no-brainer, even for dog-phobic Kat. When she meets adorable Al at the dog park, finally Kat has someone to talk to, someone who cares.

You Don’t Even Know by Sue Lawson
Alex Hudson is a good guy. He plays water polo. He has a part-time job. He’s doing okay at school. Then the thing that anchors Alex is ripped away and his life seems pointless. How can he make anyone else understand how he feels, when he doesn’t even know?

Shadow by Michael Morpurgo
When Shadow, a bomb-sniffing spaniel, goes missing in the middle of war torn Afghanistan, his soldier-owner is devastated. Meanwhile, Shadow makes friends with a local Afghan boy, and sees a whole other side of the war. Will Shadow and his trainer ever be reunited?

Pan’s Whisper by Sue Lawson
Ordered into foster care, Pan Harris is full of anger at the mother who abandoned her, and the older sister who kept her from her father. Pan is certain that she knows the reality of her past – until she meets Hunter, the boy who understands her story better than anyone else, and who just may be the key to unlocking the truth of Pan’s memories. But is Hunter worth Pan breaking her most important rule. Never Trust. Anyone.

The Death House by Sarah Pinborough
Taken from his family, Toby now lives in the Death House; an out-of-time existence far from the modern world, where he, and the others who live there, are studied by Matron and her team of nurses. They’re looking for any sign of sickness. Any sign that it’s time to take them to the sanatorium. No one returns from the sanatorium. Toby spends his days fighting his fear.

The Golden Age by Joan London
It is 1954 and thirteen-year-old Frank Gold, refugee from wartime Hungary, is learning to walk again after contracting polio in Australia. At the Golden Age Children’s Polio Convalescent Home in Perth, he sees Elsa, a fellow patient, and they form a forbidden, passionate bond. The Golden Age becomes the little world that reflects the larger one, a place where children must learn they’re alone, even within their families.
VALID - YEAR 8

The Validation of Assessment 4 Learning & Individual Development (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between Monday 9 November and Tuesday 17 November 2015. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The VALID Science 8 test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years K–10 Syllabus. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values.

Since students complete VALID Science 8 on a computer, each student needs to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact the school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2016. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child’s results compare with overall performance of all students in the test. If you would like to be provided with more details about the VALID program or you require additional information please contact the school on 65581605.

YEAR 12 FORMAL

With the Year 12 Formal just over three weeks away, I wanted to send you some important information. A dedicated and hardworking formal committee has been organising decorations for the formal. The committee members are Janelle Davis, Narelle Bignell, Leanne McGowan, Danielle Ryll and Lyndell Wamsley. Helpers will be required to assist in the set up and decorating of the auditorium on the evening of Thursday 5 November. Anyone that is available to help is asked to be at the auditorium from 5:00pm. It would also be appreciated if some parents are able to assist with the clean-up of the auditorium at the end of the evening.

Tickets are now available at the Front office. All students have initially been issued with four tickets (one for themselves, a guest and family members); however, more tickets are available as needed. Details about the tickets can be found on your invitation from Year 12.

Sharon Benson, who has been booked for photos. Sharon will be available to take photos at the park from 3:00pm on the Friday 6 November. Please refer to the flyer for relevant information. A photo booth will also be available, free of charge for students, guests and family members throughout the formal evening.
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Tickets available online at Eventbrite or from Anne’s Health Foods. Tickets sales close 22nd October

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GLOUCESTER JUNIOR CATTLE SHOW

Friday 23 October 2015 at Gloucester Show Ground.
Commencing 9.00 am to 2.30 pm. For children up to 20 years of age
The Junior Cattle Show is a day to introduce and educate children of primary and high school ages to beef and dairy cattle handling, preparation for parading and judging. There are a number of events on the program that the children can take part in even if they don’t have their own animals to exhibit. Facebook: Gloucester Junior Cattle Show or David Bignell 65585512 for more information.

RAS JUNIOR JUDGING

Natalie Schneider came 2nd in RAS Junior Judging Vegetables division for the Royal Easter Show

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DUNGOG & DISTRICT SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS DAY

St Joseph’s Primary School with the support of Dungog Pony Club held their 5th annual interschool horse sports day on Friday 9th October. Originally the event was to be held on the last day of Term 3 but was delayed due to the grounds being too wet. Due to clashing with the Tri Challenge, our students would not have been able to attend anyway. Fortunately the event was able to be rescheduled rather than cancelled and even better, the weather was perfect and it turned out to be a very successful day.

Due to the lack of notice only four students were able to attend but the small group consistently placed in many of the classes on the day. Riding classes are held in the morning and then after a short break for lunch, the sporting events. Thank you to all the parents who made it possible for our students to compete for our school. It’s a huge effort requiring a very early start in the morning to transport horses and gear to the venue plus the grooming the day before. Thank you Kylie Johnston for taking on the position of team manager, assisted by Neville Harris.

Congratulations to Emma Johnston who was awarded 14 years Reserve Champion.

Results:
14 years
Emma Johnston
4th Hack class
3rd Rider class
1st In & Out of Paddock race
1st Flag race
3rd Barrel race
2nd Ball race

15 years
Clay Boorer
1st In & Out of Paddock race
2nd Flag race
5th Barrel race

Thomas Murray
4th Hack class
3rd Rider class
2nd Pleasure hack class
3rd In & Out of Paddock race
3rd Ball race
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16 years
Jodie Harris
4th Hack class
5th Rider class
5th Pleasure hack class
4th In & Out of Paddock race

Ms Carol Layton

YEAR 7 MATHEMANIA
Gloucester High School Year 10 Drama presents

HATING ALISON ASHLEY
BY ROBIN KLEIN
ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY RICHARD TULLOCH

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Saturday December 5, 20015 at 2:00pm & 7:00pm

Starring Jacob Bird, Mia Bowden, Bailee Dillon, Amber Franks, Tiana Harford, Holly Haynes, Max Hoggett, Gabe Hennessey-O’Reilly, Jasmin L’Green, Claire Maslen, Stephanie Maurer, Emmeline Moulds, Ruby Pippen, Indira Virzi-Hartigan, and Abbie Windred.

Tickets: $4:00 at the door

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.