### School Calendar 2015

#### TERM 1
- **Monday 23 March**: Year 7 SRC Speeches
- **Monday 23 March to Thursday 2 April**: Year 10 Work Experience 2 weeks
- **Wednesday 25 March**: Year 12 Half Yearly Examination
- **Thursday 26 March**: P&C Meeting 7:30pm School Library
- **Wednesday 25 March to Thursday 3 April**: Year 12 Half Yearly Examination
- **Tuesday 31 March**: Zone X-Country - Wingham
- **Thursday 2 April**: Last day of Term 1
- **Friday 3 April**: Good Friday

#### TERM 2
- **Monday 20 April**: School Development Day
- **Friday 24 April**: ANZAC Day
- **Monday 27 April**: Barister Training
  - Year 8 Luna Park - Science Excursion
- **Wednesday 29 April**: Athletics Carnival
- **Thursday 30 April**: Vaccination Day Year 7, 11 and 12

### CANTEEN
- **Phone 65589963**
- **Monday 23 March**: Elona
- **Tuesday 24 March**: no volunteer
- **Wednesday 24 March**: Reena Skelton
- **Thursday 26 March**: no volunteer
- **Friday 27 March**: Elona
- **Monday 30 March**: Elona
- **Tuesday 31 March**: no volunteer
- **Wednesday 1 April**: Ruth Edwards
- **Thursday 3 April**: Elona
- **Friday 3 April**: Good Friday

### GREAT TEACHING, INSPIRED LEARNING

It is notable when, in the same week, several students comment positively about why one of their teachers gets the best from them. One student commented “He tells great stories that link to what you’re learning, so that, later on, you remember the content because you remember the story”. Another stated that she liked this teacher because he had high expectations of the work the class had to complete, but was always there to help them get there. And, when a senior student is concerned when he misses a double period of English, then there must be something going on! When you visit Steve Frankcombe’s class, you realise that these students are commenting on Quality Teaching. When students hang on every word of a well-told narrative, when they are immersed in historical role-play, and when they produce results that even they did not expect, that is Great Teaching, Inspired Learning!

### STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE REQUEST - 2015

Thank you to all the parents who have completed their child’s Student Information Update Request and returned it to the office. However, here are a number not yet returned. It is essential that you advise us of any information changes about your child/children’s circumstances so we can keep our records up to date.

Thank you for taking the time to update your child’s records. The completed forms can be returned to their roll call teacher, or you can email, fax or post them as soon as possible.
Schools are busy places! As I look down the calendar at the last few weeks and the next couple, I am reminded about what I already know – that this school has opportunity aplenty, with enthusiastic students and dedicated staff all making it happen. If you consider the organisation that goes into each one of the events below, you soon gain an appreciation of the extra time and effort that students and teachers put in as a natural part of what we do in schools. During the period spanning the last two weeks and next week, the following events have taken place, or will occur:

**Spirit Day** – a wonderful celebration of House pride, ably organised and run by Scott Davis and the SRC.

**Curriculum-based Excursions** – Students attended Art Express and Science excursions designed to expand their understanding and appreciation for course content.

**Sporting opportunities** – Students showed pride in themselves and their school in a variety of sports (netball, cricket and soccer) and, though sometimes outclassed, they never gave up performing with sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

**The Great Aussie Bush Camp** – Year 7 students got to know each other better as part of their transition to High School program, by participating in some “out of comfort zone” activities!

**Extra-curricula events** – The new Bronze Duke of Edinburgh participants had their first expedition while the Agriculture Team busied themselves in cattle preparation for showing at the Gloucester Show. Mr King’s Mock Trial Team were successful in their recent “case”.

**Year 10 Work Experience** – Thanks to Mr DeAngelis for his tireless work in organising an exciting period of work experience for our Year 10 students. This was accompanied by White Card training.

**Year 12 Examinations** – Year 12 have been feverishly studying for their exams which begin on Wednesday 25 March. Good luck Year 12!

**Parent Teacher Evenings** – Thanks to parents and teachers for continuing the essential dialog regarding the learning of our students. Remember, if you missed an interview, please contact the school to arrange an alternative time.

**Teacher Professional Learning** – Key Team meetings have been taking place over the last few weeks, with teams developing plans for implementation over coming terms. Some of these teams will involve parent and student input, so stay tuned. Collegial Leadership Network meetings have been conducted to provide leadership training for our executive staff. On Thursday 19 March, Professional Learning forums were organised by Crystal McGuiggan of Stroud Road Public School, and held at GHS. These forums offered a variety of professional learning opportunities for staff across the Bucketts Way Community of Schools.

As you can see, these are busy times, but that’s schools for you!

**CLOTHING POOL**

Any uniform items that students have outgrown and have no further use for would be greatly appreciated. At times many students forget their jumper, have a spill on their shirt or split in their pants. We are in particular need of pants, skirts and shorts. Thank you for all of your donations.
Diverse educational programs that challenge and inspire students

TIPS ON SURVIVING HIGH SCHOOL LIFE

Students can download free software for the student’s laptop or home computer. The NSW Department of Education and Communities negotiated an agreement with Microsoft and Adobe so that school students can install selected software for free on their own device, this includes Microsoft Office for Windows, Microsoft Office for Mac’s as well as the Adobe’s Creative Suite (Photoshop is included in the Creative Suite).

For instructions on how to install the free software, go to our website or follow this link http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-channel

YEAR 12 HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION

Year 12 will start their Half Yearly examination on Wednesday 25 March. Please check our school website for the Examination Timetable at http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/year-12/year-12-mid-course-examination

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

All students from all years are encouraged to enter this competition which will be held later this year, but students need to enter now. All participants receive a certificate which can be added to their portfolio for future employers to see. Cost $6. If you would like to participate please pay at the Front Office.

Mr Philip Dowle

MATHS ONLINE

No homework? Get your children to do some Maths Online. Maths Online is available to all students in the school as an extra resource. Logins and passwords are available from the Mathematics staff room. This is a great source of help for all students.

MUMS WANTED

Wingham Beef Week is fast approaching and we are organising our camping arrangements. We are looking to take around 30 students and a big part of the supervision is obviously overnight. Our new Agriculture teacher is very keen to go and the TAS team will support Mr McCann during the week but we have no female staff in the AG team any more. We need some parents to volunteer to help out by camping overnight at the Wingham showgrounds with us during the week. We must have an adult female at the venue, especially during the evening and night by DEC policy. Maybe there are a group of mums who would like to join us, maybe a roster of families can help out. At this stage we are going full steam ahead with our planning but this issue could halt our excursion if we cannot cater for our girls. The event runs Monday 11 May until Friday 15 May. Camping four nights, Monday to Thursday night. For more information please contact Mr Mik Wisely on 65581605.

COLLAPSE OF AWNING

As you have probably heard, the awning outside the Canteen area at school collapsed on Sunday without warning due to the heavy storm. Department of Education and Communities (DEC) staff were quick to the scene on Monday, immediately cordonning off the area. All access was restricted from 7:30 on Monday morning. As suspected asbestos was identified, measures were immediately taken to encapsulate this until it can be safely removed. Canteen operations have been conducted from the back of the building, physically isolated from the damaged portion. The safe removal of all materials will take place this weekend, conducted by licenced operators according to the Department’s Asbestos Management Plan. I would like to thank students and staff for their patience in this matter, and would like to reassure parents that all safety measures were immediately put in place by school and DEC staff.
YEAR 7 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Year 7 travelled to the Great Aussie Bush Camp near Tea Gardens by bus on Monday. The bus was full of enthusiastic and talkative students and returned Wednesday afternoon tired, dirty and very very quite, but happy.

The students took part in Lost World - a commando type course which involved a lot of crawling through muddy water. High Ropes was another challenging course which took place in the tree tops using special harnesses and finishing off with a flying fox to get down. This made a lot of kids face their fear of heights and push themselves to do something that felt really uncomfortable. When they had completed the course, they felt really good about themselves knowing what they had accomplished. The Giant Swing served a similar purpose and tested the students to believe they could do things even if they were afraid.

A beautiful beach walk and climb up Mt Yaccaba, overlooking Port Stephens, followed by a quick dip at Jimmys Beach and a yummy barbecue tea was a very enjoyable way to spend an afternoon and this was followed up with a night of commando activity where the teachers also go to test their skills against the students (who outsmarted them and captured the hostages!)

There was also Kayaking, Archery and a Battle of the Sexes Trivia Night.

The students again proved the high calibre of Gloucester High School students with their behaviour and willingness to have a go at everything, their resilience, their support of each other and their general friendliness.

For more photos please visit https://edit.pws.det.nsw.edu.au/web/gloucester-high-school-staging/gallery

Thank you Year 7 for doing us proud. You are a terrific bunch of kids and I am very proud of you.

Yours grateful (exhausted) Year Adviser, Mrs Sorrenson
GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP WAS AN AMAZING JOURNEY

Great Aussie Bush Camp! My favourite activities were the high ropes. In the high ropes my favourite part was the flying fox. My other favourite activities were the Giant Swing. I was scared to go on the Giant Swing but when I pulled the rope it was so fun! I wanted to again!

Hanah Ansell

I had an awesome time! My favourite was commando and it was great because we go to run around in the bush! Thank you for taking us.

Gabby Hall

I liked the commando because it was fun and we got lost. We also found hostages but they said they were the other team. In my team I had Esmee, Cameron, Nick and Drew. But Drew ditched us and he got caught! My team go caught twice by Mr Herps. I also liked the Giant Swing and I went all the way to the top!

Jasmin Thompson

My favourite activities were Commando and the Giant Swing. I liked running around the bush in the dark in Commando and the Giant Swing was really fun.

Bryce Berry

Great Aussie Bush Camp was fun. The joy of camping in the bush with activities. The Commando was my favourite activity on the trip. In commando you had to find five hostages!

Adam Battle

I went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp and it was awesome. Commando was awesome!

Alyssa Maxwell

My favourite thing at the Great Aussie Bush Camp was the High Ropes because I was very proud of myself when I landed down on the ground. I have a very big fear of heights. I also loved the Giant Swing. I only wanted to go half way but in the end I went all the way up. I wish that the Great Aussie Bush Camp never ended.

Elizabeth Howarth

I found the camp a very educational experience. I faced my fear of heights on the High Ropes course and the Giant Swing. My favourite activity was commando. I loved running around in the bush at night, with that panic when you see the spotlights. Great Aussie Bush Camp was an amazing journey.

Bella Yates

I liked Commando and the High Ropes because I was afraid of heights but I still did it! Commando was scary but so much fun with the teachers shining torches at us and catching us!

Nick Murray
YEAR 9 & 10 LAPTOPS

If you are wondering what kind of laptop to buy for Year 9 and 10 students, please refer to our website, under the Parent Channel http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/parents/purchasing-a-notebook.

The biggest trap to be aware of is the Wireless capabilities. In order for the student to connect to our WiFi, the laptop must contain a dual band wireless card. This will ensure that you can connect to our 5GHz wireless. (2.4GHz wireless card is usually for home Wi-Fi.) If you see these part numbers 802.11 a/b/g/n, it is essential that the “a” and the “n” is listed. Alternatively if the laptop does not contain a dual band wireless card then it will be essential for your to purchase a USB Dual Band Wireless device.

We have been overwhelmed by the response of Year 9 students to this program and thank you for the parent support of this concept. We do, however, understand that some students maybe having difficulties to obtain a suitable device and we will be contacting parents directly to provide advice and assistance in this matter.

Where students need assistance with downloading the free student copy of Microsoft Office or the suite of Adobe products, self help is available from our website under the Student Channel http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-channel or I am available at the TSO office every lunch time.

Chris Moulds
Technology Support Officer
OPEN BOYS CRICKET

On Wednesday the Open boys Cricket team played against Chatham in Round 1. Stand in captain for the day Coen Durbridge won the toss and elected to bat on a good looking no.2 wicket. Openers Brad Darmody and Brodie O’Brien started very solidly seeing off the Chatham new ball bowlers. Brodie was then dismissed playing on to his stumps to Chatham’s left arm spinner. Captain Durbridge was dismissed cheaply and Gloucester were 2-32. Ben Reynolds and Brad Darmody steadied again until Ben was dismissed lbw for 7. This brought Blake Steadman to the crease with his shiny new bat which sounded beautiful as he played some hard hitting shots in a cameo of 10 runs. After drinks, Harrison Clarke joined Brad Darmody and a partnership flourished as both batsmen scored freely of the Chatham bowlers. The pair, taking the total past 100, until Brad was out for a well compiled 29. Jye Barkwill entered and runs continued to flow with Harrison. Harrison eventually out for 2 and Gloucester ending up 8-134 off their 40 overs. Defending 134, Gloucester started perfectly with Ben Reynolds picking up a wicket 2nd ball of the Chatham innings. Ben continued hitting the stumps of the Chatham batsmen to secure the figures of 5/6 off 6 overs. Ben ably supported at the other end by Jye Barkwill who took one wicket and bowled very tightly. Two wickets to Cormac Campbell finished the innings with Chatham all out for 31. Gloucester will now play Great Lakes College in Round 2.

MOCK TRIAL ROUND ONE

Gloucester High School is once again competing in the NSW Law Society Mock Trial Competition, a proud tradition over the past 30 plus years. Gloucester’s team is composed of Year 10 students. Barristers- Bryce Lacey, Jacob Bird, Solicitor - Ruby Pippen, Witnesses Mia Bowden and Emmeline Moulds and Court officer Holly Haynes. The competition is predominantly entered by Year 11 teams and our first opponents was just such a team from Bishop Tyrell College in Newcastle. Gloucester High was defending a person accused of murder by poisoning. The trial was heard in the University of Newcastle mooting rooms in the law faculty. Gloucester made their case so convincing that that they achieved an acquittal of the charge and also won the points 216 to 195. We would like to thank Holly’s grandmother, Marie for assisting in the transportation on the day. Mia Bowden’s performance as a witness was so exceptional that the Judge singled her out for much praise on her word perfect rendition of her statement which she had to memorise (an A4 page of text) and then she had to be cross examined by the opposition team. She was ably assisted by all members of the team who came away from the experience enthused and looking forward to the next round. The team were great ambassadors for our school and community.
2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:
• is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2–12; assessments are available in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
• gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
• provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student’s performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
• enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
• uses fellow students’ results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
• provides an excellent preparation for national testing
• enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
• medals are awarded to the top students per state in each subject and year level (when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official sitting date)
• achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  1. High Distinction to the top 1% of students
  2. Distinction to the next 10% of students
  3. Credit to the next 25% of students
  4. Merit to the next 10% of students
  5. Participation to all other students
• results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student’s portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
• entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to your school by Wednesday 1 April 2015.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Pat Cavanagh
2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registration Form

Please return this form to your child’s school

I give permission for my child __________________________________________ of Year ______________________

Child’s name

to participate in the following 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

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Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

* Previously known as Computer Skills.

** Students may sit Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 15 June. However, all students in your school should sit on the same day.

Please find enclosed ____________________ total entry fee.

__________________________________________
Name of Parent/Guardian                      Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian
CAREERS NEWS

White Card Training
Twenty Year 10 & 11 students successfully completed their WH&S Induction on Thursday 12 March. It was a long day, but all students involved persevered and obtained their certification. All students were issued with a Temporary Certificate that is valid for 60 days. The official White Card will be mailed directly to students’ home address within a few weeks. To maintain the validity of the White Card, the holder must be able to prove that they worked (or volunteered) on a building site at least once every two years. The evidence required may be pay slips, attendance records, student placement records (the documents completed by students for Work Experience and Work Placement), Employer Appraisal Reports or any other written evidence. I encourage all students to obtain a certified copy (signed by a JP) of their White Card and carry this in their wallet. Costs will be incurred if the original card is lost.

YEAR 10 (STAGE 5) TAFE STUDENTS
All Year 10 students attending TAFE must complete the online “All My Own Work” compulsory requirements. “All My Own Work” instructs students on legal issues and procedures pertaining to copyright, plagiarism and appropriate styles of referencing. Students will need to complete all five quizzes which can be found on the NSW Board of Studies Website. Mr De Angelis has discussed the requirements with this group and has given all students instructions to access, complete and submit evidence of completion. Please contact Mr De Angelis at the school if there are any issues.

UNE OPEN DAY
UNE Open Day gives you the chance to explore UNE and find out everything you need to know about studying at university. Every year UNE conducts information sessions, provides individual course advice, has tours of the academic campus and colleges, live demonstrations, and provides free food and activities. Check out some of the highlights for this year’s Open Day: http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-options/landing/open-day
Open Day 2015 will be on Friday 1 May. Students can opt to travel by bus with other students from Bulahdelah, Great Lakes and Wingham High Schools on Thursday 30 April. Accommodation is on campus, free of charge. The cost will be $40 for travel. See Mr De Angelis for more details.

ADF GAP YEAR
The 2016 Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year applications will be opening at 9am on Monday 2 March 2015. Applications must be received online.
The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year.
Gap Year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army and Air Force in jobs such as Administration Clerk, Artilleryman, Driver, Rifleman, Unit Quartermaster.
The life skills and job training that you will acquire during your Gap Year experience will be valuable regardless of what career you ultimately undertake.
The Gap Year program will commence in January/February 2016. For full details and to register your interest, see: http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/

UMAT 2015
The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at a number of universities in Australia and New Zealand.
For full details you must see UMAT 2015 Information Booklet which is downloadable from the website. Registrations are now open for this years UMAT exam and close at 5pm on Friday June 5, 2015. Exam is on Wednesday 29 July.
For more information, and/or to apply visit http://umat.acer.edu.au/
Who: Mia Bowden
Role: Gertrude McFuzz
Musical experience: I was one of the Dynamite Girls in the 2013 musical ‘Hairspray’.
Favourite musical: The Lion King – Broadway Production

What are your first impressions of the play? My first impression of the play was that it has a lot of singing and hardly any dialogue, but that’s good because the songs are so catchy and well composed.

What are you looking forward to most? I think the most challenging part of staging the show will be keeping the rhythm and timing of the lyrics, dialogue and actions in sync with the band. I am looking forward to learning all the songs and performing the end production of the musical.

How are rehearsals going? Rehearsals are going along well, we are just about to start blocking and staging the scenes and acts.

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club is back on for this year, providing a great start to the day on Wednesdays and Fridays! Drop by the hall from 8:30 -9:00am for some cheese melts, hot milo and cold juice. Any parents/carers who are interested in checking out this program or assisting are more than welcome to contact our chaplain Chloe Walker here at school on Thursdays and Fridays.

Miss Chloe Walker
DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Friday 13th! Grey skies, uncertain faces, heavy packs. Yet, like ants in a frying pan, the newest bunch of Bronze Duke of Eddies bounced with enthusiasm! With great sheets of mizzle careening across Polblue Swamp, we sallied forth, ten determined explorers bent on blooding ourselves in the lofty spaces of the Barrington Tops. The trek began with a leisurely jaunt along the Polblue and Barrington Trails to the Little Murray Campsite where Oihanu struggled to contain his fire while the rest of us struggled to get ours lit at all! Tents up, food had, we relaxed by the (eventually) roaring fire to marvel at the stars, the serenity of the bush and at the strange way Laura could arrange her feet.

Day 2, a more gruelling affair, saw our band cross the torrential Barrington River (unassisted but for Mr Cav’s walking poles), and summit (without ropes!) the imposing Carey’s Peak (Concern? Why? Have your say!), before camping on the enticing tufts at Wombat Creek. A range of physical and intellectual activities ensued, including cryptic crossword clues (see Carey’s Peak above), Jedi Mind Tricks and Spotlight. Watching Laura trying to cook was also a popular diversion!

Day 3 – The Corker! An early start saw the team make good time down this precipitous descent, reaching Lagoon Pinch by late morning, accompanied by relieved hoots and removed boots! The fantastic weather that had graced us through Saturday and Sunday hung on for as long as it could, as we wended our way through old growth forest towards the Williams River pick up point. However, in a final Chinese Burn, ol’Mother Nature decided it would be funny to place a dirty great thunderstorm in our path – drenching all and sundry with less than 100 metres to go!

Impressive was the scenery. Impressive the effort. Impressive the teamwork of our newly blooded (did I mention the leeches?) Eddies. Well done to all, and thanks to Mrs Chris Moulds for her maiden trip as supervisor. Thanks to all parents who provided transport. Without you, these trips are impossible.
SCHOOL VACCINATIONS

Our first Vaccination day will be Term 2, Week 2 Thursday 30 April 2015. Thankyou to the parents that have returned their childs vaccination forms to the office. However there are still a few outstanding. If you could return as soon as possible that would muchly be appreciated.

YEAR 7

dTpa vaccine includes protection against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough and is your child’s first adolescent booster. This dose is in addition to the DTPa vaccines given during childhood.

HPV vaccine is only offered in year 7

Varicella vaccine (against chickenpox) is for children who have not been previously vaccinated or had the disease. However, 2 doses of varicella vaccine can be safely administered.

YEAR 11-12 students

A single dose of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) will be offered – please check how many doses of MMR vaccine (called MMRII or Priorix) your child has received by checking their baby vaccination book (blue book) or contacting Medicare on 1800 653 809. **DO NOT COMPLETE THE CONSENT FORM if they have evidence of two previous doses.**

What happens if a student misses a dose – they will be caught up at the next clinic – you do not need to do anything.


A RECORD OF VACCINATION CARD - will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference. A request for a duplicate record of vaccination is required in writing and will incur a fee of $33.00 to Hunter New England Population Health Direct Contact Details Phone: (02) 49246477

U/15’S GIRLS SOCCER

On Thursday the Girls Bill Turner Cup side travelled to Bulahdelah to play in Round 1 of this year’s competition. In the match, the girls got off to a great start with Jakara Henley scoring the 1st goal for Gloucester to lead 1-0. Some incisive runs from Charli Bruce and Sian Hoggett in the forwards saw Gloucester pile on the pressure which led to a second goal, scored by Charli. Bulahdelah came back and were not about to give in. Excellent work in midfield by Tahlea Schumann and Melanie Thompson repelled Bulahdelah attacks Larah Niddrie and Tamara Darmody in central defence did not allow the ball past them. Gloucester’s good defensive work was rewarded with Jakara scoring again before half time to make the score 3-0 at the half. Early in the second half Bulahdelah came out full of running and scored to make the score 3-1. Some more great defensive work from Tahlea and Maddie Baker kept Bulahdelah at bay as well as some good goal keeping from Paula Edwards. Sian, Jakara and Charli continued to work well together up front, along with Chloe Garnham who moved forward in the second half. Two more goals to Gloucester (both to Jakara) before full time made the final score 5-1 to Gloucester. The girls will now play the winner of Camden Haven and Wingham in Round 2.

SRC PROFILE

**Name:** Kyra Edstein  
**Year Group:** 8  
**Time as an SRC Member:** one year  
**Biggest Inspiration?** My Mum  
**What do you enjoy about being an SRC Member?** Being able to express ideas and having a vote  
**Whats great about GHS?** It has a range of activities and we have great teachers  
**Where do you see yourself in ten years?** Living in Melbourne as either a Teacher or a Political Scientist
GLoucester High School P & C Association Incorporated
Annual General Meeting

Thursday 26 February 2015 at high school library 7.30 pm

Present: Janet Garner, Rachel Starrett, Suzie Dark, Mike King, Bernard Edstein, Judy Ingram, Kalen Danton, Robyn Hooke, Sharon Benson, Amanda Moore, Narelle Bignell

Apologies: Eve Green, Kim Hall, Susie McLeod, Pat Cavanagh, Christina Battams

Previous minutes from AGM on 27.2.14 read and accepted. Moved Janet, seconded Narelle

President’s Report: Read and tabled. Moved Janet, seconded Narelle

Treasurer’s Report: Read and tabled. Moved Janet, seconded Judy

Canteen Treasurer’s Report: Read and tabled. Moved Janet, seconded Suzie

Chaplaincy Treasurer’s Report: Read and tabled. Moved Janet, seconded Judy.

Ag Sub-Committee Report: Read and tabled. Moved Rachel, seconded Janet.

Principal’s Report: Read and will be published in the ASR and Published on the School Website

All positions to be declared vacant: Mike to take over chair of meeting.

PRESIDENT: Nomination – Narelle Bignell – unenthusiastically Accepted.

VICE PRESIDENT: Nomination – Eve Green – Accepted.

TREASURER: Nomination – Suzie Dark – Accepted.

CANCEEN TREASURER: Interim Kalen Danton until 1/3/15. Position vacant, hold over until next meeting.

SECRETARY: Position vacant, hold over until next meeting.

AG SUB COMMITTEE: Treasurer/Notetaker: Narelle Bignell

Meeting finished 8.10 pm

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL P & C ASS INC GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held Thursday 26 February 2015 at High School Library 7.30 pm for AGM and thereafter General

Present: Janet Garner, Rachel Starrett, Suzie Dark, Mike King, Bernard Edstein, Judy Ingram, Kalen Danton, Robyn Hooke, Sharon Benson, Amanda Moore, Narelle Bignell

Apologies: Eve Green, Kim Hall, Susie McLeod, Pat Cavanagh, Christina Battams

Minutes of Previous Meeting on 27.11.14 read and accepted. Moved Janet, seconded Narelle.

Business Arising: Funds of $24,000.00 to be transferred from the Canteen account to the P & C Account. P & C programme winner to be decided by P & C at October meeting, prior meeting for nominations.

Principal’s Report: Read and tabled. Moved Suzie, seconded Narelle.

Correspondence in: LWR x 2
Gloucester Farmers Market – fundraising
Woolworths Brochure
ACNC Quarterly (Australian Charities & Not for Profit Commission) newsletter
Fundraising Directory
P & C Federation Magazine
Email letter from P & C Federation advising all position filled in our electorate, when next Board Meeting and media release.

Correspondence out: Nil

Treasurer’s Report: 31/12/14 $7212.31. Nothing since. Moved Narelle, seconded Rachel

Canteen Treasurer’s Report: $34,450.00 as at 26.2.15 Moved Narelle, seconded Suzie.

Chaplain Treasurer’s Report: $16,724.00 less $702.00 payment due. Refund to Kalen of $81.70 for super payment.
Ag Sub Committee Report: Read and tabled. Balance of account as at 25.2.15 $3177.67. Moved Rachel, seconded Suzie.

Business arising:

**Uniforms** – Looking at trousers and shorts for girls. Amanda has sourced new shorts of a suitable length (Lowes on-line). Looking at getting a supply of second hand uniforms, a storage cupboard near office and uniforms for sale, skirt etc in addition to canteen. Discussion on having school sets of uniform for special events. Amanda and Robyn to liaise.

**Microphones** – Judy Ingram put to the meeting that all microphones (wireless) need replacement (Frequency sold and can’t change frequency). Used in hall for various events. Headsets may also need replacing but unsure at this stage.
Quotes: $2000.00 and $1756.00 with trade in.
Approved by meeting to pay for 4 microphones. Quote of Bass N Blues for $1756.00. Judy to organise.

**Sun-safe Policy** – Parents concerned students are getting sunburnt, particular at Sport/PE. Mr King advised covered areas available for all ages for lunch/recess. PE lessons occur throughout the day and timetabling PE at a more suitable time was not possible. Teachers encourage sunscreen which is available at school and teachers model hats. Mr King will liaise with PE staff to advise of parents’ concerns. Uniform co-ordinator to look at making hats available.

**Working bee** – to be organized.

Mrs T Edmund needs 2 members to help re-evaluate current “bullying and harassment” policy.

**Chaplaincy Program Agreement** – Tabled. State supervision (Federal Funded). $18950 received – P & C have to be a ‘provider’. Need to have an agreement, reports will go to P & C, school will pay Chaplain, Agreement to be signed by new President. Mike to continue looking at agreement and to talk with Eve Green to act as P & C Representative.

Next meeting 26.3.15 at 7.30 pm.
Meeting finished 9.45 pm

THE NSW PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE IS NOW OPEN

The Challenge is now open for students in Years 7, 8 & 9 to register online. Books read from 1 September 2014 to 21 August 2015 can count. All Student Reading Records are submitted online using the student’s own username and password. GHS Library currently has 557 titles that appear on the PRC Reading List. If you have any questions or need assistance, please see Ms Grey in the Library.
The Rotary Club of

Applications are now being sought from eligible high school students to apply for a long-term overseas youth exchange.

Applicants need to be 15 years of age and no older than 17 years & 6 months at time of departure 16th January 2016.

Application forms are available from

www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au

Applications close 15th May 2015

Diverse educational programs that challenge and inspire
The Rotary Club of Tamworth West conducts a Rotary Aviation Careers Expo (RACE) aimed at school students in Years 9-11 around the last Sunday to Tuesday of May each year. This year, it will be held from Sunday, 31 May to Tuesday, 2 June 2015.

The Expo covers a wide range of the careers that are available in the aviation industry, however, there is not any flying, and it does not cover cabin crew careers.

The venue, Tamworth Regional Airport, is an ideal venue for this program as it is the base for many of the available aviation industries that will be visited. We aim to provide to the participants with a thorough exposure to the careers in aviation related fields by showing them working activities.

The students have "hands-on" site visits to the following businesses: BAE Systems Flight Training; QantasLink Heavy Maintenance (Dash 8 overhaul); Sigma Aerospace (Engine and light to medium aircraft maintenance, including instrument overhaul); Air Services Australia (air traffic control) and Aviskills – the base for TAFE Aeroskills and aircraft maintenance training. Additionally, students see presentations from Australian Defence Force (Basic flying training, plus aviation careers in the three arms of the ADF); a civilian helicopter pilot, long-haul international pilot and other aviation associated careers.

Accommodation and meals are supplied by BAE Systems. The accommodation is motel style single rooms with private facilities. Meals are self-service buffet style in the BAE cafeteria. These are superb facilities and we also have the use of their lecture rooms.

Activities are fully supervised by the Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Tamworth West, and supervisors are resident in the accommodation facilities. The Expo is a residential activity.

The Expo Fee is $120 per student, which includes all meals, accommodation and the expo itself. District Rotary Clubs are encouraged to become involved with this programme to assist participants with the expo fee and travel arrangements, if the need arises. It is the student’s responsibility to make their own travel arrangements to and from Tamworth.

Available positions are allocated on a “first come first filled” basis for year 10-11 students, followed by year 9 students after applications are opened in April each year.

If you would like some insight as to what you can expect to experience during this program, you can watch a short YouTube video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hae2QkCqgCo.

For any further information in relation to the Expo, contact Greg Thomas, RACE Committee Chairman on 6761 3333 (BH), 0425 262 223 (AH) or by email at tamworth@ords.com.au.
Gloucester Council & Community Transport

Supervised YOUTH WEEK excursion to 360 Allstars TAREE
COST: Tickets $20 (includes bus & show)  AGE Over 12 years
Please book via Sheryl Tester 65385240/Council or Claudia Ferraro 65582104 King St office - Parents must sign permission slips for under 18’s (from the above or print from the GHS newsletter)
PAYMENT by 8th APRIL - More info via “Gloucester Youth Centre” Facebook

The Circus has been reinvented.

Saturday
18th April 8pm
Manning Entertainment Centre.
www.themec.com.au

360 ALLSTARS is a phenomenal theatrical performance exploring all forms of rotation. Boasting a stellar cast, including world champion athletes, world class dancers and world renowned musicians, the production connects the street with the elite to deliver a radical urban circus!

A performance like no other, 360 ALLSTARS reinvents the traditional circus by presenting contemporary performance styles instead of conventional circus art forms. Replace acrobats with break-dancers, substitute a basketball freestyler in place of a juggler, swap the unicyclist for a BMX flatlander, and throw in a Roue Cyr artist and you get an exhilarating circus performance, like nothing you have seen before! And with live music from master musician, Gene Peterson, and live looping, 360 ALLSTARS is as aurally exciting as it is visually astounding.

Showcasing some of Australia’s best performers alongside celebrated international artists from Europe, Asia, USA and NZ, 360 ALLSTARS is a revolutionary production that will leave you dizzy with excitement!
Assisting Families is a group of workshops designed to help families, friends and carers of people with mental illness. Families & friends can build on their knowledge, skills and find the most up to date information relevant to carers. These workshops value the experience of carers & families, are delivered in a relaxed atmosphere and can be a great place to enjoy support from others in similar situations.

Assisting to Understanding the risk of Suicide
A healthy conversation about suicide is often the most important first step. This new module will help you recognise the warning signs and builds on your skills and confidence to have effective conversations with your loved ones about suicide.

Assisting with Caring for Yourself
Mental Illness has an impact on everyone who cares about the person with the illness. While the importance of self-care is a part of every Assisting Families workshop, in this workshop you will be given the tools to understand the inevitable pressures that come with a caring role and develop coping mechanisms to manage stress and develop strategies for ongoing self-care.

Where: Gloucester

When: Tuesday 24th March 2015 (9.30 – 12.30, 1 hour lunch and 1.30-4.30)

Please contact Mydie Keegan at Carer Assist Taree: (02) 6551 4333 for more information or to make a booking. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. You do not need to be on a Centrelink carer’s payment to attend these workshops.
YEAR 12 EASTER RAFFLE
$50c per ticket
$1 for 3

Win One of Three Chocolate Baskets

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd!!!
Prizes drawn on Assembly 30th of March

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.