GREAT TEACHING, INSPIRED LEARNING

Over the last school holidays, several students received a letter from the Principal inviting them to take part in an exciting new initiative currently called the Students as Learning Partners program. I say “currently” because one of the team’s first jobs is to come up with an appropriate title for Gloucester High (the Students as Learning Partners label has been “borrowed” from Gosford High, who are involved in a similar scheme).

These students were selected on their capacity to be good observers and listeners, for their ability to analyse and give feedback, and for their strong personal traits, including confidentiality, ethical behaviour and empathy. The scheme will involve the students being trained by Mr Cavanagh, Mr King, Mr Frankcombe and our two senior coordinators Lily and Coen, in the art and craft of observing lessons, analysing the teaching and learning process, and giving constructive feedback to the teachers involved. A number of teachers have volunteered to be observed and, to these “guinea pigs”, the program is most grateful!

The Students as Learning Partners program aims to enhance the schools major strategic directions of “Building Today’s Learners, Tomorrow’s Citizens” and “Leading Quality Teaching, Assessment and Feedback”, and should be a great opportunity for students to gain a deeper understanding of the teaching and learning process, and for teachers to reflect upon their own work in the classroom. The ultimate aim is to facilitate the improvement of student outcomes. The organising team is very excited about the potential of this program, which formally “kicks off” this Friday 24 July with a half-day training session. What a fantastic way to support Great Teaching, Inspired Learning!
Welcome back to Term 3. I trust everyone had a restful break and that all students are ready to get stuck in again! At the end of last term, it was great to see the positive comments on the reports of most students. Having read them all, I was impressed with the quality of the efforts of the vast majority of students, who showed that they could both deliver academically and exhibit highly developed capacities to work collaboratively with teachers in the pursuit of improvement. This willingness to take responsibility for your own learning is one of the most important traits of successful learners. When a student can do this, he or she is well on the way to being a successful citizen. When they can add to this the ability to work with peers and with teachers in a mature, respectful and purposeful manner, then they are well on the way to becoming great adults.

Unfortunately, the reverse is also very true. Students who view what goes on in schools and classrooms as an opportunity to operate in conflict with peers and teachers will never gain the benefits of a complete education. Students who refuse to take the reasonable instruction of a teacher only reinforce the contention that they are still behaving like a child, rather than aspiring to adulthood. We are a High School. We expect behaviours that indicate a steady progression towards adulthood. We do not accept behaviours which include refusal, defiance and tantrum-throwing. Nor do we accept that misbehaviour can always be blamed on someone else. The “It wasn’t my fault” defence just doesn’t cut it. These behaviours and attitudes are the preserve of toddlers.

Congratulations to those students whose efforts are leading them inexorably towards becoming responsible, positive, productive and enthusiastic members of our society. You understand what education is all about.

YEAR 11 SUBJECT SELECTION 2016 INFORMATION NIGHT

A parent information evening will be held on Tuesday 28 July in the school library, commencing at 7:00 pm, to explain course structures and the selection process for Year 11 subject selections in 2016. The evening will have speakers who will talk about HSC requirements, ATAR requirements, Board Developed, Board Endorsed and Content Endorsed Courses, Vocational Education Training Courses and TAFE Courses.

Representatives from each of the Faculties within the school will also be available to discuss the courses they offer and answer any questions you may have about the HSC and those courses.

It is critical that all Year 10 students and their parents attend this meeting.

The 2016 Subject/Course Selection Booklet have been handed out to students, and will also be available on our website. http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/year-10

Mr Pat Cavanagh

NATIONAL TREE DAY

Today 24 July is National Tree Day. To commemorate the day the Agriculture Farm decided to plant four fruit trees. We planted a Washington Navel, Lemonade tree, an Imperial lemon and a Prunus Persica (peach) tree. The Year 8 and 9 Agricultural classes will be looking after these trees and look forward to eating and seeing the fruits they produce.

Tahnee Yates, Maddy and EJ Blanch
FIRST AID COURSE

I have organised a two day first aid course to be held at Gloucester High School on the 26 and 27 August 2015 (Wednesday and Thursday of Term 3, Week 7) to cater for interested Year 12 students.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to complete a first aid course, especially for students who would like to have current qualifications upon graduation.

This course will be presented by instructors from The Royal Lifesaving Society of Australia and will operate during normal school hours for each of the two days (9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). Upon successful completion of the course, students will have a valid three year First Aid Certificate. The CPR component will be valid for a one year period.

Students are being offered the opportunity to participate in this course at a cost of $120.00 (without the manikin in a box) or $140.00 (with the manikin in a box). The cost also includes a first aid manual and bandages. Students can select either of the two options when paying for the course.

Students who are interested in completing this course are asked to return payment and permission notes to the Front Office by Monday 24 August 2015 (Term 3, Week 7). A minimum of 10 students is needed for the course to occur.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns on 65581605 or susan.keirstead@det.nsw.edu.au

YEAR 9 MELBOURNE EXCURSION

I am pleased to inform you that there has been sufficient interest for the Year 9 Melbourne Excursion to be approved for the 30 August to 3 September, 2015 (Term 3, Week 8).

The excursion has been booked with Discovery Melbourne for the five day/ four night excursion. An itinerary is being finalised and I will forward this information to the students when it is available.

The cost of the excursion, which includes transport, accommodation, all venue entries and meals from dinner on Monday until lunch on Wednesday will be a total of $480 per student. Please be aware that students will need to buy food outside of these times. If you have paid a $50 deposit, the amount owing is $430.

The excursion must be paid for in full by the end of Week 5 Term 3 (Friday 14 August, 2015). Due to the cost of this excursion, it is recommended that students pay in instalments by the following dates:

- Deposit $50   Friday 26 June (end of Term 2)
- Installment 1 $80   Friday 17 July (Week 1 Term 3)
- Installment 2 $100  Friday 24 July (Week 3)
- Installment 3 $120  Friday 7 August (Week 5)
- Balance outstanding $130  Friday 21 August (Week 7)

If you have any questions regarding the excursion please contact me at the school on 6558 1605.
GLOUCESTER WINS THE CHRIS HOARE CUP

Gloucester were convincing winners 34-12 over Bulahdelah in the annual Chris Hoare Cup rugby league match last Wednesday.

In a game that is always much anticipated, Gloucester flew out of the blocks early with a try in the opening minutes to Ryan Yates who chased an excellent Ken Wamsley attacking kick into the corner. Bulahdelah found themselves again defending their own end after an error. From the ensuing scrum, Gloucester’s Ryan Yates sliced through the Bulahdelah defence to score adjacent to the posts. Again with the bulk of possession and good field position, Gloucester was again on the attack. A last tackle kick out to the right wing was batted in field by Jonah Mason for Ryan Yates to swoop on and score a hat trick inside 10 minutes.

Bulahdelah settled and found their rhythm and with some ball they started to test the Gloucester defence. It held firm and Gloucester set about working the ball out from their own end. The Gloucester forwards led by captain Ethan Hamilton, Ryan Hennessy and Josh Chester carried the side down field to again wrestle back control of the field position. Another Ken Wamsley kick into the in goal area saw a mistake made by the Bulahdelah defence which allowed hooker Coen Durbidge to dive on the loose ball for the fourth Gloucester try. A late barge over try from close by Ken Wamsley saw the score 22-0 before an injury forced an early end to the half.

A reduced second half due to time constraints commenced with a more composed Bulahdelah outfit enjoying some quality ball and field position. Against the run of play Gloucester five eighth Ken Wamsley found a gap and sprinted 60m to score down the left wing. Bulahdelah never gave up were rewarded with a try from close range to close the margin to 20 after the conversion. A see sawing second half saw Gloucester score next on the back of some powerful work from the Gloucester forwards and a penalty, front rower Josh Chester was able to barge his way over from the tap. With the game out of reach for the Bulahdelah boys, Gloucester were gain able to score from their own half with centre Callan Radford running 60m to score down the left wing. A late consolation try to Bulahdelah reduced the score to 34-12 with Gloucester running in 8 tries to 2.

Gloucester coach Adam Cameron paid tribute to his side’s performance as a great whole team effort. “Every player fulfilled their role today” he said. “The boys all played extremely well and what was particularly pleasing about the win was not just the way the experienced boys played but how well the inexperienced players did”. Mr Cameron was also pleased with execution of the game plan and highlighted the training had paid off. “The boys all trained really hard in preparation for the game and I think that showed today”.

After losing the Chris Hoare Cup last year, Gloucester has the trophy back in its cabinet and will look to defend it in Bulahdelah’s backyard next year. In other matches played on the day, Gloucester made it a clean sweep defeating Bulahdelah in the U/14’s rugby league 52-8, 5-0 in the U/15 girls soccer, 7-2 in the Open girls touch football and 5-1 in the U/15 boys soccer.

Mr Adam Cameron
GHS Music and Drama Departments cordially invite you to attend the Senior Music and Drama Night.

Thursday 30 July 2015
7:00pm start
in the Hall
$3 at the door

HSC Projects!
Great Music!
Wonderful Performances!
HSC INTENSIVE STUDIO STUDY PROGRAM

Over the holidays, I attended the HSC Intensive Studio Study Program at the National Art School in Sydney for four days. Over 300 students applied for this program with 165 successful students attending from both rural/regional and the Sydney Metropolitan area. The Art School is situated in the former Darlinghurst Gaol where budding artists have been trained for over 170 years. It was interesting to visit the historic sandstone buildings and learn a little of their past. The program included classes of Black and white photography, Ceramics, Digital Photography, Life drawing, Printmaking, Sculpture, and my approved area of study, painting. The second module is in the next school holidays and includes an exhibition of all works completed by students in the program. Over the course of the week I gained a new perspective on painting techniques together with further knowledge on interpreting artworks, and look forward to the next module.

Thank you Mr Steele for suggesting this program and for your continuing encouragement.

Hayley Johns

RUBBISH AUDIT

As an Eco-School GHS is required to complete an audit that includes measuring the amount of waste generated each week. In order to answer this question - “How much waste goes to landfill from your campus during a typical week during term time (kgs)?” it is necessary to sort and weigh all waste. Bins around the school will be labelled either “RECYCLE”, “COMPOST” or “GENERAL WASTE” and will be grouped together in each year area. Please dispose of your waste in the correct bin.
MOCK TRIAL ROUND FOUR

Gloucester High School completed the last round of the round robin phase of the state wide NSW Law Society Mock Trial competition. On Friday 17th July, Gloucester competed against Wauchope High at Taree Courthouse. Gloucester was defending their client against a civil claim of negligence. Our client was found to be guilty by police of driving with alcohol in their system whilst being a P Plate licenced driver. The civil matter arose from injuries sustained by the passenger in a car that our client was driving.

Gloucester’s team was composed of the defendant and witness- Mia Bowden, 2nd witness- Emmy Moulds, Court Officer-Holly Haynes, Barristers Bryce Lacey and Jacob Bird and they were assisted by their solicitor Ruby Pippen. All team members acquitted themselves exceptionally well. Though again we were unsuccessful in having our client’s damages dismissed we were successful in winning on points the competition round 173 to 163.

It should be noted here that our team is composed of all Year 10 students and has defeated another all Year 11 team from a school with twice the number of students. Gloucester’s success can be put down to their very thorough preparation, giving up many lunchtimes to prepare their case.

About 200 schools commenced the competition and we now await information from the law society to advise us whether we have made the elimination rounds to be part of the remaining 64 schools both public and private. Our time last year we progressed to the second elimination round and were only narrowly defeated by the team from Coffs Harbour’s John Paul College who made it all the way to the grand final and came second.

We wish our students well and hope to see them progress to the elimination rounds. Watch this space!

Mr Mike King

GOLD COAST EXCURSION

Term 4, Week 1, 5 – 9 October 2015

The Gold Coast Excursion is fast approaching. Its not to late if you still want to go! Students now have the official permission note, if you have not received this. The price is $718 but may change depending on final numbers attending.

All transport and access to Movie World, Dream World and the Surf lessons are covered in the cost. Special dietary requirements can be catered for with notice. Part payments to be made at the office and can be made at $50 or more per school week with complete payment required by Friday 11 September.

If you have any inquires about the cost or would like to speak to me in regards to payments or any other matters please contact the school.

Ms Carol Layton

YEAR 11 GOLD COAST EXCURSION - INSTALMENT SLIP

Student Name: _______________________________ Date: _______________________________

Please complete if paying by credit card

Card Type: ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

Card Number: ______/______/______/______

Expiry Date: ______/______ Amount $_______________

Card Holders Name: ________________________________________________

Card Holders Signature: ____________________________________________
GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOLS TRI CHALLENGE

The Gloucester High Schools Tri Challenge will be held on the last day of Term 3, Friday 18 September, 2015. The event comprises a 10km ride, 4 km kayak and a 4 km run. This fun and challenging event is open to all students as either an individual or as part of a two or three person team. Individual entrants must be at least 14 years of age on race day. Entry fees are $40 for an individual or $60 for a team, which includes hiring of the kayaks and bus fares to and from the event. Please note that the kayak paddlers will need to have completed a kayak training session with Barrington Outdoor Adventure Centre in the fortnight before the race, at a cost of approximately $45.00 per student. The organisation for this will be announced when the entries are finalised. This event is a unique and special day in the Gloucester High School calendar and has been well supported in the past. With the race soon approaching, it is time to start some regular training and take full advantage of the benefits this type of race can offer. Any parents who would like to make themselves available to help out on the day please contact me on 65581605.

Entry forms will be available at the front office soon. Entries are due by the Friday 4 September and should be handed in at the office.

Special Request: We need a truck or similar vehicle to transport the bikes from school to the start line and then from Rocky Crossing back to school. If you are able to help with this please contact the school and leave your name and a contact number, thank you. See you at the start line.

Mr Greg Leighton

MOTHER COURAGE DRAMA EXCURSION

On Wednesday 22 July, 23 students from Years 10, 11 and 12 Drama travelled to Sydney to attend a production of Bertolt Brecht’s classic play Mother Courage and her Children at Belvoir Street Theatre, one of Australia’s most respected theatre companies. Students in Year 11 study the play and have to write about how it might be staged, so it was useful to see how Australia’s best theatre practitioners interpret the play. Students generally agreed that it was powerful, unusual and entirely engaging.

The play starred one of Australia’s most admired actresses, Robyn Nevin, in the title role and she was supported by a cast of talented actors and musicians. There was a question and answer period following the show, although GHS students were a little shy when it came time to posing a question to the cast and director. Perhaps they were too busy thinking about the shopping that was to come at Bondi Junction, our ‘pit stop’ on the way home. All round, a very educational and fun-filled experience for students and teacher alike!

Mr Scott Davis
BODY CONFIDENT CHILDREN AND TEENS

Information for Parents - www.thebutterflyfoundation.org.au

Every year, since its inclusion in 2006, body image has been one of the top three areas of personal concern for young people. (Mission Australia, Youth Survey)

What: An interactive presentation that aims to equip parents with knowledge, information and tips, to better support their child’s and teens’s body confidence during puberty and adolescence at home.

Who: For parents, guardians and family members with boys and girls of school age

Topics covered include:

- Background on body image and importance of prevention
- Brief overview of eating and body related issues and warning signs
- Key influences on body confidence
- Importance of role modeling positive body image and healthy behaviours
- Understanding ‘Fat Talk’ and handling ‘stuff’ they say
- Awareness around behaviours that increase or decrease body satisfaction
- Referral and support information

Date: Thursday 10 September 2015
Time: 7pm to 8:30pm
Venue: Gloucester High School
Cost: Free but reservation is required
Bookings close Tuesday 8 September 2015

To reserve a place: http://thebutterflyfoundation.org.au/workshop-for-parents/

For more information email: helen.bird@thebutterflyfoundation.org.au phone 02 8456 3908

TRIAL HSC EXAMINATION

Year 12 Trial HSC Examination will be held Week 5 and Week 6 this term. Student have been given a copy for the examination time table. A copy of the timetable can be found on our website http://www.gloucester-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/year-12/year-12-mid-course-examination

SCHOLASTIC - Book Club

Pick up your Book Club Catalogue Order (Issue 5) from the LIBRARY.
Orders for this issue need to be returned and paid for at the Front Office by 31/7/15

Diverse educational programs that challenge and inspire students
NEW SERIES
INKWORLD by Cornelia Funke
Inkheart (#1): The Adderhead--his immortality bound in a book by Meggie's father, Mo has ordered his henchmen to plunder the villages. The peasants' only defence is a band of outlaws led by the Bluejay --Mo's fictitious double, whose identity he has reluctantly adopted. But the Book of Immortality is unravelling...

PAPER AEROPLANES by Dawn O'Porter
Paper Aeroplanes (#1): It's the mid-1990s, and fifteen year-old Guernsey schoolgirls, Renee and Flo, are not really meant to be friends. But Renee and Flo are united by loneliness and their dysfunctional families, and an intense bond is formed. Although there are obstacles to their friendship (namely Flo's jealous ex-best friend and Renee's growing infatuation with Flo's brother)!

THE OLD KINGDOM by Garth Nix
Sabriel (#1): For many years Sabriel has lived outside the walls of the Old Kingdom, away from the random power of Free Magic, and away from the Dead who won't stay dead. But now her father, the Mage Abhorsen, is missing, and to find him Sabriel must cross back into that treacherous world -- and face the power of her own extraordinary destiny.

THE ONE DOLLAR HORSE by Lauren St John
The One Dollar Horse (#1): Fifteen year old Casey Blue lives in East London's grimmest tower block and volunteers at a local riding school, but her dream is to win the world's greatest Three Day Event: the Badminton Horse Trials. When she rescues a starving, half-wild horse, she's convinced that the impossible can be made possible...

SENIOR FICTION NEW SERIES
HOPELESS by Colleen Hoover
Hopeless (#1): Sky meets Dean Holder, a guy with a reputation that rivals her own. Holder has the ability to invoke feelings in Sky she's never had before. In just one encounter he leaves her terrified yet captivated and something about him brings up a rush of memories from the past that she's worked so hard to bury away.

Losing Hope (#2): Haunted by the little girl he couldn't save from imminent danger, Holder’s life has been overshadowed by feelings of guilt and remorse. He has never stopped searching for her, believing that finding her would bring him the peace he needs to move on. However, Holder could not have anticipated that he would be faced with even greater pain the moment they reconnect.

NEW TITLES IN SERIES
HYDENWORLD by William Horwood
Winter (#4): Storms rage as the worst winter in living memory ravages the human and Hydden worlds. The prophesied End of Days is here and the universe is dying, yet only a few are even aware of the forces at work. Jack and Katherine must help their friend Bedwyn Stort halt this chaos by locating the last gem of Winter, something only he can do. Then it must be returned to the Earth’s unwilling guardian, their daughter Judith. She will need it to try and reignite the fires of the universe.

THE MONSTRUMOLOGIST by Rick Yancey
The Final Descent (#4): When Dr. Warthrop fears that Will Henry’s loyalties may be shifting, he turns on Will with a fury, determined to reclaim his young apprentice's devotion. And so Will must face one of the most horrific creatures of his monstrumology career -- and he must face it alone.
**FICTION**

**Trouble** by Non Pratt
A boy. A girl. A bump. Trouble. Hannah’s smart and funny…she’s also fifteen and pregnant. Aaron is new at school and doesn’t want to attract attention. So why does he offer to be the pretend dad to Hannah’s unborn baby? Growing up can be trouble but that’s how you find out what really matters.

**More Than This** by Patrick Ness
A boy named Seth drowns, desperate and alone in his final moments, losing his life as the pounding sea claims him. But then he wakes. But alive. How is that possible? He remembers dying, his bones breaking, his skull dashed upon the rocks. So how is he here? And where is this place?

**Wild Wood** by Posie Graeme-Evans
Jesse Marley calls herself a realist; she’s all about the here and now. But then all her certainties are blown aside by events she cannot control. In a London hospital, temporarily unable to speak, she uses her left hand to write. But Jesse’s right-handed. She begins to draw places she’s never seen, people from another time, a man in medieval armour. And a woman’s face.

**SENIOR FICTION**

**The Bunker Diary** by Kevin Brooks
What happens when your worst nightmare comes true -- and how will you survive? ‘I can't believe I fell for it. It was still dark when I woke up this morning. As soon as my eyes opened I knew where I was. A low-ceilinged rectangular building made entirely of whitewashed concrete… There are no windows. No doors. The lift is the only way in or out. What’s he going to do to me?’

**Two Boys Kissing** by David Levithan
Seventeen-year-olds Craig and Harry are trying to set a new Guinness World Record for kissing. Around them, Ryan and Avery are falling in love, Neil and Peter are falling out of love, and Cooper might be somewhere, but he is also, dangerously, nowhere. Two Boys Kissing is trademark Levithan: warm, sharp and real.

**Between the Lives** by Jessica Shirvington
For as long as she can remember, Sabine has lived two lives. Every 24 hours she Shifts to her ‘other’ life -- a life where she is exactly the same, but absolutely everything else is different: different family, different friends, different social expectations. Nothing about her situation has ever changed, until the day when she discovers a glitch: the arm she breaks in one life is perfectly fine in the other.

**NON-FICTION**

**The Crossroad** by Mark Donaldson
On 2 September 2008, in eastern Afghanistan, Trooper Mark Donaldson made a split-second decision that would change his life. His display of extraordinary courage saw him awarded the Victoria Cross for Australia. Yet Mark's journey to those crucial moments was almost as exceptional as the acts that led to his VC.

**Leila’s Secret** by Kooshyar Karimi
Born in a slum to a Muslim father and a Jewish mother, Kooshyar Karimi has transformed himself into a successful doctor, an award-winning writer, and an adoring father. His could be a comfortable life but his conscience won’t permit it: he is incapable of turning away the unmarried women who beg him to save their lives by ending the pregnancies that, if discovered, would see them stoned to death.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

JUNIOR MALE (Years 7-10)
Sky blue polo shirt with navy stripe in collar and printed with school emblem
Navy shorts/navy long pants
White or navy socks, black school shoes
Navy V neck jumper or navy hooded jacket with school emblem

SENIORS (Years 11-12)
White senior polo shirt with navy and gold collar or white seniors button up school shirt printed with school emblem and seniors in navy
Navy shorts/navy long pants
White or navy socks, black school shoes
Navy V neck jumper or navy hooded jacket with school emblem

JUNIOR FEMALE (Years 7-10)
Sky blue polo shirt with navy stripe in collar and printed with school emblem
Skirt – Navy/Royal/Gold check skirt, with pleats (The desirable length approx. 10cm above knee)
Navy shorts/navy long pants
White or navy socks, black school shoes
Navy stockings in winter optional
Navy V neck jumper or navy hooded jacket with school emblem

SENIORS (Years 11-12)
White Senior Polo shirt with Navy and Gold collar or White Seniors button up school shirt printed with school emblem
Skirt- Navy/Royal/Gold check skirt, with pleats (the desirable length approx. 10cm above knee)
Navy shorts/navy long pants
White or navy socks, black school shoes, winter option navy stockings
Navy V neck jumper or navy hooded jacket with school emblem

Jewellery and Make-Up
Some jewellery, such as long earrings and bangles/bracelets, can be safety hazards in practical classes. For this reason they are not allowed to be worn to school. Excessive make-up and nail polish should not be worn.

Hats and Caps
The wearing of hats and caps for sun protection is actively encouraged, especially during recess, lunch, and all outside sporting activities. However, hats should be removed in class and during assemblies.

In cases of genuine hardship the school maintains a fund to assist with the provision of articles of uniform. A confidential approach to the Principal or Year Adviser by letter or discussion is encouraged in these circumstances.

FOOTWEAR REQUIREMENTS
The Department of Education states in the publication "School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools (2004)", that under the occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 schools must ensure that students are not exposed to health or safety risks while they are on Departmental premises. The school has a duty to require students to wear appropriate footwear to avoid injury.

The DET policy "Chemical Safety in Schools (1999)" clearly states: "It is mandatory that students carrying out practical activities using chemicals or equipment in schools wear enclosed leather footwear. Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes must not be worn in workshops or laboratories".

ACCEPTABLE STYLES
The school expects that students wear closed in leather, lace-up style shoes. They must cover the top of the foot and have a small heel.

STYLES THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE
Students MUST NOT wear black soft "ballet" style shoes, open styled "Mary Jane" shoes, canvas shoes or any similar.
TAREE HORSE SPORTS DAY,
HOSTED BY ST. CLARE’S HIGH SCHOOL, TAREE

On Friday 17 July, seven students with their horses represented Gloucester High School in bracing conditions. The weather forecast predicted gale force winds and possible thunderstorms but fortunately the weather proved kinder on the day. The morning was sunny and clear if not a little crisp but by midday, the wind had picked up and was particularly chilly. Despite these conditions, students had fun competing in a variety of events. First off was the Hacking Classes followed by Sporting Events in the afternoon.

Results:
Cameron Dunlop
1st Ball race
2nd Barrel race
5th Bending

Nicholas Murray
1st Barrels
3rd Bends
4th Pleasure hack

Thomas Murray
6th Rider

Emma Johnston and Nicholas Murray
3rd Hacking pairs

Tayla Hartley and Cameron Dunlop
5th Hacking pairs

Jodie Harris and Thomas Murray
1st Hacking pairs

Unfortunately Charlotte Maslin’s horse scrambled in the float on the way to the venue and was unable to compete.

Mrs Carol Layton

YEAR 8 VISUAL ARTS

Year 8 Visual Arts are currently displaying their Shadow Drawings in our school foyer.

Mr Chris Steele
ROTARY AVIATION CAREERS EXPO

On Tuesday 14 July I attended a Rotary club meeting in order to talk about my experience at the recent Rotary Aviation Careers Expo (RACE). RACE is a fantastic opportunity for young people interested in a career in aviation to experience what it takes to gain entry into these career paths. The Expo took place over three days at Tamworth Regional Airport in late March. Upon arrival I was introduced to other students all interested in careers in aviation from piloting to engineering. The first night was spent playing bonding games and getting to know my companions for the next two days. The next morning was an early start with trips to the airports TAFE campus where we learnt about the industrial aspect of aviation. From there we ventured to the Qantas link hangar where we got to see firsthand what it takes to maintain a major commercial plane. This experience was fantastic for those of us interested in a career in commercial flying. From here we ventured across the airport to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Hangar where we saw all three of their helicopters and learnt about some of the amazing things that the service does. Bright and early again on day three for briefings from all sectors of military aviation and even a talk from an army aviation recruitment officer who talked about what was needed in order to get into the military side of aviation. After these talks however we were able to venture onto the holding bay of the airport in order to see Hawk fighter jets that had landed on a training flight from Williamtown. To be able to see such an incredible piece of engineering so close was an absolutely fantastic experience and one that I and I’m sure all the other participants are very grateful for. I would once again like to thank Rotary for the opportunity they provided me.

Coen Durbidge

AUFWIEDERSEHEN

Hello everybody,

My exchange year in Gloucester is nearly over now. I came here last August and I leave Australia on Monday 27 July. This last year that I spend in down under was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. All the experiences I made, people I met... It changed me and my life for the better. I am really surprised how fast the time went. It feels like I have only just arrived but at the same time I feel like I have never known a different life than this.

I would like to thank all of you that you have accepted me like you did, thanks to you I had the best time of my life! I’ll come back, so see you soon!

Lots of Love

Helena Gröblinghoff
The Federation of Parents and Citizens
Associations of NSW

We would like to Cordially invite you to Attend our “Increasing Parent and Community Engagement “
Mid North Coast Forum

Purpose
To increase Parent and Community Engagement within P&C Associations in our Public Schools, so partnerships can be strengthened to deliver quality outcomes for our Public Education system and ultimately our children and their future.

When: Saturday 8th August 2015
Where: Rydges Hotel
1 Hay Street Port Macquarie
NSW 2444 Australia

Registration From: 11.00am
Time: 11.30am – 4pm

Light refreshments and Lunch included

Further information
Come along and meet your Councillor, listen to our guest speakers and most importantly join in the discussion groups to have your say.

Guest Speakers
- Susie Boyd - P&C Federation Secretary, Information regarding Grant opportunities
- Port Macquarie Local MP - Leslie Williams
- Representatives from the NSW Education

Group Discussions
- A Question session
- There will be 2 opportunities for attendees to participate in discussions and have your say.

THERE IS NO FEE TO ATTEND THIS FORUM
Please Register online from 16/7/14 until 03/08/2015
To Register please [click here].

“Program is funded by the NSW Government and Administered by the NSW Education”
LITTLE ATHLETICS
Gloucesthe Little Athletics Centre held their registration day on Tuesday 21 July. Our season commences late July and finishes mid December. Children love to run, jump and throw so if your child would like to come along and try Little A’s we offer a two week trial period for new athletes prior to full payment of registration fees.

Our competition afternoons are held on Tuesday’s at 3:45pm with our first events to be held on Tuesday 28 July. The first few afternoons are a little chilly but it soon warms up. New registrations please note that once daylight savings begins we start at the later time of 4:45pm to avoid the summer temperatures.

If you would like more information please contact Lyndell on 65581738 or email Robyn at gloucesterlittleathletics@gmail.com

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.