School Leaders for 2013 – Azren Snow, Kyra Edstein (Vice Captains), Hayley Rush & James McLeod (Captains).

SRC Executive: Keely Simes (President), Paula Edwards (Secretary), Kaito Sutton (Treasurer), Stephen Hester (Vice President)
Stage Parent Information Sessions

This year we will be having our parent/carer information sessions to begin the year in stage groups. These will be held on Thursday 28th February 2013.

Parents/carers will meet their child's class teacher and other staff members of that particular stage, learn about teaching programs and structures within the stage, be informed of events relevant to their child's year and receive general information regarding school practices.

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)  9.15am – 9.45am
Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)  11.30am– 12.00pm
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)  2.15pm – 2.45pm

Please meet at the school library for these information sessions.

Please note that these are not individual parent/teacher interviews, however general information sessions about each stage. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher for 2013 about specific needs or information about your child, please arrange a meeting with his/her teacher through a written note or call the school office on 6558 1303 to arrange a time.

We look forward to seeing you to learn more about your child's education at our school.

Scripture

Special Religious Education (SRE - Scripture) lessons will start this week on Thursday. Students whose parents/carers indicate that they do not want their child/ren to attend these lessons will be supervised and undertake other activities. Such activities might be completing homework, reading and private study or in some cases, minimal supervision.

If you do not want your child to attend Scripture please write a short note to the class teacher. If you have indicated by a note in previous years that your child will not participate in Scripture lessons there is no need to write another note. If a note is not received, students will attend Scripture.

Gloucester Show - Friday 15th and Saturday 16th March

Gloucester Public School students will be creating artworks and Stage displays to be exhibited in the Gloucester Show. Please make the time to visit the show and view your child's artwork.

Helpers are once again required to hang the paintings at the showground on Thursday 14th March at 9.00am ready for judging. Please keep this date in mind. Just turn up and take a cuppa with you.

P&C

The P&C Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 7th March at 7.00pm in the library.

This will be an excellent opportunity for new families and familiar faces to become involved in the school and to find out how Gloucester Public School works.

I would encourage mums and dads to attend this meeting, not necessarily to take on an executive position but to meet other parents and to find out how you might be able to support the school in other ways.

Leanne Wakefield, Principal.
Happy Birthday!!

Quinlan Collins, Dwayne Cole, Caiden Wakefield, Samantha Leard, Damon Ireland.

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**Smart Packs**
If you haven’t already paid, please make this a priority. Prices are as follows:
- Kindergarten - $60.00
- Years 1 & 2 - $40.00
- Years 3-6 - $35.00
- Voluntary Contribution - $30 per child.

*Melissa Seale, Smart Pack Coordinator*

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**From the Library**

**Library Days** are as follows:
- Monday - 2S
- Tuesday - 3A, 3/4H, 4J, 5M, 5/6C and 6R
- Wednesday - KA, KM, K/1E, 1L, 1/2N and 2D

**Library Bags:** Please ensure that your child has his/her library bag with him/her each library day. Remember NO BAG = NO BOOK! If you wish to purchase a library bag, they are available from the library at a small cost of just $3.00 each.

Many thanks,

*Leanne Simes*

*Teacher Librarian*

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**Investiture Assembly badges our leaders**
Thank you to all students, staff, parents and the community for their wonderful support of our 2013 Investiture Assembly last Thursday. The assembly saw us welcome in our new leaders for 2013 and badge our elected house captains, class captains, SRC representatives and executive, library and computer monitors. Congratulations to all of our leaders in 2013. We have every trust in you to do the best job for our school and its people.

*A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.* —John Maxwell

Special thanks must be given to Mr Pat Cavanagh (Principal of Gloucester High School) and Mr Ross Green (President of our P&C Association) for giving up their time to badge some of our students. Also, well done to our captains Hayley, James, Kyra and Azren for their running of the proceedings.

*Rod Maggs - Assistant Principal (Stage 3)*

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**Stewart House**
Stewart House is a children’s charity which provides short term respite care in the form of a hospital and school. It helps over 1800 public education students each year and is largely funded by teachers. Each year Gloucester Public School is proud to support Stewart House with its fundraising.

This term your child can help by purchasing a ‘high bounce ball’ for $3.00. The balls are about the size of a small tennis ball but BOUNCY!

If your child would like to support Stewart House please return the form below with money to the office by Friday 22nd February.

*Mrs Debbie Howland.*
2013 SRC

Class Captains: Charlie Carruthers (4J), Lucy Corbett (3/4H), Carla Plant (5M), Tahnee Yates (6R), Keely Simes, Emily Murray, Olivia Corbett.

Library Monitors: Jessica Wenham, Amy Campbell, Brianna Martin, Joshua Mathew, Keely Simes, Emily Murray, Olivia Corbett.

House Captains: Ellie Schumann, Jacob Sopher (Parkes); Jessica Moore, Cameron Redman (Flynn); Tom Cowan, Grace Forrester (Bradman); Ella Blamires, Stephen Hester (Dobell).

Music Camp
A number of Year 5 and Year 6 students will be attending the Manning Myall Music Camp from April 7-10. These students will be developing their vocal and instrumental skills.

The camp costs $250.

Any student in Years 5 or 6 who participate in the choir or learn guitar or piano outside of school and would like to attend, please see me.

Annette Burrows, Music Teacher

General Permission Note
Please return this yellow note to your child's class teacher if you have not already done so.

Health Care Plans
If your child received a health care plan could you please make sure it is returned to school with any amendments as soon as possible.

Contact Details
Please make sure the school has your current contact details - address, phone, emergency contacts etc.

Attention Kindy Parents
Occasionally children have little accidents at school. In case this happens, please pack spare clothes for your child in his/her bag.

Personalised Learning Plan
Each year, Aboriginal students have a personalised learning plan (PLP) created by their teachers and their parents/carers.

To set goals for students' PLP's we will be having meetings with parents and carers in Week 7. A note will be sent home soon regarding interview timeslots.

Amy Schafer, Assistant Principal

Aboriginal Screening
Today, Aboriginal students were given a note to participate in a free hearing screening undertaken by Steven Nye from the Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service.

If you would like to take up the opportunity to utilize this service please return your form to Mrs Schafer as soon as possible.

Amy Schafer, Assistant Principal

P&C Fundraiser
With your newsletter today you will receive a 'Supa Slice' Fundraising Catalogue.

Please have your orders in to the office (with the correct money) by Tuesday 5th March. Delivery date will be advised.

Kellie Warwick, P&C Fundraising Committee.

e-Copy of Newsletter
If you would like to receive your weekly newsletter by email please take the time to fill in and return the slip at the end of this newsletter so we can add you to our email list.

A reminder that you can also see the newsletter on the school's website each week.
Swimming for Sport
This Friday, students from Year 3-6 will commence ‘Swimming for Sport’. Students will be separated into small groups and will participate in structured swimming activities such as stroke correction or water familiarisation.

The students will be separated into two timeslots- Stage 2 (Years 3-4) will be from 9:30-10:30am and the Stage 3 (Years 5-6) will be from 10:30-11:30.

Students will need to bring with them each week-

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Change of underwear (as they need to wear their swimmers to school)
- A plastic or fabric bag to transport towel etc. to and from the pool.

All students will need to fill in and return their permission note and general walking note BEFORE they can start ‘Swimming for Sport’. Permission notes will be handed out later this week.

In order to run our swimming program we require additional support from our parents/carers. We are asking for help with such things as supervising the students whilst in the water. You do not have to enter the water, just help out with an extra set of eyes. All teachers in attendance have current CPR training and we also have a trained AUSTSWIM teacher on duty at all times.

Amy Schafer, Assistant Principal.

If you can help out with swimming, or have any other questions please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Moving towards our first round of cricket
The response to the school cricket team has been overwhelming and a team has been selected in the lead up to our first game. I am trying to organise a mutual time with Stroud PS (our first opponents) to get the game on (between zone swimming carnivals and other school events here and there!)

We will now conduct more focused training during the next week in the lead up to our game. I will also send a note home asking for support on game day and schedule a nets session one afternoon, if possible. Good luck everyone!

Rod Maggs, Assistant Principal.

Year 6 Expression of Interest Forms for High School in 2014
A booklet titled ‘Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2014’ will be sent home in the coming weeks to all Year 6 students.

While this is not an application to enrol, this form is essential in indicating which secondary school you are intending to send your child to. Parents, please read all sections of this booklet carefully as it outlines the options available to you and gives you the basis for selecting the right secondary school for your child.

If you have any questions about this form, please feel free to contact me after you have read through it.

Mr Rod Maggs
Assistant Principal (Stage 3)

Canteen Roster

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GLoucester Show
Friday 15th Saturday 16th March
Junior Cooking Competition

Boys & girls are invited to enter the Gloucester Show Cooking Competition.

Entry categories are as follows
Entry fee: 50 cents
Prizes to be won

4 to 8 years:
1. Six chocolate crackles
2. Six pieces of coconut ice (uncooked)
3. Four iced & decorated Arrowroot biscuits (must be edible)
4. Chocolate packet cake (iced)

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

STEWART HOUSE

My child, ____________________________, of class ____________, would like to order a High Bounce Ball in support of Stewart House.

I enclose $______________ to cover the cost. ($3.00 per ball).

Signed: __________________________ (Parent/Carer). Date: _________________________

NEWSLETTER

I would like to receive the newsletter by email. Please add me to the list:

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Class: ____________

Email address: (please print clearly)