On Wednesday the 13th March, our Gloucester Public School cricket team went down to the number two oval in the Gloucester Park. We played Stroud Public School in the PSSA tournament. We won the toss and elected to bat.

Jacob Sopher and Harry Moore opened the batting. Jacob was the first wicket to go after he unfortunately scored a duck. Bryce Berry was the next in to bat and made a quick 24 runs. The next to come in was James McLeod who ended the innings with an impressive 33 off only 34 balls. Harry Moore was the next wicket to fall scoring 11 runs. Next in was Drew Stone who scored five runs. Both he and James finished the innings not out after posting a solid 3/119 and presenting a difficult total for the opposition to chase down.

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Boys Cricket Off to Old Bar
Our next opponents look to be tougher competition in Old Bar Public School. The boys are off tomorrow to compete at Old Bar. My apologies to parents for the quick turnaround of games but we are about two weeks behind in the competition due to wet weather and this looked like the best option for both schools.

*Rod Maggs – Assistant Principal*
**CHILDREN’S CROSSING**

The safety of our children is one of our community’s highest priorities. Children’s Crossings are legally the strongest marked pedestrian crossings for managing traffic and road safety in the local streets around schools. Children’s crossings play a vital role in road safety for children. When the flags are displayed during the school day they are an inflexible traffic regulation and unlike other pedestrian crossings allow drivers no option other than to STOP. Listed below are the key things to know about Children’s Crossings:

- operates when the orange ‘CHILDREN CROSSING’ flags are displayed
- drivers approaching a Children’s Crossing with orange flags displayed must prepare to STOP and by law MUST STOP their car at the stop line and wait until all pedestrians on the crossing and those about to step onto the crossing have crossed the road

The safety of our children is paramount to everyone. The management of traffic and safety around schools is a priority issue for Council, the RTA, Police and the school. The requirement to stop and wait at CHILDREN’S CROSSINGS is an integral part of ensuring the safety of our children. Drivers failing to STOP and wait at Children’s Crossings can be issued with an on-the-spot fine of at least $211 and be subject to 3 licence demerit points.

If you are walking your children across the road, please hold their hand to cross the road in any street surrounding the school. No matter how well they are taught, children may respond unpredictably in traffic. Please teach your child/ren to ‘STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK’ when they are planning to cross the road, even at a crossing.

**PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Yesterday all students should have received a note regarding parent/teacher interviews. This year we will be holding interviews nice and early in Term 1, during the day (8.15 – 10.30am, 11.20 - 12.20pm, and 1.00-4.15pm) with times that can still be allocated before and after school for those parents who have work commitments. If these times do not suit, please contact your class teacher to organise an alternative time.

The interview and reporting process is an important part of the school’s assessment and reporting policy and procedures. Each interview will be fifteen minutes. You are most welcome to discuss issues, concerns or achievements with your child’s class teacher. Please indicate your preferred times on the note that was sent home and send it back to school ASAP. Interviews are a vital way for us to get to know you and address your child’s learning needs. As partners in your child’s education, we look forward to sharing your child’s achievements.

**Gloucester Show**

Congratulations to Stage 3 for winning first prize in the Primary School Display at the Gloucester Show and also to the individual students who won prizes for their artwork.

A big congratulations to Charlotte Maslen who was ‘crowned’ Miss Mini Showgirl.

**Cartooning Camp**

Enclosed with this newsletter is a brochure about the Cartooning Camp program to be held at Chatham High School, Taree on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May, 2013.

Leanne Wakefield, Principal.
Happy Birthday!!

Holly Willis, Lleyton Richards, Tai Eveleigh, Emma Broadhead, Travis Johnston, Jackson Moore, Stephen Hester, Ben Lawler.

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NO
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Class Awards
KA - Poppy Yates
     Aleasha Cawley
     Codie Hardy
     Tom Maggs
KM - Zavier Tan
     Blake Walker
     Ruby Bradbury
     William Dwyer
K/1E - Shania Richards
      Sahara McDermid
      Joseph Hogan
      Ruby Wenham
1L - Ryan Latimore
     Oliver Sparke
     Danieka Wakefield
     Hamish Wakefield
1/2N - Violet Broadhead
      Abbey Seale
      Will Griffis-Powick
      Quinlan Collins
2D - Mia Plant
     Lachlan Gorton
     Sean Pilgrim
     Lilly-Anne Murphy
2S - Gabrielle Bird
     Fiona Rivera
     Samuel Leimgruber
     Aston Wisely

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Melissa Seale
PD/H Teacher.

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Thursday 28th March, 2013

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SRC Fundraiser

On the 26th March (Week 9) the SRC will be holding a Patty Cake and Slice stall. If you can, could you please send in either patty cakes or slices on the day. If your child has any allergies or intolerances could you please send in patty cakes or slices suitable for them to eat.

Peace Park - If you have any shrubs to donate for our Peace Park could you please send them in to Mrs Groves?

Thank you!

SRC Committee.

ICAS...International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Parents of students in Years 3-6 should have received a letter about ICAS General Assessment Tests (GAT). If you are interested in your child participating in these tests please return the permission note and payment to Mrs Clifton at the front office or through your child's classroom teacher by next Monday, 25th March. (Students are not required to pay the GST.)

Alison Clifton
Assistant Principal.

URGENT REMINDER!

Year 6 Expression of Interest Forms for High School in 2014

Parents and carers of Year 6 students should have the booklet titled 'Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2014' returned no later than this Friday 22nd March 2013. Please complete this form, sign it and return it to your child's Year 6 teacher.

Parents and carers are urged to 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 as soon as possible.

Rod Maggs - Assistant Principal

From the Library

Bookclub - Orders are due back this Thursday 21st March. Please ensure that name and class are on the order and correct money is in the envelope/bag.

Last issue there were some late orders. It would be appreciated if all orders were back on time. Late orders may not be processed.

Many thanks!

Leanne Simes, Teacher Librarian.

AASC – Squash Court Visits

There is one more week remaining of our AASC Program this term. We have been focusing on squash skills on Monday, so we will now be going down to the squash courts for these sessions. Could you please pick up your child from the squash courts at 4.30 instead of 4.00pm? This will give us more time on the courts.

Melissa Seale, AASC Coordinator.

From the Garden Club:

Lettuce -
Small $1.00
Large $2.00

For Sale!
Soccer Gala Day
On Friday the 15th March students in Years 3 and 4 participated in a 5-a-side gala day down at the Gloucester soccer grounds. We entered 3 teams- girls, boys and a mixed team. Each team had 8 players. We also had our sports captains to help with organising the teams on the day. Prior to the event Mr Warner ran soccer training at school to prepare us for the day.

“I liked the day, because the games were fun and we got to play against lots of other schools”. - Cameron Turner.

“I liked the juggling completion, because I won. I also liked playing for the mixed team and the soccer ball we all received at the end”. - Kayden Schumann.

“I liked playing on the bye team as Mr Warner picked the players and we had NO set rules, we had to make up the rules. We won the day, but lost only one game”. - Harley Dangerfield.

“The challenges to win the extra soccer ball were fun and we got to play with our soccer balls in the top playground when we got back to school”. - Aiden Coombes

“We won 9 rounds and lost one round against Booral”. - Hayden Hodgess.

“On the gala day, there were no goalies so it was easy to score a goal”. - Tyler Parish.

“I liked the first game when we played St Josephs; the ball hit me in the stomach. My friends and my cousin were also at the gala day”. - Cody Howard.

“Our mixed team won every round, except one, which we lost to Stroud Road. They beat us by 8 goals”. - Cooper Harrod.

“The Gloucester girls’ team won the entire competition. I liked walking back as it was raining a little bit. I had a great day!”. - Lynelle Hester.

“I was in the boys’ team. I sat out of the first game and helped with coaching. I liked the shooting competition”. - Isaac Earle-Broadley

We would all like to thank Mr Warner and all of our parents and careers for helping out on the day. We had an awesome time!

Amy Schafer, Assistant Principal.

Cross Country
This Friday 22 March, weather permitting, GPS will be holding its Annual Cross Country Event. All Stage 2 and Stage 3 students are expected to compete, even if they only walk the course.

There will be no swimming for sport this week. Students will walk to the No. 1 Oval and be assembled in age divisions to start at 1:30pm. Students need to take water bottles, hats, sunscreen, and wear appropriate running shoes (spikes are not allowed).

Whilst competing, runners are not to take water, hats or refreshments. They are allowed to carry asthma puffers and medication if he/she has a medical condition. If you are able to assist with the running of the event, we would greatly appreciate it.

Please complete the note at the end of this newsletter.

Margaret Wilson / Caroline Moore.
Cross Country Convenors

Cool Kids Crunch & Sip®!
Don't forget the bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch & Sip® everyday!
CANTEEN NEWS

!!!MILKSHAKE DAY
The canteen will be open for RECESS ONLY on Thursday 28th March (the day before the Easter break).
Milkshakes will be for sale @ $1.00 each.
Flavours are Chocolate & Strawberry. There will also be an array of recess food as usual.
There will be a separate queue for Kindy and Year 1, so they don’t miss out on the fun.
NO LUNCHES TO BE ORDERED THAT DAY!!

CANTEEN DATES
Please note that the canteen will open on TUESDAY 2nd April, following the Easter break.
Sharon Osborne, Canteen Supervisor.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Monday 25/3/13 - Bridget Nagle
Wendy Maslen
Wednesday 27/3/13 - Kareen Higgins
Melissa Power
Friday 29/3/13 - GOOD FRIDAY

SCHOOL BANKING
every Thursday
at the Library
before 9.00am.

Fruit Salad... Yummy Yummy!
Fruit salad is a great idea for Crunch&Sip®, full of colour, flavour and nutrients.
Why not chop up your child’s favourite fruit and pop it into a sealable container. Don’t forget a fork!
Cross Country Event - Friday 22/3/13

I _______________________________ parent/carer of ______________________________

in class __________, will be able to assist with the running of the Cross Country being held on Friday
22nd March at 1:15pm.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ______________________

2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)
PERMISSION SLIP

I permission for my child

_________________________________________ class_____________

to participate in the following 2013 ICAS:

☐ Computer skills - 21 May 2013 - $8.00
☐ Science - 5 June 2013 - $8.00
☐ Writing - 17 June 2013 - $17.00
☐ Spelling - 18 June 2013 - $11.00
☐ English - 31 July 2013 - $8.00
☐ Mathematics - 13 August 2013 - $8.00
☐ ALL OF THE ABOVE - $60.00

Please find enclosed $__________________________

Parent/Carer: ___________________________ Date: ______________________

Signature: _______________________________________________
HOME NUMERACY PACKS

supporting our families

Gloucester Public School

Terrific! Wonderful! Marvellous! Outstanding!

The first of the Numeracy Packs for families were ‘put-together’ by parents and carers on Thursday and Friday last week.

It was an exciting occasion for staff as many man-hours had been put into preparing sheets and resources to be included in the packs.

A great HURRAH! to all involved and also to the families who came to put-their-pack-together and chat to others doing the same.

The next sessions for this term are Thursday and Friday of this week.

Looking forward to seeing you in the purple room (adjacent to the front office) on Thursday and the Library on Friday.

Alison Clifton, AP
Why are vegetables and fruit important?
As a group vegetables and fruits are rich in vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients important for growth and development. They provide dietary fibre, needed to avoid constipation.

Why is water important?
Not drinking enough water can quickly cause dehydration which can lead to headaches and irritability, particularly in children. Thirst is not a good indicator—by the time children feel thirsty, they are already dehydrated.

Children rarely drink enough water and often forget to drink unless reminded.
Allowing and reminding students to drink water in class helps them to drink more.
**Crunch&Sip®**

Every child deserves the best start in life.

Good eating habits formed in childhood help children grow well and protect them against disease later in life.

Too many children are not eating enough of the foods essential to good health. Vegetable and fruit consumption is particularly low. Research in NSW shows that each day:

- only 1 in 4 children are eating enough vegetables
- less than 3 in 4 children are eating enough fruit.

**What is Crunch&Sip®**

*Crunch&Sip®* involves a time each day when children can eat a piece of vegetable or fruit in the classroom, while class continues. They can also have a clear water bottle on their desk to sip from throughout the day. Teachers will also include the benefits of vegetables and fruit and drinking water in lesson plans.

Hunter New England schools are committed to improving children's health through education and by supporting *Crunch&Sip®*.

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**Why have Crunch&Sip®**

*Crunch&Sip®* encourages vegetable and fruit snacking and drinking water. Schools model healthy eating in the classroom, reinforcing the nutrition messages in class lessons and activities. *Crunch&Sip®* gives children the opportunity to eat the vegetable or fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox or not eaten at all.

**What can parents do to support Crunch&Sip®?**

For *Crunch&Sip®* parents will need to provide their child with:

- A piece of vegetables or fruit to eat in the classroom
- A small clear plastic water bottle to keep in the classroom

Your school will have provisions for children who are unable to afford or forget vegetables or fruit—ask your school more about this.

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**Tips for Parents**

- Always wash the vegetables and fruit at home before you send them to school.
- For younger children send cut up vegetables and fruit.
- Be sure the water bottle is washed daily and clearly marked with your child's name.
- Dried fruit is permitted but fresh or canned fruit is the best option.
- Dried fruit is high in energy so it is recommended only in small serves. Also dried fruit can stick to teeth and increase the chance of tooth decay. It is recommended that dried fruit is not offered everyday and when eaten followed by a drink of water.

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Gloucester Blue Light returns to Camp Cobark

Gloucester Blue Light has visited Camp Cobark twice since it started its School Holiday Activities. These April holidays, Gloucester Blue Light will return to Camp Cobark, but with a difference. A single trail ride is not on offer, but two with an overnight camp out on the banks of the Barrington River. Thanks to Camp Cobark and Newcombes Coachlines, costs have been kept to a minimum. The camp out is planned for the first weekend of the April School Holidays, the 13th and 14th of April 2013 and is for students 10 – 17yrs.

The Cost is $100 per person, and includes two trail rides, camp fees, transport (from Gloucester and return), and meals. Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis. **Bookings will be taken from 4pm Monday 25th March 2013** by contacting Gloucester Blue Light on **0448 582 878**.

John Broadley
President
Gloucester Blue Light
Communications
Volunteers Needed!!!!!

The NSW Rural Fire Service is setting up a Communications Brigade for Gloucester area and we urgently need community-minded local volunteers.

**If you can do any of the following:**

- Answer a phone
- Read a map
- Talk on a radio
- Learn new
- Take notes
- Drive a

**WE WANT YOU**

- Use a computer
- Give as little or as much time as you want
- Help per

An information night has been organised for anyone who would like to play a vital role in the world’s largest fire service working with like-minded volunteers to help protect our community.

**When:** 30 April 2013 starting 7:00pm
**Where:** Gloucester Fire Control
3-5 Lowe Street Gloucester

Register your interest by speaking to one of our members or by phone 02 6558 8800 or email gloucester.greatlakesdistrict@rfs.nsw.gov.au

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**Australia's First Coloured Commemorative Coin!**

**LIMITED EDITION**

For a $10 donation

the $2 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate of Donation

*Australia's first commemorative $2 coin in colour has been unveiled by the RSL and the Royal Australian Mint. A unique Australian legal tender, this groundbreaking $2 coin is simply an outstanding keepsake for every Australian.*

*The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict.*

*All funds raised go to support our vital RSL programs helping thousands of Veterans and serving Defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia.*

Available from the RSL National Office at Level 3, 65 Constitution Avenue CAMPBELL ACT

Phone orders can also be made through the National Office at 02 6248 7199.

Please note there will be a minimum postal charge of $3 per coin.

www.rsl.org.au