DATES TO REMEMBER:

Parent/Teacher Interviews this week
Today – KA, KM, K/1E
Tomorrow – 3A, 3/4H, 4J
Thursday – 5M, 5/6C, 6R
Friday – 1L, 1/2N, 2S, 2D

Wednesday 3/4
Netball PSSA
Buderus 7’s at Taree

Friday 5/4
Zone Cross Country

Thursday 11/4
Year 3 Sleepover at school

Friday 12/4
Last day of Term One

Thursday 25/4
ANZAC Day March

Monday 29/4
Staff Development Day
(Australian Curriculum)

Tuesday 30/4
Staff Development Day
(All staff at school)

Wednesday 1/5
First day of Term 2 for students

Friday 3/5
ANZAC School Service

Wednesday 14/5 – Thursday 16/5
NAPLAN testing

School Photos
5th August 2013
We all know that eating vegetables and fruits are good for our health but getting kids to eat their vegies and fruit has always been a challenge. Research shows that in NSW only one in four children are eating enough vegetables and less than three in four children are eating enough fruit each day. Drinking water is also good for health but research shows that children only drink water when reminded to.

Eating vegetables and fruit and drinking water is a great recipe for learning because it can improve energy levels, alertness and concentration. Seeing classmates and teachers eating vegetables and fruit and drinking water can tempt even the most reluctant child to give it a go.

Our school is committed to providing a healthy environment for your child. As part of the NSW Health Good for Kids, Good for Life Project we are introducing a program called 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.

We have had a lot of interest and support for the Crunch&Sip program. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the planning to run the program. Crunch&Sip will start at our school in Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May. All students will receive a free water bottle.

Each day please provide your child with a clear washed water bottle and a piece of vegetable or fruit. Please see the permitted and not permitted food and drinks below. Dried fruit is permitted but fresh or canned fruit is the best option. Dried fruit is high in energy so only offer children small serves. Also dried fruit can stick to teeth and increase the chance of tooth decay so it is recommended that dried fruit is not offered every day and when eaten it is followed by a drink of water. Thank you for your support.

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School Uniform
A reminder to parents that winter uniform is to be worn in Terms 2 and 3. Please make sure that every item of clothing is marked with your child’s name. Please ensure that your child/ren wear correct school uniform and black school shoes. No bracelets or necklaces unless they are for medical reasons, no coloured shoes, jumpers or socks, earings should be plain studs, no nail polish, no caps and/or no jewellery. Each student should present at school in full school uniform. Please ensure you visit the uniform shop before next term.

P&C
The P&C Annual General Meeting will take place this Thursday at 7.00pm in the school library. This is 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, if they have the time, to attend Thursday’s meeting not necessarily to take on an executive position in the P&C 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!!
Jasmine Keen, Miranda Yates, Dylan Kilmurray, Elyssa Keen, Katie Broadhead.

Numeracy Packs
A big thank you to all the families that have already collected their numeracy packs this term.
If you haven’t already collected your pack the library will be open this Friday 5/4 from 8:45am - 2:30pm. It will only take about 15 minutes to collect your pack and it is a great resource to have at home especially with the holidays coming up.
I look forward to seeing even more families collect their packs on Friday.

Amy Sansom
Community Liaison Officer

ANZAC Day
Parents, students and friends are invited to join our school in remembering ANZAC Day this year. This day falls in the school holidays (25th April) and we are hoping for a good response from families to join us. We had a wonderful turnout last year and we are hoping for a repeat this year.
Students are encouraged to represent our school by participating in the march from the Soldiers Club to the Cenotaph in Memorial Park in Hume Street. Please wear your full school uniform including school hat. Let’s remember those who served our country with pride and respect.
Meet at the Soldiers Club at 10.25am ready to assemble and begin the march.
We will also hold our ANZAC Memorial School Service on Friday 3rd May at 2.10pm. All are welcome to come along.

Rod Maggs - Assistant Principal
**SRC Patty Cake Day**

On behalf of the SRC we would like to thank all parents/carers and staff members who cooked cakes and slices. Your support is greatly appreciated. Also thank you to Mrs Blamires who took patty cakes up to the High School to sell. We raised approximately $600 which will go towards the SRC gift to the school at the end of the year.

*SRC Members.*

**Music Camp**

From Monday 8th April to the evening of Wednesday 10th April, nine students from our school will be attending the Manning Myall Music Camp.

Grace Forrester (singing), Kyra Edstein (singing), Jessica Moore (singing), Keely Simes (singing), Paula Edwards (singing), Stephen Hester (drums), Dylan Green (keyboard), Ethan Bird (keyboard) and Charlotte Maslen (singing) will be the students representing our school.

We wish them well and I know they will have a wonderful time making new friends in a tuneful environment.

*Annette Burrows, Music Teacher*

**Netball**

Tomorrow, our netball team will play against Stroud Public School's team at the Gloucester Public School's multipurpose court, weather permitting. The match will start at approximately 11:30am and parents are welcome to attend and support our players. (It might be handy to bring a fold-up chair for your relaxation.)

Netball players, please remember to bring your netball uniform, water bottle, no jewellery, appropriate footwear, hat, sunscreen, hair tied back and ventolin or personal medication if required.

Good luck girls!

*Margaret Wilson, Netball Manager.*

**ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

This Friday, 5th April, approximately 32 Gloucester Public School competitors will compete in the Zone Cross Country event at Wingham. Competitors are expected to complete in all conditions and therefore it is unlikely to be cancelled unless the officials feel it is dangerous. Therefore listen to 2RE as an announcement will be broadcasted on the radio before 8:30, only if it is postponed.

All competitors must be at the course by 10:30am so that we can assemble and walk the course at 10:45am.

Don’t forget to pay the $4 levy, if you have not already done so. If you require directions to the Wingham Sporting Complex please let me know so that I can give you ‘mud map’.

We wish the runners all the very best and hope the weather is fine.

*Margaret Wilson*

*Zone Cross Country Team Manager.*

**Football**

Our school has two teams entered in the Buderras 7’s to play at Chatham Recreation Grounds tomorrow. In the event of rain, please listen to 2RE for cancellations/postponements and/or phone the school from 7.30pm.

We wish our teams all the best for a great day's play.

*Liz Davis, Football Coordinator.*

**Canteen News**

Thanks to everyone who supported our milkshake day on Thursday. The students really enjoyed the day.

Special thanks to Amanda Yardy, Ruth Edwards, Melissa Power, Robyn Beggs and Leanne Simes for their help on the day.

Well done!

The roster for Term 2 has been compiled and a copy will be sent home before the end of term.

*Sharon Osborne*

*Canteen Supervisor.*
GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION
MEETING HELD 7 March 2013 7.10pm

Attendance: 8 members present, 1 apology.

Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting read and moved as correct - Moved: Liz, 2nd: Kristie.

Business Arising: - AGM postponed, AGM to be held next month.
   Blankets/mattresses - Kristie advised checking on availability.
   Shirts have been ordered, hopefully in soon.
   Fundraising - see report.
   Painting - still in progress.
   Crunch & Sip - see Principal’s report
   Variety Bash - Kellie hopes to get further details at meeting at end of March, eg: numbers. Discussion re: preferred options from list of foods, suggested Soups & Hot Roast Rolls.

Correspondence: see Correspondence Book. Moved: Kellie, 2nd: Liz.

Treasurer’s Report: Working Acct Balance: $2483.49, Cash Reserve Acct Balance $16321.91. Canteen operations merging with P&C, Canteen can have a bookkeeper and note-taker. Executive met on 4 March 2013 to discuss changes. Kerry, Ross & two representatives from Canteen to attend bank to arrange changeover. Current acct will remain open for 28 days, new deposit & chq books required. Wendy will stay on as bookkeeper. Short discussion re: feasibility of opening Canteen an extra day?

Uniform Shop: Tracy wishes to purchase winter stock to top-up existing supplies before end of this term. Moved: Tracy, 2nd: Kristie. Tracy will liaise with Kerry re: timing of order. Pricing review put off to next meeting.

Fundraising: Kellie provided information to meeting re: water station (for filling drink bottles) and airconditioning of Hall. Motion put that water station be purchased and installed. Moved: Kerry, 2nd: Kellie. Motion put that funds raised from Ball be promised towards airconditioning for Hall. Moved: Kellie, 2nd: Liz.
Slice Drive: good response, some more orders to come in tomorrow. Wine Trip: looking at beginning of June. Interest was expressed in running a Trivia Night.

Principal’s Report: as per attached. Thank you for efforts to raise money for school and to all helpers and volunteers, much appreciated. Happenings: Parent Information Sessions went well, Term Overviews will be sent home Week 3 of each term. Professional Learning has commenced for Australian Curriculum. School has purchased 2 wireless hubs. Parent/Teacher interviews Term 1, Week 10. Now a Crunch & Sip school – commencing Term 2. Cross Country coming up. Events: Variety Bash, Gloucester Show, North Coast Region Principals Conference, SRC Cake Stall, Grip Student Leadership Conference.

Leanne provided some information to meeting re: changeable school signs. Five lines of changeable area would be the best size. P&C looking at getting a new sign when funds permit.

General Business: Discussion re: wearing of school uniform.

Kerry raised issue of safety talks eg: road rules/road safety.

Cricket nets - can’t be used, can this be looked into? Sand in sandpit needs attention.

New attendance book to be purchased as the current one is full.

Meeting closed 9.55pm. Next meeting Thursday 4 April at 7.00pm, AGM followed by ordinary meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION
MEETING HELD 1 MARCH, 2012 at 7pm

Attendance: Jenny Stockdale, Ross Green, Kathryn Pilgrim, Kerry Cowan, Kristy Allardice, Liz Collins, Tracy Dunthorne, Emma Hibberd, Sharon Osborne, Kellie Warwick.

Apologies: John Broadley, Therese Cameron, Scott Chester, Sharon Chester, Kalen Danton, Karen Forrester.

Minutes: from 2011 AGM

President’s Report:
• P&C meetings this last year have been fun!
• Thank you to Scott Chester, Kathryn Pilgrim, Kerry Cowan and everybody else who has been a part of the P&C in the last twelve months.
• Achievement - Drop-Off Zone - thank you to Emma Hibberd, Scott Chester, John Broadley and all involved. A big thank you to Jenny Stockdale for monitoring the Zone and physically ‘manning’ of an afternoon.
• Fundraising: Big thank you to Emma, Kellie and Kristy.
  o GPS Ball – big effort to organise
  o Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day stalls
  o Successful Pie Drive
  o Good effort from school community but less success with cookie dough drive due to supplier issues.
• Canteen - Sharon Osborne’s and the volunteer’s hard work in the Canteen has once again been greatly appreciated.
• Uniform Shop – Kerry, along with Tracy and helpers have made this a success. The shop is busy most weeks.
• Thank you to Jenny Stockdale for supporting the P&C.

**Canteen:** Sharon, Kristy
Thank you to Canteen Committee. Kristy presented the Canteen report, and itemised highlights (below). Sharon presented financials, and will provide copy to meeting.

- Donation to P&C
- Donation to Uniform Shop
- Equipment
- Special Days (eg Milkshake, Hamburger, Wombok salad) now on Fridays

Canteen Sub-committee? Meetings have been small.
Canteen AGM will be held in the near future.

**Fundraising:** Emma
- Very successful Mothers' Day stall.

**Principal's Report:** Jenny
- *See School's Annual Report*
- Fun year!

**ALL POSITIONS DECLARED VACANT** - Jenny Stockdale

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**Meeting Times:**
Continue on 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm.

Meeting closed 8.03pm