Term 4 Week 3

Tuesday 20th October, 2015.

Dates to Remember

Assemblies
- Week 3: 5M
- Week 4: 2M
- Week 5: 4R & 4S
- Week 6: 1B & 1S
- Week 7: 3C & 3G
- Week 8: KM & KS
- Week 9: Awards
- Week 10: Y6 Final Assembly

Bookclub due 21/10
Get Booked St 2: 20/10
Get Booked St 3: 22/10

Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Return date: 23/10

Gloucester Junior Cattle Show: 23/10

Kinder Orientation: 9/11
Kinder 2016 Smoothstart: 23/11, 30/11, 7/12

Presentation Night: 9/12

Year 6 Farewell: 15/12

Canteen Roster
- 21/10: Liz Davis, Tonia Channon
- 23/10: Hannah Murray, Mel Seale
- 26/10: Heidi Yates, Sandra Williams
- 28/10: Tracey Bignell, Susanna Jackson
- 30/10: Ruth Edwards, Ange Parish

Oops! Mr Hester overboard!

Archery
Raft Building
Free Time

YEAR 5 AT LAKE KEEPIT

What an exciting time the students had last week at the Sport and Recreation Centre at Lake Keepit …

Read more inside this newsletter.
**Medical Alert Information**

**Viral Infection** - headaches, stomach cramps, high temperatures, chest infection, vomiting/nausea.

We have had quite a number of students presenting with high temperatures and severe headaches. Some of these students have also attended the hospital. Please be aware that this viral infection is travelling around Gloucester. The viral infection can last for a week with a persistent cough for 4-6 weeks. If you have any concerns, please contact your doctor or attend Gloucester Hospital.

**Conjunctivitis** - quite a number of students have presented to sick bay with sore and itchy eyes. Conjunctivitis is quite rampant at the moment and if your child complains of sore and itchy eyes please keep them at home and visit the chemist or doctor for antibacterial drops. Conjunctivitis is highly contagious. Students should not return to school until their eyes are clear. Hand washing and hand sanitizer should be used to help with the spread. If conjunctivitis presents in one eye please treat both eyes.

**AECG AGM Meeting**

The Aboriginal Education Consultative Group is holding its annual general meeting this Thursday 22nd October in the school library. Full members are invited to vote at 12.30pm with associate members and all others wishing to attend the meeting to join the meeting at 12.45pm. All are very welcome.

**Thank you**

I would like to thank Mr Rod Maggs and Mrs Amy Schafer, Assistant Principals, for their support while I was on Long Service Leave.

Leanne Wakefield  
Principal

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**Good for Kids**

**Cool & Healthy Summer Snacks**

The weather is warming up so here are some healthy snacks to keep you cool this summer:

- Frozen fruit such as berries, orange quarters and fruit kebabs
- Use moulds and low fat yoghurt to make frozen yoghurt shapes
- Make your own icy poles using 99% fruit juice and fresh pieces of fruit
- Make your own 'ice cream' using mashed up bananas (it's deliciously creamy!)
- Use fruit, vegetables and low fat milk or water to make a delicious smoothie and top with plenty of ice. There are heaps of different combinations to try!
Katrina Channon, Lucas Summerville, Jessica Howard, Asher Baker, Shaelie Hanson, Lilly-Anne Murphy, Teela Maslen, Tylah Johnson, Blake Murray, Billy Woodbine.

Kindy Corner

We are learning...

- Weekly Blends: bl and cl
- Weekly Word Family: 'it'
- Weekly Sight Words: stop, play, baby
- Number Focus: Reading, writing, counting and ordering numbers 0-1000
- Maths Focus: money, multiplication, division, fractions, area, position, 3D shapes, data

History Unit: If you haven’t returned your history survey, please send it into school as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already sent it in!

Reading Groups: KM is searching for a reading helper on Thursday from 9:15 to 9:45. If you can help, please contact Mrs Carruthers.

Mirabai Carruthers and Alicia Taylor
Kindergarten Teachers

Class Awards (Week 1)

KM
Nylah Wisely
Ellie Berry
Charlotte Todd
Lyla Cawley (E)

KS
Abi Wood
Ari Redman
Tiko Sansom
Billy Woodbine (E)

1S
Kailee Hogan
Steffi O’Mara
Lachlan Sansom
Kirrin Rapson (E)

1B
Mia Tresidder
Jackson Kilmurray
Kaylee Bagnell
Cheyla Selby (E)

2H
Jackson Speering
Jack Yardy
Katie Broadhead
Kurtis Sullivan
Roze Murphy (E)

2M
Jake Coombes
Codie Hardy
Charlie Thompson
Luika Eveleigh
Emma Bignell (E)

Silver Award
Ethan Blanchard (KS)

Gold Awards

KM
Ellie Berry
Alicia Edwards
Tineah Richards
Charlotte Todd
Destin Cole-Doyle
Archie Ribbons

KS
Hayden Dark
Oliver Collins
Jacob Whittaker
Nevaeh Martin-Connor

Primary Assembly
This Friday’s assembly will be conducted by 5M.
Gold Awards will also be presented to Primary students who have achieved this status.

Berrill Ley, Assistant Principal
Year 6 Farewell
Reminder to Year 5 parents and carers that we are having another meeting today, Tuesday afternoon (20th Oct) in 5M classroom to organise the Year 6 farewell for the 15th December.
Please bring your ideas to get everything happening.

Berrill Ley and Eve Green

Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2017
If you are interested in enrolling your Year 5 student in a Selective High School in 2017 you must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online until 16th November 2015.
NO paper application forms - ALL applications must be made online.
Applications will NOT be accepted after 16th November 2015.
All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 10th March 2016.
If any families need a copy of the booklet ‘Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017’ please ask at the School Office.

Berrill Ley, Assistant Principal.

Year 5 Excursion to Lake Keepit
What an exciting time the students had last week at the Sport and Recreation Centre at Lake Keepit.
They participated in archery, kayaking, canoeing, raft building, team building games, disco, trivia, movie night and Heroes & Villians.
We have never seen so many children eat so much, but then so did we. There was a great variety in the food which was fresh and very tasty. Children were allowed seconds at every meal and several even went for thirds. Even though the meal sizes were very large they weren’t as large as the visiting kangaroos.
The trip down was uneventful with a stop off at Walcha for morning tea. On arrival we unpacked and had lunch and went straight into team activities for which there are photos attached.
Congratulations to Year 5, as on the whole the Sport and Recreation staff and teachers from another participating school were most impressed with the good behaviour, comraderie, help and support displayed by GPS students.

Berrill Ley and Eve Green

Sporting Schools
Please note there will be NO Sporting Schools session after school this Thursday 22nd October, due to the SRC Crazy hair disco.

Eve Green
Year 6 Transition to HS (21st October)
Mrs Wilson will walk Year 6 students to Gloucester High School on Wednesday afternoon for their first visit to find out all the interesting things they will be doing next year.
Visits will also take place at the same time (1.30-3.15pm) on Wednesday 4th November and Wednesday 18th November.
Year 6 students who normally catch the bus home will do so from the High School.
Students who are usually picked up by car will need to be collected from the High School at 3.15pm.
Students who normally walk home will be walking home from the high school.
Please make your own arrangements with your children.
Stage 3 Teachers

Maths Competition
Congratulations Sapphira Snow on winning a Year 5 Great Lakes District award in the 2015 Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition.
Sapphira and her family have been invited to attend the competition’s presentation function on Monday 9th November at Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour to receive her award.
This is a great honour for Sapphira as students from all over the state enter this competition and the organisers have very high standards for students to achieve award status.
Berrill Ley, Assistant Principal.

Stage 2 Community Day – 26th October
We have had an incredible response to our Stage 2 Community Day and have many community organisations and representatives joining us to talk to the students about what services are provided by them to support our community.
It will be a great opportunity for the students to see who looks after the needs of our community and allow them to ask questions in a relaxed and open forum. Students will rotate around the organisations in roughly ten minute rotations.

GPS Reading Strategy Course
Lesson 6
Look At The Pictures

Gloucester Sustainability Festival
Morning Tea
The Gloucester Public School P&C will be hosting morning tea on Sunday 25th October at the Sustainability Festival.
Festival organisers have offered to donate $5 back to the school for every ticket holder that attends the festival, in return for supplying morning tea.
We are asking families to donate cakes, slices and/or their time on Sunday morning to help raise funds for the school.
Donations can be delivered to the school canteen on Friday morning or to the High School by 10am on Sunday.
Thank you
Robyn Beggs.
Year 4 Science Walk

On the last day of Term 3, Year 4 teachers had intended to take the Year 4 students for a walk up the Bucketts and through the park to view the impacts of weathering and erosion on our local landscape. Unfortunately, due to wet weather, we unable to complete our Bucketts walk but still managed to make the most of the day by heading down to the park. Here are some photos of our year for scientists at work.

School Choir

Our School Choir has a very busy term ahead of them. Please see our performance schedule because there will be some out of school performances.

Term 4 Performance Schedule

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<td>Carols in the Park</td>
<td>Gloucester REC Centre and Sporting Grounds</td>
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More information will be sent home prior to each performance. Thank you in advance for supporting our choir!

Annette Burrows and Mirabai Carruthers
Choir Teachers
BAKE YOUR VERY OWN
GINGERBREAD MEN & SHORTBREAD CHRISTMAS TREES!
Support our Schools Spectacular Choir!

There are 10 delicious cookie flavours to choose including a Gingerbread Man dough (with cookie cutter) and Shortbread Biscuit dough (with cookie cutter).

The cookie dough is packed in a re-usable 1kg tub which makes 40 x 25g cookies. 33c-38c per cookie.

You can REFREEZE the cookie dough and thaw it out as you require for baking.

You can keep the thawed cookie dough in your refrigerator for up to 4 weeks.

We have included a prize program for every child that sells one or more tubs. The more tubs you sell the better the prize! Prizes include items from Wahu, Disney Frozen, Remington, Razor and much, much more!

Please return your order form and monies to the school office by: Friday 23 October.

Happy fundraising
Mirabai Carruthers and the Schools Spectacular Team
Sporting Schools

Our Term 4 Sporting Schools Program started last week. Our focus sports for the term are Gymnastics and Soccer. Students will be given an introduction to both sports through skill development and modified games.

It is not too late to enrol your child in our Term 4 program. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the Front Office, or via our school website. Once returned to Mrs Seale your child, or children, will be able to start.

Don’t forget that there is no Sporting Schools this Thursday due to other things happening in the school. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause!

Thank you

GPS Sporting Schools Team

Mrs Green, Mrs Seale, Miss Coughlan and Miss Watts

Term 4 Sporting Schools

For: Students K-6

When: Tuesday and Thursday @ 3-4pm

Where: Meet outside Mrs Schafer’s wet room

What: Please bring your hat and a water bottle

From: Tuesday 13 October to Thursday 24 November (inclusive)

We would love to see you!
Sustainable Futures Convention
Opportunities for Communities

You are invited

35 + INSPIRING PRESENTERS

Join us!

- Economic Development
- Social Enterprise
- Water Management
- Rural Migration
- Sustainable Living
- Social Justice
- Industry Skills Fund
- Regeneration
- Farm Succession Planning
- Innovation
- Ecofaith
- Reasons for Hope
- Regional Arts
- Vision for Gloucester
- Sustainable Living
- Transition towns
- Tourists
- Inclusive Communities

October 24th 8.30am - 5pm
October 25th 8.30am - 3pm
at Gloucester High School

Tickets $25 per day
at Gloucester Health Foods or online @
www.gloucestersustainablefuture.com

GLOUCESTER JUNIOR CATTLE SHOW

Friday, 23rd October 2015
at Gloucester Show Ground
Commencing 9.00 am to 2.30 pm
For children up to 20 years of age

The Junior Cattle Show is a day to introduce and educate children of primary and high school ages to beef and dairy cattle handling, preparation for parading and judging. There are a number of events on the program that the children can take part in even if they don’t have their own animals to exhibit. Facebook: Gloucester Junior Cattle Show or David Bignell 65565512 for more information
Meeting opened 7.10pm

**Attendance:** As per attendance book

**Minutes:** Minutes from previous meeting read and moved to be correct.

Moved: Ruth Edwards  Seconded: Tonia Channon

**Business arising:**
- Sent thank you letter to IGA for donated sausages and onions for the sausage sizzle, and also 2 boxes of fruit for the Year 6 Canberra excursion.
- Canteen fly screens - some repaired, not all.
- Townsend Electrical put new energy regulator in the oven.
- Ruth was reimbursed for the hot/cold pack she purchased for the canteen.
- Replacing the shade cloth and the soft fall under the play equipment. Two quotes so far @ $6,500 for the play equipment and $15-17,000 for a cover over the sand pit. Waiting on one more quote.
- Grandparents’ day - Students will do a wish list and give the wish list to their grandparents to take to the library, without their grandchild, due to numbers in such a small place. Morning tea will be served by the P&C at about 10.30am.
- School sports team uniform - there’s plenty at the moment.
- P&C levy - to be discussed at executive meeting and end of term.

**Correspondence:** see correspondence book.

Moved: Robyn Beggs  Seconded: Sally Maslen

**Uniform Shop:**
- Bucket Hat sample - reversible for school colour and house colours. Expensive so stay with hat we stock.
- Shirts are in. Need boys shorts and skorts for orientation.
- Order more summer dresses too.

Moved: Ruth Edwards  Seconded: Robyn Beggs

**Fundraising:**
- Organising pies for pie drive.
- Fathers Day stall next Thursday.

Moved: Ruth Edwards  Seconded: Sally Maslen

**Treasurer’s Report:**
See attached report

Canteen Acc: $9,211.63
P&C Working Acc: $8,425.46
P&C Cash Reserve: $4,701.20

- HCCU grant - iPads - have been ordered. Report and photos in paper to be finalised when the iPads have arrived.
- Account from Townsend Electrical for replacing the dial on the pie warmer to be paid.
- Invoice from Leanne Kearney for postage of faulty jackets and bag. Leanne to be reimbursed.
- Have changed accounts from Westpac to HCCU.

Moved: Robyn Beggs  Seconded: Ruth Edwards
Canteen Report:
- IGA is donating fruit for eat fresh campaign.
- Pie warmer - the dial has been replaced and seems to be working better.
- Lock on storage room is working better.
- We were kindly donated various food items left over from the Dubbo excursion. From this, we have made banana smoothies with honey for sale at the canteen.
- We also received ice cream so are thinking on the last day of the Term, sell ice cream in cones to students. This would be a special day this Term.
- Grandparents Day is to be held Friday 28th August. Canteen to provide a cuppa and slice of cake for visitors, and are just asking for a donation. All funds raised go back to helping students.

Moved: Ruth Edwards Seconded: Sally Maslen

Principals Report:
See attached report.
- Father's Day Stall next Thursdays. Thank you for organising this for the students.
- Kindergarten Orientation - Mirabai Carruthers would like P&C member to talk at the Orientation on Monday 9th November at approximately 9.15am. The same or another member will need to talk about the uniform shop and canteen. Sally Maslen to do all reports.
- NAPLAN - results have been sent home to parents and caregivers.

Moved: Robyn Beggs Seconded: Sally Maslen

General Business:
- Sustainability Festival in October - organisers would like P&C to do home cooking at this Festival for Sunday morning tea. Expecting 200 people. Need to purchase tickets to attend so we will know catering numbers. The festival will donate $5 per attendee to the P&C for catering. Need to obtain more information about this ie where is it being held?
- Sally suggested, for a fundraiser, a "car boot sale". Leanne W to check for insurance but it should be alright. Robyn to check with P&C Federation as well. Thinking to have it in Term 4. Try 7 November.
- Xmas raffle - idea to ask for donations, ie non perishables and Christmas items and make up some Xmas baskets to raffle. Discuss next term.

Moved: Sally Maslen Seconded: Tonia Channon

Meeting closed at 8.10pm
Next Ordinary Meeting 26 October at 7pm
Next Executive Meeting 12.30pm on 14 September
Give your Body the Gift of Health this Christmas!

Mondays 2pm @ Gloucester Community Health Centre

Sessions will run for 1-2 hours and will include Nutrition education & light physical activity. All exercises can be modified to your needs!

There will also be activities and take home information to keep you motivated and engaged.

November 2nd—Making your ‘Healthy You’ Christmas wish list
November 9th—Australian Guide to Healthy Eating gets festive
November 16th—Planning your healthy Christmas Menu
November 23rd—Supermarket Tour; stocking up on holiday basics
November 30th—Healthy Christmas Favourites; Cooking Class
December 7th—Strategies for Christmas Parties and festive season
December 14th—Christmas Party Trial run

◊ Please get medical clearance for exercise from a GP
◊ Register through a GP referral or phone 65929536
◊ Please wear comfortable exercise clothes and closed in shoes
◊ Please bring a motivated and excited attitude ready for your healthier lifestyle!