Stage 2 Community Day – an interactive learning opportunity

What a great afternoon!
Yesterday, Stage 2 students hosted 18 representatives from local community organisations that provide a service to our community in Gloucester and beyond.

Working in with our unit ‘Living in Communities’, these wonderful people provided an insight into what some of the groups and organisations in our community do on a daily basis to support people and create that amazing culture and community spirit our town is well-known for.

Hopefully, it will instill into our students some of that wonderful community spirit, give them an appreciation for those who look after them and others, and maybe inspire them to give a bit back to the community at some point in their lives as well.

The afternoon was wrapped up by Mrs Julie Lyford (OAM) who discussed how involvement in such organisations is a rewarding experience for those volunteering, and how it builds for greater communities that are wonderful places to live.

A special thanks must go to the following organisations, and those who had planned to come but who were called out at the last minute and were unable to attend. You allowed us to not just teach the students about community organisations, but to bring the community to them for some real learning opportunities. Many thanks!

In no particular order...
Rivercare, Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group, State Emergency Service (SES), Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), View Club, Community Health, Gloucester Shire Council, Rotary, Probus Club, Australia Day Committee, Country Women’s Association (CWA), Garden Club, Churches of Gloucester, Lions Club, Tucker Patch.

Rod Maggs - Assistant Principal
Medical Alert Information

Whooping Cough Information
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults who are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information of childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Leanne Wakefield
Principal
We are learning...

- Weekly Blends: dr and fr
- Weekly Word Family: 'ad'
- Weekly Sight Words: him, will, love
- Number Focus: Reading, writing, counting and ordering numbers 0-1000
- Maths Focus: money, multiplication, division, fractions, area, position, 3D shapes, data

Mirabai Carruthers and Alicia Taylor
Kindergarten Teachers

Year 3 - Aladdin
Next week 3C and 3G will be watching the movie 'Aladdin' as a part of our literacy writing unit on traditional fairy tales. This movie is rated 'G' and we do not require parental permission to view it, however, if you would like to discuss this with your child's classroom teacher please feel free to phone or drop in.

Mrs Groves and Miss Coghlan

Class Awards (Week 3)

3C
- Nathan Hill
- Danieka Wakefield
- Emma Broadhead
- Amelia Griffith (E)

3G
- Dean Franks
- Sam Whittaker
- Mitchell Hawkins
- Chloe Sams (E)

4R
- Kyle Atkins
- Charlotte Earle-Broadley
- Nathan Woods
- Jackson Blanch (E)

4S
- Caiden Wakefield
- Alicia Godsmark
- Verity Badham
- Nicholas Maslen (E)

5M
- Kyrus Scott
- Bryce Drew
- Kayden Schumann
- Anita Jackson (E)

5/6G
- Travis Johnston
- Lachlan Blanch
- Bailey Speering
- Melia Mulder (E)

6W
- Jaime Dangerfield
- Joseph Forrester
- Jarrod Crook
- Chloe Rozynski (E)

Infants Sport and PE
This term infants' physical education (PE) will be each Tuesday and infants' sport will be held on Thursday mornings. Please ensure your child/ren have appropriate footwear and uniform for physical activity, a water bottle and hat.

Thank you

Infants' teachers
Bronze Awards
4R  Jax Eveleigh
5/6G  Tom Connor

Silver Awards
5M  Marni Mulder
    Dwayne Cole
    Tyler Parish
5/6G  Blake Murray
    Daniel Rowney
    Bailey Speering

Gold Awards
3C  Bryce Young-Longmire
    Kyden De Angelis
    Emma Broadhead
    Tarlia Watego
    Danieka Wakefield
    Bonnie Tonks
    Max Todd
    Mackenzie Schafer
    Trisha Richards
    Thomas Hooke
    Hailey-Jo Gruisinga
    Amelia Griffith
    Drew Gorton
    Nathan Gorton

3G  Steve Thompson
    Ryder Stuckings
    Ellayn Smith
    Zac Schafer
    Hamish Wakefield
    Jayden HARDY
    William Forrester
    Lucas Coombes
    Sam Whittaker

4R  Nathan Woods
    Aston Wisely
    Charles Tanks
    Jaykub Thompson
    Dylan Smith
    Travis Sansom
    Charlie Roy
    Sean Pilgrim
    Beau Murray
    Lachlan Gorton
    Jack Fenning
    Jackson Blanch
    Kyle Atkins

Sam Ashton
Miranda Yates
Bella Wood
Tiera-Jade Watt
Jazmyne Rolvink
Holly Mills
Lilly-Anne Murphy
Darcey Fry
Charlotte Earle-Broadley

4S  Harrison Edwards
    Kobi Redman
    Caiden Wakefield
    Curtin Woodbine
    Nicholas Maslen
    Sam Leimgruber
    Jack Johnson
    Kelly Groves
    Marcus Fish

5M  Tanai O’Brien
    Jessie Stewart
    Parker Grady
    Deaton Ketley
    Lilly Mills
    Sadbh Renshaw
    Harley Dangerfield
    Cooper Harrod

5/6G  Lachlan Blanch
    Hayden Hodgess
    Alarni Longbottom
    Elly O’Meley
    Emma Ashton
    Aiden Hawkins
    Harrison Moore
    Thomas O’Mara
    Lucas Summerville
    Mia Warwick

6W  Darcy Allardice
    Josh Anniwell
    Mauatua Barff
    Jack Blamires
    Jarrod Crook
    Jaime Dangerfield
    Kane Davis
    Chloe Edstein
    Joseph Forrester
    Sharla Gammage
**Public Speaking Competition Results**

Last week we heard from some very impressive students in the public speaking competition for Stages Two and Three.

All students had to present both a prepared speech and an impromptu speech to the audience and Mrs Dianne Montague had the very hard task of picking a winner from each year group.

Emma Ashton, Natasha Murray and Shaelie Hanson represented Year Six. It was very close after the prepared speeches but Emma’s impromptu speech on challenges saw her chosen as the winner.

Lachlan Blanch, Luke Williams, Ava Tuckwell and Brooke Willis from Year Five gave some very animated speeches that were both humorous and convincing. Once again, it wasn’t until the impromptu speeches that Ava seized the edge to win.

Elyssa Keen, Rachael Smith, Ryan Beggs and Ellie Bird competed for Year Four, taking on some interesting and unusual subjects for their prepared speeches. Rachael was chosen as the winner after a well thought out impromptu speech on water.

Mia Sharples, James Berry, Quinlan Collins and Abbey Seale made their debut for Year Three and all handled the pressure well. Mia was chosen as winner after giving a recount of her trip to the Northern Territory as her prepared speech and following up well with her impromptu.

Congratulations to all the contestants. We’ve definitely uncovered some new talent! You have already challenged yourself and succeeded, learning some very valuable skills along the way. The winners now have the opportunity to go on and represent our school in the district finals at Tuncurry towards the end of term. I will pass on further information about dates and times when they become available.

Thank you to Mrs Montague our adjudicator, our time keepers Charlie and Harrison, our compères Danielle and Emily and to the parents and class teachers who supported these students.

Kaye Leighton
Public Speaking Coordinator
Does It Look Like A Word I Know

Cookie Dough Fundraiser
For our cookie dough fundraiser our school sold a total of 464 tubs and raised $1668 for our Schools Spectacular Choir!
Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser!
A special mention goes to Sasha Fordam, who sold $624 worth of cookie dough and Rahni Coulton who sold $413 worth of cookie dough. What an AMAZING effort!
A note will go home next week, in regards to the delivery of all cookie dough. It will be approximately 2 weeks from today! All families will be required to pick up their dough from the School Hall. Prizes will arrive separately from the cookie dough and will be distributed to individual students.

Thank you for supporting our Schools Spectacular fundraiser!

Mirabai Carruthers and the Schools Spectacular Choir

Schools Spectacular Information

- **WEEKLY SONG FOCUS**: Sound of Music Medley, Climb Every Mountain and Spirit of the Anzacs.
  (We are no longer required to learn the song Safety of Distance).
- School Rehearsals will continue this week. Please ensure that all Schools Spectacular music comes to school during rehearsal time.
  
  **Rehearsal Times**: Monday Afternoon- 3:00 to 4:00pm and Tuesday Lunch time- 1:00 to 1:30pm.

Mirabai Carruthers  
Schools Spectacular Coordinator
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!

SRC Crazy Hair Disco

Last Thursday the SRC held their Crazy Hair disco with the infants attending in the early afternoon and the primary students’ disco taking place later in the evening. Many of our SRC members were present for the event taking on organisational roles ensuring the night ran smoothly and was lots of fun for all those who attended. The event raised approximately $500 which will go towards a lovely gift for our school at the end of the year.

Thank you SRC for all your hard work and special mention to Mrs Ley, Mrs Carruthers, Mrs Baker and Mrs Leighton for their assistance.

Mrs Green and Mrs McLeod
SRC
"HALLOWEEN MEAL DEAL" DAY
Thursday, 29th October

This Thursday we are having a special Halloween Meal Deal for lunch. The meal will include a hot dog and a slimy green jelly cup with a snake lollie. If you would like to order a meal deal for $5.00, please fill out the attached order form and return to the canteen. All orders by Wednesday at the latest. No late orders please or you may miss out. Anyone with food allergies who would like to order a hot dog, please notify me on 0447 727 388 before Thursday.

On another note, Strawberry milk has been hard to get recently due to a fire at the Dairy Farmers processing plant. If your child has ordered Strawberry milk and received chocolate milk instead please let them know that they can swap it for another drink if they’d prefer. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Lisa Norrie
Canteen Supervisor

Thursday, 29th October
Calling all Pumpkins, Ghosts
Dragons and Witches too
we’ve got a SPOOKY MEAL DEAL
planned just for you
A tasty big HOT DOG and a GREEN SLIMY JELLY
with a snake that will make you go oh so silly
For a haunted fun house
that you won’t BELIEVE please have your order in by WEDNESDAY PLEASE!

My child ____________________________ of class ____________ would like to order the Hot Dog Meal Deal on Thursday, 29th October. The meal includes a Hot Dog on a bun and a Jelly Cup with a snake lolly.

I have enclosed $5.00 with my _______ order.

Signed by parent ____________________________

Date __________________________