Dates to Remember

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

Kinder 2016 Smoothstart
- 23/11, 30/11, 7/12

Schools Spectacular:
- 24th - 29th November

Presentation Night: 9/12

Year 6 Farewell: 15/12

P&C Christmas Raffle

This year we are asking for donations of non-perishable goods to make baskets/hampers of goodies for a big raffle for our school and wider community. We are hoping to make 10 or more baskets/hampers to raffle.

At least two baskets/hampers will be given to charity to help families in and around Gloucester that need a little extra support at this time of the year.

We will send home a small book of tickets for 50 cents each to every family to sell and sell tickets at Presentation Night. The raffle will be drawn at the end of Presentation Night on Wednesday 9th December 2015.

Please send items to the office. A collection box will be located in the admin office. Items may include:

- Cans of food or drink
- Christmas items - e.g. bon bons, puddings
- Unused toiletries - e.g. shampoo, conditioner, hair items
- Packets of food
- Kitchen items etc.

Any items suitable to fill a clothes basket to make a large gift hamper would be appreciated. Please do not send any second hand or used items. Thank you for your support and for helping us raise funds for the students of Gloucester Public School.
Message from The Principal

Choir
I would like thank the choir members and their parents/carers for representing the school so beautifully last Friday night at the Gloucester Country Club for the Tidy Towns dinner.

Cookie Dough
Thank you to all the parents/carers for purchasing cookie dough and supporting the students attending the Schools Spectacular. I am lucky enough to be joining Mrs Carruthers and the choir on Friday 27th November. I am really looking forward to the experience.

Presentation Night
Please place our Presentation Night into your diary. Presentation Night is on Wednesday 9th December starting at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Shade Cover
As you may be aware, the shade cover in the infants’ playground was vandalised and now needs replacing. The P&C were successful in gaining a community grant of $5000 from AGL to go towards the cost of replacing the shade cover. I would like to thank AGL for their generous donation. The shade cover will cost approx $6200. The remaining $1200 will be covered by school funds. I have started the process of applying for the replacement shade cover through the asset unit.

Kindergarten Orientation
I would like to thank the P&C for the lovely morning tea at yesterday’s Kindergarten Orientation. I would also like to thank Mrs Mirabai Carruthers for all her organisation.

The orientation morning was lovely and it was nice to see both new and existing faces. Welcome to all our new families, it was lovely to meet you. If you have any questions, please call into the school or call Mrs Carruthers or myself.

Intensive Swimming
Intensive swimming has begun and what a great time the students and teachers are having. Thank you to Mrs Moore and Mr Howland for organising this program.

Leanne Wakefield
Principal
Ruby Tonks and Stuart Turner.

Kindy Corner

We are learning...
- Weekly Blends: fl and pl
- Weekly Word Family: ‘ig’
- Weekly Sight Words: got, some, friend.
- 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

Bronze Awards
3G ~ Charli Wood

Silver Awards
3C ~ Clayton Selby

Gold Awards
5M ~ Kyrus Scott
Aiden Sopher
Bryce Drew

Class Awards
3C ~ Anna Lenehan
Josie Burley
Drew Gorton
Shania Richards
3G ~ Mitchell Hawkins
Hamish Wakefield
Ryder Stuckings
Ryan Latimore
4R ~ Jazmyne Rolvink
Aston Wisely
Sam Ashton
Emily Kearney

4S ~ Nicholas Maslen
Jack Johnson
Kate Bradbury
Declan Fordham
5M ~ Deaton Ketley
Tyler Parish
Tanai O’Brien
Jessie Stewart
5/6G ~ Daniel Rowney
Simon Collins
Marlene Sadler
6W ~ Ryan Boorer
Preston Pollock
Sarah Griffiths
Emma Simpson

Remembrance Day Service (11th November)
Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Wilson will accompany Y6 students to the Memorial Park tomorrow for the 11am service to be conducted by the Returned Services League in memory of the end of the war.
All Y6 students must be in FULL uniform, including black shoes and socks. Joggers or trackpants are not permitted.
Students will leave the school at approximately 10.45am to assemble in time for the 11am service.
Parents and community members are most welcome and encouraged to attend this service.
In the event of rain only the School Captains will accompany Mrs Wakefield to the Memorial Park.

Stage 3 Teachers

K/1/2 ASSEMBLY
2.10pm
Friday 13th November
Hosts/Item = 1B & 1S
All welcome
Crazy Cakes Day

When: This Thursday 12th November
Time: Recess and Lunch
Where: In front of the library & KM's room

The Year 6 fundraising committee is holding this exciting day to raise money to buy a gift for the school.

We would appreciate it if the Year 6 students could bring in cakes to 6W’s room as soon as you get to school on Thursday. Prices will range from 50c to $2.00.

Year 6 Fundraising Committee

School Leadership - 2016

Mrs Wakefield addressed the Y5 students last Friday to inform them of the process for the upcoming nominations and elections for School Leadership positions in 2016.

Students discussed the qualities of good leaders and were asked to think about their direction in regards to possibly leading the school in 2016.

Several students put their names forward for consideration and those students who were absent on the day will have the opportunity to be briefed by Mrs Wakefield and possibly add their names to the list for selection.

Students must receive a student vote and a teacher vote to be eligible to contest the positions available. All students were reminded that not everyone has, or wants to have, the qualities of a school leader, and that it’s okay not to aspire to leadership positions, as there will be other positions available that need to be filled for the smooth running of the student body and school in 2016.

Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Ley

Intensive Swimming 2015

Yesterday was the start of this year’s intensive swimming program. We have 50 children from year 2 to year 6 involved, going to the pool in two groups from 8.45 am.

If your child is involved, please make sure they are ready for swimming each day by-

1. Drying clothes at the end of the day
2. Making sure the children have all their gear ready every morning
3. Making sure they have their school uniform and underclothes to change into.
4. Making sure they have had a good breakfast every day
5. Making sure they go to bed nice and early every day...they will be very tired after a few days.

Thank you.

Mark Howland / Caroline Moore

Intensive Swimming Coordinators

GPS Reading Strategy Course

Lesson 9

Stretch It Out
Stage 3
Students in Stage 3 have been accessing video conferencing lessons with the State Library in Sydney and the Writing Centre in Bathurst to learn about methods of drawing and writing short stories.
The first lesson in drawing was using a grid to transfer a small image onto a larger sheet of paper, and the model for the activity was a pencil drawing of Captain Cook. The first attempt for most students was a similiarity to Captain Cook if not a recognisable likeness, however some students excelled and the best selection was shown at Assembly last Friday.
The writing lesson was conducted by renowned children’s author Paul Stafford with the children creating themselves as a bushranger. They used dice to decide the main ideas of the plot and are in the process of continuing the story to send back to Paul Stafford for marking.
This is a great resource we have in our school and it allows teachers and students to make contact with others around the state and country and to take advantage of expertise which would not normally be available to us.

Stage 3 Teachers

Year 6 Transition to HS (4th November)
Mrs Wilson and Mrs Green escorted Year 6 students to Gloucester High School last Wednesday afternoon for another orientation visit to share some experiences to get them ready for next year.
Their next half-day visit will take place at the same time (1.30-3.15pm) on Wednesday 18th November. The main orientation day is Monday, November 23rd. More information regarding the full day orientation will be sent home shortly.

Stage 3 Teachers

Canteen Update

The canteen has available for purchase Apple Slinky machines for a cost of $25.00 each. You can pick one up from the canteen on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 8:30am - 1:30pm. They are made a lot stronger than the slinky machines sold at kitchenware stores - we have used the same one at the canteen for years and highly recommend them. Why not get one for the kids over the holidays.

Have you thought about volunteering at the canteen next year? Now is the time to call in and see me. I can give you a run down on what’s involved and you can meet some of our other helpers. It’s a great way to meet new people and your kids will love seeing you too. If you can’t make it into the canteen my mobile is 0447 727 388. We’d love to hear from you.

Lisa Norrie
Canteen Supervisor

Good for Kids good for life
Packing a Safe Lunchbox
Myth: It gets too hot to pack cooked meat, dairy, eggs or other high-risk foods in children’s lunchboxes.
Fact: You can safely pack these types of perishable foods by doing the following:
- Use a good quality insulated lunch box
- Pack a freezer block or frozen drink with the cool items
- Pack the perishable foods close to the frozen item to keep them cool
- Encourage your child to keep their bag out of the sun
- Throw out any uneaten food at the end of the day
Tidy Towns Performance

Choir Performance at Tidy Towns Dinner- Thank you to all choir members who were able to attend this special event.
You were fantastic!

Sinfonia Concert

Our school choir will be performing at Sinfonia’s concert on Sunday 15 November. All choir students will need to meet Mrs Carruthers and Mrs Burrows outside our Gloucester Public School Hall at 1:00pm.
A permission note has been sent home today so please make sure this is filled out and returned to school as soon as possible.

If you would like to watch Sinfonia’s concert, you may purchase tickets at the door (See attached flyer for more information). The concert begins at 2:00pm.

We hope to see you there!

Mirabai Carruthers and Annette Burrows
**Schools Spectacular Information**

- **WEEKLY SONG FOCUS**: Ngarra and Sapphires, I know Where I’ve Been, Cartoon Medley and Cartoon Heroes.
- 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.
- **FINAL INFORMATION PACK**: Next Monday afternoon, your child will receive his/her final information pack. This pack will contain all relevant rehearsal/performance information, Schools Spec T-Shirt, hat and security lanyard.
- Fundraising Cheque: This week, you will receive a cheque from our fundraising efforts. The total amount raised has been divided equally between all 16 choir members. Please bank this cheque as soon as possible.

*Mirabai Carruthers*
*Schools Spectacular Coordinator*

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**From the Library**

Please note that library borrowing will end this week - Week 6.
Please return all books to the library.

*Hayley Watts, Teacher Librarian*

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Yummy fresh spinach from our school garden $1.00 per bunch.

Orders to Mrs Groves.
A taste of big school for next year’s Kinders
Looking for library books?

It’s that time of the year when all library books are due back in the library. Lost books can be found in amazing and unexpected places. If there is a book hiding at your house here are some places where the tricky ones have been found in the past.

Under your bed
Under another bed in your house
Between your bed and the wall
Under the covers at the foot of your bed
On top of the refrigerator (or some other high place where it was put to be “safe”)

In the car
Under the seat of the car
Between the seats in the car
Under the couch or chair
On the coffee table, under some magazines

On your bookshelves
On the floor of your closet
In your underwear drawer (or wherever you put things when Mum says to clean your room)

In a sibling’s room or backpack
In a box that was packed when your family moved to a new home

At the doctor’s office, dentist office, or eye doctor’s office
At your friend’s house
At your babysitter’s house

At your grandparent’s house or other relative’s house

I hope these suggestions help you find those slippery books that have been hiding in very good hiding spots. Please return them when you find them ASAP, otherwise a payment is required to replace them for our library.

Thanks
Miss Watts
Teacher Librarian
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