Term 4 Week 9

Dates to Remember

Assemblies
Week 9 : Awards
Week 10 : Y6 Final Assembly

Kinder 2016 Smooth start
7/12 Gloucester Citizenship Assemblies 4/12
Years 3-6  11.30-12.30pm
K - Year 2  2.00 - 3.00pm

Presentation Night: 9/12

Yearly Reports go home:
Thursday 10th December

Class Parties 14/12
Year 6 Farewell:  15/12

Gloucester Citizenship Rewards Day 16/12

Last day of school for students: 16/12

School Photos 2016 - 28th July

Canteen Roster
2/12
Melissa Feeney
Tracey Murrell
4/12
Mel Seale
Hannah Murray
7/12
Linda Dillon
Kareen Higgins
9/12
Brad Sparke
Sue Brown
11/12
Ange Parish
Tim Norrie

GLOUCESTER CITIZENSHIP AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

Friday 4th December
in the Hall

Years 3-6
11.30am – 12.30pm

Kindergarten – Year 2
2.00pm – 3.00pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

If your child is receiving an award you will receive a note.
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.
From the Principal -

TALLULAH NIXON
Tallulah or ‘Toot’ as we fondly know her was a student at our school who left us in 2014 and spent all her primary years with us (K-6). Tallulah and her family were delivered some medical news last week in which Tallulah has Leukemia and will need chemotherapy and medical help for the years to come. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and Tallulah at this time. We will be holding a crazy hair day next Tuesday 8th December, with all proceeds being donated to Tallulah and her family. Tallulah loves coloured hair, so this day will be appropriate and special for the students at our school.

GLOUCESTER CITIZENSHIP
The students have been working towards Gloucester Citizenship all year. There will be an assembly on Friday to reward those students that have achieved Gloucester Citizenship for 2015. Years 3-6 Assembly will be held between 11.30 and 12.30pm and Kindergarten to Year 2 Assembly will be held between 2.00 – 3.00pm.

The Gloucester Citizenship Rewards day will be held on the last day of school for students, Wednesday 16th December from approximately 10.30 - 2.00pm. We will be making our way to the RSL to view a newly released DVD. A note will be attached to your child’s certificate on Friday 4th December. There is absolutely no cost to this reward day. Please ensure your child returns the note by Friday 11th December. Thank you

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - WE NEED MORE DONATIONS!!
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. A BOOK OF TICKETS WAS SENT HOME WITH THE ELDEST CHILD IN EACH FAMILY. IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN A BOOK, PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S BAG. EXTRA BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE. THANK YOU

APPLE SLINKY MACHINES
Slinky machines are available from the canteen for $30 each. Please come into the canteen on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday to purchase a machine.

YEAR 6 GIFTS FROM THE P&C AND SCHOOL
The P&C and school will be presenting Casio Calculators to all Year 6 students leaving our school to use at Gloucester High School (GHS). The calculators are listed on the GHS list and are a wonderful gift from the school and P&C. This year due to the large numbers of students, the school has offered to go halves with the P&C for these gifts. The calculators are as follows: Casio FX-82AU Plus II. We hope all the students use them wisely and have them for years to come and will at times think of Gloucester Public School when using them.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR
Well, what a spectacular it was! Congratulations to all the students who attended, thank you to Mrs Carruthers for all her work and dedication, Mrs Burrows for helping and attending on Friday night and the supportive parents/carers. I had the most wonderful time and was so very proud. I shed a few tears and as a Principal thought to myself that I wouldn’t want to lead any other school. Our school is just fabulous and I love coming to work each and every day. Thank you and congratulations.
We are learning...

- Weekly Blends: sw and tw
- Weekly Word Family: 'in'
- Weekly Sight Words: how, school, again
- Number Focus: Reading, writing, counting and ordering numbers 0-1000
- Maths Focus: money, multiplication, division, fractions, area, position, 3D shapes, data

Reading Groups- Next week (week 10) will be the last week of reading groups in KM and KS. Thank you to those who were able to help in our classes!

Homework: Next week will be our last week of homework.

Home Reading- Please be aware that home reading will finish next week. All books will need to be returned, otherwise there will be a replacement fee for missing books.

Mirabai Carruthers and Alicia Taylor
Kindergarten Teachers

Bronze Award
2H Kelsey Wood

Gold Award
KM Bailey McDonald
1B Riley Schafer

Citizenship
Rhys Saunders (1B)

Class Awards
KM Hailee Labry
   Nash Griffin
   Kya Green
   Aylisa Annecchini (E)
KS Meaka Taylor
   Hayden Dark
   Hayley Green-Crook
   Benjamin Smoothy (E)
1B Luke Speering
   Seth Toohill-Sargent
   Rhys Saunders
   Matthew Galvin (E)
1S Bodhi Ashby
   Matilda Dillon
   Kailee Hogan
   Phineas Hester (E)
2H Isabella Gunn
   Ruby Bradbury
   Alex Channon
   Roze Murphy (E)
2M Georgia Hughes
   Sam Collie
   Emma Bignell
   Xavier Soupidis (E)

Kindergarten 2016 Smoothstart Program
Our last Smoothstart morning is next Monday 7th December.
Parents/carers are asked to bring their child/ren to the Kindergarten classrooms at 9.30am and return to collect them from the same area at 10.45am.

During these visits your child will gain the confidence and skills to enable them to successfully enter Kindergarten in 2016 and ensure that your child’s transition from preschool to primary school is successful.

Participation in this program is voluntary, however highly recommended.
Children need to bring morning tea, a water bottle and a hat to wear to the Smoothstart Program.

2015 Kindergarten Teachers
Year 2 Homework
This is the last week of homework for Year 2 for 2015.
There is no spelling, just a comprehension passage.
Thank you for helping your child with his/her homework during the year.

Caroline Moore and Mark Howland
Year 2 teachers.

Sporting Schools
This week is the final week for our Sporting Schools Program.
Keep an eye out for photos in our Week 10 newsletter.
Thank you
GPS Sporting Schools Team

GPS Reading Program 2015
The GPS Reading Program will finish this Wednesday for 2015. Thank you to all of our parents who have helped the program by supporting their children with reading at home and many thanks to Mrs Seale. This program will recommence in 2016.

GPS READING PROGRAM REQUEST
COULD YOU
Return the book that you borrowed?
THANK YOU - MRS SEALE

Choir
As we are heading towards the end of the term, our school choir has a number of performances coming up. Please check the dates below and ensure that your child is prepared for each performance.

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<td>Sunday 13 December</td>
<td>Carols in the Park</td>
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Our next performance is on Friday for Hillcrest's annual Christmas party. A note went home last week and students need to return this in order to catch the free bus provided by Newcombes.

Your child's general permission note will cover the performance at the Baptist Church on Monday 7 December.

Mirabai Carruthers and Annette Burrows
This year’s show, **This is Our World** was full of glitz, glamour and plenty of talent! Our choir was absolutely amazing and a credit to our wonderful school. I would like to thank all of the students for their work in preparing for this show and congratulate them on being a part of something truly SPECTACULAR. I would also like to thank all parents and carers who came down to Sydney to support our students. You helped to make their experience one that they’ll never forget!

**Broadcast Details:** Saturday 5 December, 7pm on Channel 9.
Fundraiser

SRC is planning a fundraiser for next Tuesday (8/12/15) for former student Tallulah Nixon, currently in Year 7, who has recently been diagnosed with leukaemia.

A gold coin donation is requested in exchange for the opportunity to wear a coloured headband, ribbon or unusual hair colour.

All money raised will go directly to the Nixon family, to support Toot's journey of 'Toot back to good health'.

SRC Executive
BUY A YEAR 6 STUDENT!

Are you feeling tired?
Are you overdue on your spring clean-up?

We have the answer - buy a Year 6 student to help you out!
You could get them to carry your belongings, clean out your tote tray or storeroom - maybe even get them to do your school work.

It's time to get together with your classmates, teachers, best friends and buddies, to try and snatch one of these Year 6 students at the upcoming Year 6 auction on Monday 7th December - THAT'S RIGHT ... NEXT MONDAY!

Bring a couple of dollars and see if you can bid successfully for the right to 'own' a Year 6 student for a few hours and show them who's really the boss! Year 6 students will come to your classroom on Thursday 10th for a few hours to do as you command.

All money raised goes towards the Year 6 gift to the school.
Be there or be square!

Year 6 and the Year 6 Fundraising Committee, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Green
Year 6 Teachers

From our Vege Patch:
Spinach - $1.00/bunch
Lettuce - $1.00 each

(money to Mrs Groves)
SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY
MONDAY 14th DECEMBER

TO celebrate the end of year class parties, on the 14th December 2015 the canteen will only be supplying sausage sandwiches for lunch on this day. Each sausage sandwich will cost $2.50 and needs to be pre-ordered for catering purposes. Drinks, ice creams and chips will still be available to buy as normal at lunch time.

We will also have some Christmas treats available to buy. Please note that parent/carers may order sausage sandwiches too. Please include your order on your child’s lunch order bag.

Recess will remain unchanged.

All orders and money must be back by Friday 11th December.

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Sausage Sandwich Order

Student Name: ________________________________       Class: ________________

Total number of Sandwiches: _____________________ (including parents/carers)

Sandwich Cost: $2.50 each       Total Cost: $______________ (Sandwich + Drink)

Number of drinks

Drink order: (please circle)       Choc. Milk       $2.00
                                  Straw. Milk       $2.00
                                  Plain Milk       $1.80
                                  Juice Bottles    $2.00 (ABC, OJ or Apple)
                                  Poppers           $1.20 (PP, Apple or ABC)
                                  Water            $1.20

All orders must be handed back to the canteen by Friday 11th December!
Parent/Carers order can be added to their child’s lunch order bag.

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____________________________________
GPS Reading Strategy Competition
QUIZ

Name: __________________________________________

Age: __________________________________________

1 Look at the __________.
2 I love to _____!
3 _____ ahead.
4 Does it _____ right?
5 Get your _____ ready.
6 ________ it out.
7 ________ is fun!
8 Does it look like a ____ I know?
9 Cut it into ________.
10 Start ________.
11 Keep calm and _____ a book.
12 I think therefore I _____!
13 All great leaders are ________!
14 _____ fall open, you fall in.
15 Does it make ________?

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Entering the Competition

1. The GPS Reading Strategy Competition is open to all students at GPS.
2. To enter the Competition, You should answer all 15 questions in the Quiz plus solve the hidden message.
3. You can enter by placing this form in the mailbox outside the Reading Room.
4. You may only place one entry in the mailbox.
5. All entries must be received by 3.30pm, 8 December, 2015.
YOUR LOCAL PCYC PRESENTS

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Friday - 04.12.15

Combined Junior Blue Light
Kindergarten to Year 7

6.00pm till 8.30pm
Gloucester Soldiers Club
Entertainment: MOBILISTIC DJ's
Celebrating 5 years in Operation

GOLD COIN ENTRY FOR EVERYONE - $1000
IN XMAS GIVEAWAYS - SANTA ATTENDING

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS

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