Gloucester Public School Newsletter
Opportunity - Innovation - Excellence

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Term 2 Week 2

Tuesday 28th April, 2015.

Dates to Remember

2015 Excursions:
Kindergarten 31/7
Stage 1 4/9
Yr 4 Dubbo 17-20/8
Yr 5 Lake Keepit 13-16/10
Yr 6 Canberra 22-25/6

Assemblies:
Week 2 - K/1/2 (1S) Bronze
Week 3 - No assembly
Week 4 - K/1/2 (KS)
Week 5 - 3-6 (4R) + Bronze
Week 6 - K/1/2 (KM)
Week 7 - 3-6 (4S)
Week 8 - K/1/2 (2H)
Week 9 - 3-6 (3G)
Week 10 - K/1/2 (2M)

3-6 Athletics Carnival:
Friday 8th May
K/1/2 Athletics Carnival:
Thursday 18th June

Next P&C Meeting: 25/5

Mother’s Day Stall 7/5
Father’s Day Stall 3/9

School Photos 3/8

NAPLAN Dates:
12, 13 & 14 May 2015

Canteen Roster
29/4/14
Brad Sparke
Tracey Murrell
1/5/15
Robyn Beggs
Cassie Ashby
4/5/15
Sally Maslen
Luke Brown
6/5/15
Judy Hopkins
Bev Germon
8/5/15
Louise Thurgood
Heidi Yates

Gloucester Public School captains pay their respects.

Gloucester Public School students ready for the march.

Gloucester Public School students march up Hume St.
From Mrs Wakefield -

Mother’s Day Stall
The P&C will be running the Mother’s Day stall next Thursday 7th May. Thank you to Kellie Warwick for organising this and for the P&C for organising the stall for the students of our school.
Students will be taken to the stall in class groups so that they can purchase a gift. Prices will range from $2.00 up to $5.00. Please remember to send in some money with your child on that day.

Winter Uniform
A reminder that all students should now be wearing their winter uniforms. The uniform shop is fully stocked and is open every Friday morning from 8.30 to 10.00am.

Change of Details
Another reminder that if any of your details have changed, for example, address, phone numbers, emergency contacts etc., you need to notify the office as soon as possible.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 25th May at 7.00pm in the school library. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Police Patrol and Drink Driving
Our local police will be patrolling around our school more often and breath testing morning and afternoons. Alcoholism is a wide spread problem. Parents and carers should not be drinking and driving. It is your responsibility as a parent and carer to transport your child carefully and to make sure your family is safe, happy and healthy. Drinking affects relationships between parents’ drinking behaviours and their child’s subsequent drinking behaviour as they grow up. Please travel safely around our community.

THINK U KNOW – ONLINE SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR PARENTS/CARERS
You are invited to join me at school on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at 3.30-5.00pm. The video conference will be interactive and informative and present current information about cyber safety. Please join me for afternoon tea and an information afternoon.

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016
If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.
Tia Relf, Lilly Maurer, Charles Tonks, Montanna Watego, Laura Broadhead, Hailee Labry, Mia Blamires, Jacob Whittaker.

**Kindy Corner**

**New Sounds:** Oo, Uu, Li

**New Sight Words:** it, we, come

**Numeracy:** counting forwards to 50, backwards from 20, writing and reading numbers to 30 and counting by 10s.

**Maths Concepts:** Multiplication (forming groups), Mass (weight), 3D shapes and Patterns and Algebra.

**Homework** now includes new maths challenges. You will need to locate your Zoowhiz username and password (handed out at our information evening or given out in your information pack) because there are some computer games to play!

**Zumba** has started this week. If you chose to pay weekly, please ensure that your child has their $2 ready for collection each Friday.

**Oz Opera** is coming to perform Cinderella this Friday. Please ensure you return your child’s note and money because it is such a wonderful performance to see! A permission note is in this week’s newsletter.

**Reading Groups** have started this week and are going really well. If you would still like to be a part of KS or KM’s reading groups, please see Mrs Keen or Mrs Carruthers. We would love to see more helpers in our classrooms.

**Sophie Keen & Mirabai Carruthers**

**Kindergarten Students**

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**K/1/2 Assembly**

including Bronze Awards

Friday 1st May 2.10pm

in the hall

Hosts = 1S

**Cupcake Day**

The Student Representative Council (SRC) are having a fundraiser next Tuesday 5th May. Cupcakes will be sold at recess and lunchtime in the primary and infants playground. Prices will range from 20c to $2.00. All baking contributions will be greatly appreciated and should be delivered to Mrs Green’s classroom on Tuesday morning.

**SRC Executive**

**Stewart House**

Gloucester Public School has been a longtime supporter of Stewart House, a charity that provides short term respite care for children. School donations, along with teacher pay deductions have always been significant revenue for Stewart House. Without this help, Stewart House would cease to exist.

Donation drive envelopes are going home with this newsletter today and will contribute towards Stewart House continuing. It also gives you an opportunity to win a $4000 holiday for your family.

We hope you can support Stewart House.

Thank you!

**Debbie Howland**

Stewart House Coordinator
# Shelfies

Where do you read?
We are collecting ‘shelfie’ pictures to display library.

Definition: A shelfie is a picture of you or you and your family or friends reading a book somewhere out of school.

What you need to do: Take an interesting photo reading a book and email it to Hayley.watts3@det.nsw.edu.au or bring it in on a USB. Each week one will be featured in the newsletter!

Miranda and Josie from year 4 sneaking a shelfie in the library.

Hayley Watts
Teacher Librarian

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**Year 6 Canberra Excursion**

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Final payments are due on or before 12th June. Payments can be made online if you wish using the reference number 044342.

Margaret Wilson & Eve Green
Year 6 Teachers

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Dubbo Excursion for Year 4
I am finalising costs for the Dubbo excursion in August and hope to have a note to you very shortly. I have spoken to a couple of parents who expressed a wish to begin payments already. Please feel free to begin payments at any time for this excursion as Mrs Griffin and the ladies in the office are able to record this for you. If you are paying online the reference number is 044333.
I'm sure the trip will be a great one! More details coming soon....

Rod Maggs – Assistant Principal Stage 2

Zone Cross Country
Last Friday, 24th April, 28 Gloucester Public School competitors competed in the PSSA Zone Cross Country event at Wingham.

All the competitors performed admirably as the course is rather hilly and a little slippery in places. The weather was fine and the track nicely mown and marked.

We had three runners qualify to represent the Manning Zone at the Hunter Regional Cross Country Event on Friday 8th May 2015. They are Emma Ashton who was placed first in the 12 year old girls’ event, Sam Ashton who came second in the 10 year old boys’ event and Travis Sansom who placed sixth also in the 10 year old boys’ event. Congratulations Emma, Sam and Travis, we wish you all the very best for the Regional Cross Country competition.

Keep training!
I wish to congratulate all the Gloucester cross country competitors on their behaviour and manners whilst at Wingham. I was proud of your efforts. I would also like to thank the wonderful Gloucester Public School parents who transported students to the event and then assisted me by walking the course, getting the students ready for their races, recording their placings and supervising when I was called away to marshal on the course. You all certainly made my job a lot easier and for that, I’m truly thankful.

Margaret Wilson
Zone Cross Country Organiser

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premiers Reading Challenge is well under way. Congratulations to the following competitors:

10 Books
15 Books 3–6 or 20 books K–2

Alicia Edwards Xavier Soupidis
Emily Beggs Abbey Seale
Kaitlyn Beggs Katrina Channon
Xavier Soupidis Kaitlyn Beggs
Thomas Hooke
Abbey Seale
Ruby Tunks
Katrina Channon
Anna-Rose Seale

Once students reach one of three milestones they will bring home part of a rosette to decorate. These are to be brought back into school to display on our Premier’s Reading Challenge archway in the library. Any questions pop in to see me in the library or call me.

Hayley Watts
Teacher Librarian

Winter Sport – Hockey
If your child has chosen hockey as his/her sport this term, he/she must have a mouthguard to participate. These are available at the chemist. Shin pads are also a requirement and it is worth bringing them if you have them, otherwise some shin pads will be available to borrow.

We will begin on the 15th May.

Rod Maggs – Assistant Principal Stage 2

Uniform Shop
Long sleeve and short sleeve school polo tops are back in stock. All sizes are currently available. If you placed an order in Term 1, please come and collect your order from the uniform shop on Friday.

Reminder: The uniform shop is open every Friday from 8.30am to 10.00am. Hats only are available at the office at other times.

Leanne Kearney
Uniform Shop Coordinator
Oz Opera Performance of Cinderella

Introduce your child/ren to the magic of opera through Oz Opera’s exciting performance of Cinderella.

Based on the opera *La Cenerentola* by Rossini, Opera Australia has specially adapted one of opera’s most captivating tales in a production tailored for primary school children.

Will poor Cindy learn to stand up to mean stepbrother and sister to meet her own destiny (and her Prince Charming too)? Rossini’s sparkling music will light the way through a wonderful mix of magic and drama in a fully-staged, brand new, 50 minute version of Cinderella.

**Date:** Friday 1 May  -  THIS WEEK!!

**Time:** 9:30 and 11:30am (Infants and Primary times to be decided)

**Cost:** $7  (If you would like to pay online the reference number is 057001)

Please ensure that your child doesn’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity! Fill out the permission note below and return it to your child’s classroom teacher, along with $7.

*Mirabai Carruthers*
*Performance Coordinator*

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I give my child, _________________________________________ of class, ______________ permission to attend Oz Opera’s performance of Cinderella on Friday 1 May.

- I have enclosed $7 to cover the cost of this performance.
- I have paid online.

Signed: ____________________________________   Date: ___________
Name: ____________________________________ (Please print)
Excellent Ideas!

Get Mum and Dad reading with you.

Animals with Big Ears

Buy your child a safe bedlamp and encourage the routine of reading in bed before lights-out.

Give books as presents and show your child how to care for them.

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy
2015 Test Dates

Dear Parent or Carer

The test dates for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be as follows:

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