Term 2 Week 4
Tuesday 12th May, 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 4 - K/1/2 (KS)
- Week 5 - No assembly
- 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 22nd May

**K/1/2 Athletics Carnival:**
- Thursday 18th June

**Next P&C Meeting:** 25/5

**Father’s Day Stall** 3/9

**School Photos** 3/8

**NAPLAN Dates:**
- 12, 13 & 14 May 2015

**Canteen Roster**
- 13/5/15
  - Tracey Bignell
  - Susanna Jackson
- 15/5/15
  - Ange Parish
  - Tim Norrie
- 18/5/15
  - Kareen Higgins
  - Linda Dillon
- 20/5/15
  - Leanne Kearney
  - Tonia Channon
- 22/5/15
  - Ruth Edwards
  - Mel Seale

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**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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From Mrs Wakefield -

NAPLAN
Congratulations to all the Year 3 and 5 students who started their NAPLAN today. Today, students sat the Language Conventions and Writing assessments, tomorrow is Reading @45 mins, with the Mathematics assessment on Thursday @ 45 mins. For any students that were away today, Friday is a catch up day. Depending on the number of students needing to catch up on assessments, the structure of Friday will be decided on the day. Good luck to all the students tomorrow and Thursday. All that we ask is that you try your best and do the best you can. There is a NAPLAN timetable on the front cover, which has been included in the newsletter since Week 4 Term 1. If you have any concerns or your child is away for the assessments, please contact the office, your child’s class teacher or myself.

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.

Caring or Kids Online
Did you know?
37% of children aged between 10-14 years old on Facebook, KiK, Omegle, Instagram, Whisper, Tumblr, Snapchat, Qooh.me, ask.fm and skype have strangers as ‘friends’ that are potential predators. We need to ensure that our children know that online friends are not true friends and sharing passwords or photos with them is not acceptable. Friends are people that live in the real world and strangers are people we don’t know or haven’t met. The average amount of online friends for most 10-14 yr olds is 570. No one has an average of 570 friends. Some could be predators.

Parent Tips
Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.
Find out more:  http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/howfriendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Mastering spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.
Jacob Edwards, Alarni Longbottom, Kaleb Smith, Isabella Parker, Isabella Gunn.

**Kindy Corner**

**New Sounds:** ai, ie, oa (our first double sounds)

**New Sight Words:** for, here, on

**Numeracy:** counting forwards to 100, backwards from 30, writing and reading numbers to 30 and counting by 10s.

**Maths Concepts:** Multiplication (forming groups), Mass (hefting different weights), 3D Shapes and Patterns and Algebra.

**Home Project:** Last week, your child brought home information about their pet project. This project is due on **Tuesday 26 May (Week 6)**. This learning is an extension of our Science and HSIE unit, *Staying Alive and Meeting Needs*. Please read the information carefully and support your child when completing this project. Don’t forget the writing must be completed in lead pencil and the drawings in coloured pencils. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to see Mrs Carruthers or Mrs Keen.

**Home Reading:** Home reading needs to be done every night. Lots of children have completed a whole side of their home reading log. If your child hasn’t read that many books, please make sure you are writing down the books and reading every night.

**Kindy Pet Zone:** This week, we have started a Kindy Pet Zone so KS and KM can learn how to care for different living things. We have started off by planting seeds and have put some mealworms into a habitat. Soon we will be getting tadpoles and incubating eggs in our Pet Zone. We would also like to collect some caterpillars so we can watch them transform into butterflies. If you have any in your garden at home, we would love to have them for our Pet Zone. Mrs Keen and Mrs Carruthers are finding it hard to find any at home.

**Zumba:** If you have decided to pay each week, don’t forget to bring your money in on Friday. It is $2 for every session.

*Sophie Keen & Mirabai Carruthers*
*Kindergarten Students*

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**K/1/2 Assembly**
**Friday 15th May 2.10pm**
**in the hall**
**Hosts = KS**

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**Stewart House Donation Drive**
Thank you for your support for this worthwhile cause.
Please return all envelopes to our school office by tomorrow, 13th May.
Good luck to all entrants!
*Debbie Howland*
*Stewart House Coordinator*

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**2H Reading groups**
At present, we do reading groups on Mondays and Wednesdays. From tomorrow, we will be having them on Tuesdays as well. If you could help out on Tuesdays, that would be great. 10.15 and away we go! Look forward to seeing you...you do not have to come every week, so if you can help out, come along.
Thanks
*Mark Howland*
*Classroom Teacher*
Bronze Awards - 8/5/15

3C
Emma Broadhead
Amelia Griffith
Hailey-Jo Gruisinga
Josie Burley
Skye Hill
Anna Lenehan
Mae'e Parks
Shania Richards
Trisha Richards
Mackenzie Schafer
Abbey Seale
Bonnie Tonks
Danieka Wakefield
Talvia Watego
James Berry
Kyden De Angelis
Nathan Dwyer
Drew Gorton
Tom Harris
Nathan Hill
Thomas Hooke
Lochlan Mackintosh
Oliver Sparke
Max Todd
Bryce Young-Longmire

3G
Tallulah Ashby
Ellen Griffin
Taleah Higgins
Bree Norrie
Tia Relf
Hayley Ruysch
Chloe Sams
Ellayn Smith
Quinlan Collins
Lucas Coombes
Pryce Crane
William Forrester
Dean Franks
Jayden Hardy
Mitchell Hawkins
Matthew Hester
Parker Higgins
Ryan Latimore
Zac Schafer
Ryder Stuckings
Steve Thompson
Hamish Wakefield
Sam Whittaker

4R
Gabrielle Bird
Caitlin Campbell
Charlotte Earle-Broadley
Darcey Fry
Sarah Galvin
Lilly Griffith
Emily Kearney
Elyssa Keen
Holly Mills
Lilly-Anne Murphy
Jazymne Rolvink
Tieria-Jade Watt
Miranda Yates
Sam Ashton
Kyle Atkins
Jackson Blanch
Jack Fanning
Lachlan Gorton
Ben Lawler
Beau Murray
Sean Pilgrim
Charlie Roy
Travis Sansom
Dylan Smith
Jaykub Thompson
Charles Tonks
Aston Wisely
Nathan Woods

4S
Verity Badham
Kate Bradbury
Violet Broadhead
Katrina Channon
Elise Coombes
Josephine Fitzgerald
Kourtney Maslen
Mia McBride
Jessica Murray
Olivia O'Mara
Rachael Smith
Chloe Tresidder
Bianca Turner
Ryan Beggs
Jack Bignell
Harrison Edwards
Marcus Fish
Declan Fordham
Will Griffis-Powick
Kelly Groves
Jack Johnson
Citizenship Award: Lachlan Blanch (5/6G)

Year 6 Canberra Excursion – 22-25 June
6 weeks to go!

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
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations on reading so many books!
10 Books  15 Books 3-6 or 20 books  K-2
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Thank you to those people who have been in contact with me to ask for help getting their books registered. Pop in to school or send in a note with your child. Remember, the library is open Monday – Thursday at lunch times for students to enter their books on the computers with help from myself.
Thanks,
Hayley Watts
Teacher Librarian

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We would love to see you at our “Captains, Convicts and Corroborees” Day on Thursday 28th May, Week 6 at 1.30pm to join in the fun as we showcase our work and dress up as our researched person.
Julie Groves, Amanda Coghlan, Susie McLeod and Rod Maggs
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Year 6 Science and Engineering Challenge
Year 6 students from GPS will be attending the Mid Coast Science and Engineering Challenge at Taree next week. Students will be involved in completing a variety of science-based activities in teams. This is a brilliant event that has been highly successful in previous years, providing students with a great opportunity to learn and try their skills in a fun and interactive program.
This event is proudly supported by the Rotary Club and a permission note will come home with students shortly outlining times and costs. The minimal cost will cover the bus transport which has been generously subsidised by the P&C. Participation in the event and a barbecue lunch is free!
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**GRIP Student Leadership Conference**

Yesterday, the annual GRIP Student Leadership Conference took place at Forster. We had 17 wonderful student leaders from Gloucester Public School attend. They were a delight and made it a pleasure to take these young leaders away.


The students participated energetically in a very engaging, educational and entertaining presentation designed to inform, guide and inspire young leaders. They identified positive characteristics that leaders display and developed plans to implement effectively to serve the school, the community and fellow students.

This all sounds very serious and the students did discuss many issues at length, however, there was also a great deal of fun and frivolity, with games, dances and skits.

I’m sure they are keen and knowledgeable to implement their newly learned skills and I know we, at Gloucester Public School, are in good hands.

*Margaret Wilson, Year 6 teacher.*

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**Cupcake Day**

Thank you to all our wonderful cooks who sent in such a great variety of cupcakes for us to sell.

We had a great day and raised $742.60.

*SRC Committee*  

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**Dubbo Excursion for Year 4**

The note went home last Friday! Please read the details carefully and contact Mrs McLeod or Mr Maggs should you have any questions or concerns.

We have had a strong response from parents who have expressed an interest in joining us to support the students on the trip and assist with the running of the excursion. I will need to have any further parent/carer interest in the trip to school by Monday 25 May in order to allow those parents drawn to be informed and arrangements made.

I’m sure the trip will be a great one! More details will come next term regarding what to take and medical forms.

*Rod Maggs - Assistant Principal Stage 2*  

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**Winter Sport - Hockey**

Winter sport activities begin this Friday and this term includes softball, tennis, croquet, hockey, netball, soccer and basketball. This week will begin the normal program prior to skipping a week next Friday for the athletics carnival.

Please ensure your child comes ready and will need the following things to participate:

- Basketball, Tennis and Croquet - $2.00
- Hockey - mouthguard (compulsory)
- All students should bring a hat and water bottle for each sport session.

We are also seeking a parent volunteer who may be able to transport some of our gear to and from the grounds each Friday. Please see one of the primary teaching staff if you could help out. Thanks.

*Rod Maggs - Assistant Principal Stage 2*
FOR SALE FROM THE SCHOOL GARDEN

Jap Pumpkins
$2.00 each

We’re a Sporting School!
Gloucester Public School is participating in Sporting Schools, a new Australian Government program starting from May 2015. Sporting Schools provides our students with the opportunity to access sport-based activities before, during or after school. Sporting Schools program will complement Gloucester Public School’s existing PE curriculum, allowing our students to explore a range of dynamic new sports, from tennis to bowls, athletics to cricket. Sporting Schools will help us work more closely with sporting clubs in our community and tap into the large pool of talented sports coaches in the Gloucester community.

Sporting Schools is funded by the Australian Government and so there will be no additional cost to parents. Please contact the school with any questions about this exciting new program.

Thank you
Eve Green and Melissa Seale

Sporting Schools will kick off at Gloucester Public School from Tuesday 19th May.
It will run for 5 weeks.
For: Students K-6
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 3-4pm
Where: Meet outside Mrs Schafer’s wet room
What: Please bring your hat and a water bottle.

We hope you can come!

Next Friday (22nd May) is the primary sports carnival so anyone wishing to order lunch on this day will need to have their orders to the canteen on Wednesday, 20th May. Please make sure that your NAME AND HOUSE NAME is clearly written on your order.

Unfortunately, due to increased costs the price of sausage rolls has risen to $2.80 this term. If you need a copy of the winter menu you can call into the canteen on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Alternatively it can also be found on the GPS website: www.gloucester-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

It’s never too late to volunteer in the canteen, so if you have some free time call in and see me or call on 0447 727 388. All help is greatly appreciated and it’s a good way to meet other parents.

Lisa Norrie
Canteen Supervisor

A Suitable Reading Environment

A Suitable Reading Environment should be:
- Quiet.
- Comfortable.
- Where you can be close to your child.
- Relaxing for both you and your child.
- Free from interruptions.
- Enjoyable, interesting and passionate.
- Full of opportunities to praise your child.

REMEMBER to be seen as a READER YOURSELF
Don’t yell, move closer

As a busy parent it’s easy to give your voice a work out when you don’t get the cooperation you want from your children.

You know how it goes.

You want your son or daughter to give you some help and they don’t respond.

Perhaps, you want a child to stop annoying his or her sibling.

Or you simply want your kids to QUIETEN DOWN inside.

When your request for cooperation is ignored.

So you do what over 90% of parents do. That is, you repeat yourself. Then if that’s still ignored you RAISE the volume.

‘I’ll yell at them. That should work!’

Hmm, I’m not so sure. Usually yelling only succeeds in producing parent-deaf kids.

If yelling, shouting or raising your voice is a habit you’ve developed to get cooperation then here’s a great strategy to use instead.

Next time your kids ignore a reasonable request move close to them and quietly repeat your request once.

No aggression, just expectation.

It means you may need to stop what you are doing. So be it.

Proximity is a powerful influencer. Great teachers know this. That’s why they move around in class so much: to teach and also to manage.

So save your voice for conversation, encouragement and affection.

Use your body effectively to manage kids.

The key, of course, is to do it.

My challenge for you is to bite your tongue when you want to yell. Take a deep breath (as the Mood Meter teaches you) and move into your child’s proximity. Don’t stare him down. Just be close to him or her.

Keep doing it and the cooperation levels you get from your kids will increase astronomically over time.

But you’ve got to do it.

In future don’t yell, move closer.

Michael Grose
22.5.15 @ 7.30PM

JUNIOR BLUelight
7.30pm till 9.30pm
Yrs 3 to 7
Gloucester Soldiers Club
Entertainment: MOBILISTIC DJ's

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES

Blue Light

22.5.15 @ 5.30PM

JUNIOR BLUelight
5.30pm till 7pm
Yrs K to 2 (last year Preschoolers welcome)
Gloucester Soldiers Club
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Blue Light

No alcohol | No drugs | No passes | No Smoking

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# Sporting Schools Participation Consent Form – Parent/Guardian

**School/Out of School Hours Care Service (OSHCS) details:**

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**Child/ren details:** To be completed by parent/guardian. PLEASE USE CAPITALS
Please include all children who are participating in the Sporting Schools Program this year.

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**Consent/Authority to participate in the Sporting Schools Program:**

1. As the parent or legal guardian of the children named above (my child/ren), I give permission for my child/ren to participate in the Sporting Schools Program activities specified above, to be conducted by the School/OSHCS named above.
2. I agree to release the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) from any liability to my child/ren or myself in relation to any injury or illness that my child may suffer, and for loss or damage to property, in connection with the activities.
3. I acknowledge and agree that the School/OSHCS collects personal information for the purposes of conducting the activities, and that the School/OSHCS may provide this information to the ASC for the purpose of reporting on the Sporting Schools program.
4. I give permission to the supervisors of the activities appointed by the School/OSHCS to implement the School/OSHCS code of conduct and/or take other reasonable measures to ensure the successful conduct of the activities and safety of participants.
5. I give permission for my children to walk to a sporting venue or club to participate in Sporting School activities. I also consent to them travelling by bus, to the venue, in the event of wet weather. I understand that I will need to pick them up from the venue.
6. In the event of an injury or illness to my child/ren, I authorise the supervisors to apply or arrange first aid and to arrange examination by medical practitioner and, if contact with me is impossible, to arrange whatever medical treatment necessary.
7. I have provided all information necessary for the supervisors to plan safe participation by my child/ren in the activities, including, if relevant, details of any activities that my child/ren should not participate in or that should be modified due to medical reasons.

I have read, understood and agree to the above terms and conditions.

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