Term 2 Week 6

Tuesday 26th 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 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 5th June

K/1/2 Athletics Carnival:
- Thursday 11th June

Father’s Day Stall 3/9

School Photos 3/8
Whole School Photo 7/8

Canteen Roster
27/5/15
- Judy Hopkins
- Bev Germon
29/5/15
- Tim Norrie
- Rachel Blanch
1/6/15
- Ruth Edwards
- Evelyn Vallins
3/6/15
- Brad Sparke
- Melissa Feeney
5/6/15
- Ange Parish
- Cassie Ashby

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Natasha, Brooke & Keely (top left photo) - overall winners of the week in the bridge challenge, including all high schools and independent teams.

Gloucester Team 2 (top right photo) had the overall highest pointscore for the week.
From Mrs Wakefield -

THINK U KNOW – DON’T MISS IT – KEEP UP TO DATE WITH CYBER SAFETY
As you are aware, a ThinkUKnow presentation for parents, carers and teachers is scheduled to be delivered at our school on Tuesday 2nd June at 3.30pm. Barrington Public School is participating in the same video conference and Mrs Wise and myself have organised this jointly for our school communities.

The purpose of this presentation is to raise awareness of the issues facing young people online including:

- Technologies and apps popular with children and young people;
- Privacy management (never giving personal details or family information);
- Scams, fraud and identity theft;
- Online grooming;
- Sexting;
- Cyber-bullying;
- Reputation management;
- Where to go if things go wrong;
- Steps to improve cyber safety and security.

Dangerous Apps for kids continued from last week...... Please find last week's newsletter if you would like the first part of Dangerous Apps.

Please be very vigilant. Cyber safety is exactly the same as stranger danger education. Protect your children, keep up to date and know your stuff!

**Vine** - Allows users to watch and post six seconds of videos. While many of the videos may be harmless, porn videos pop up in the feed, exposing children to explicit material. Predators utilise this app to search for children and find their location. They then connect with them via other messaging apps.

**ChatRoulette and Omegle** - These apps allow you to video chat with strangers. Not only are users chatting with strangers, they could be chatting with a fake stranger. At times, chat sites have warnings when people are chatting using fake webcam software, however many people still manage to use these apps illegally.

**Tinder** - Tinder users post pictures and scroll through images of other users. When they think someone is attractive they can ‘flag’ the image. If that person has also ‘flagged’ them in return, the app allows you to contact them. This app and similar apps such as DOWN, SKOUT, PURE and BLENDR are primarily used for hooking up with strangers.

**Poof** - Hides other apps on your phone. You select which apps you would like to hide and their icons will no longer show up on your smartphone screen. If children/young adults have apps they want to keep hidden from their parents/carers, all they have to do is download this app and ‘POOF’, their screen is clear of any questionable apps. If you see the Poof app on their phone, you may want to ask them what they are hiding.

**Science and Engineering Challenge**
Congratulations to all the staff and students who represented our school last Wednesday 20th May at the Science and Engineering Challenge at Taree Racecourse. The school community is very proud of your work and the placings. This is the second year that Gloucester Public School has won the challenge. Our students were teamed with Barrington Public School last year and St Joseph’s Primary School this year. A great day was had by all. Thank you for representing our school with pride.

**New App for our school**
SKOOLBAG - A new mobile App for our school will be available within the next 2 weeks. It is a great communication tool and a very easy way to let you know what is happening in our school community. Please look up SKOOLBAG on the internet and find out more if you are interested.
New Sounds: Zz, ee, or 

New Sight Words: with, get, have 

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

Maths Concepts: Division (sharing), Position, Fractions (halves and quarters) and Data (picture graphs). 

Home Project: Don’t forget that Kindergarten’s Pet Project is due TODAY! All students must hand in their project this week because we will be presenting them to our classes next week. 

Home Reading: Does your child read a home reader every night? Every time your child practises reading, they get more confident with their reading strategies and progress quickly in their learning. Please make sure this is a priority at home! 

KM assembly: Don’t forget that KM will be hosting this week’s assembly. Please make sure your child has brought in his/her costume by Thursday. 

Kindy Pet Zone: Question to ponder... Do you know how long it takes a chick to hatch out of an egg? KS and KM know the answer to this question. 

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. 

Spare iPod touch and iPhones 
1S are desperately after donations of any old iPods touches and iPhones to use for listening centres. If you have any old devices sitting around that you would like to donate to 1S we would greatly appreciate it. 

Amy Schafer, Classroom Teacher 

We’re a Sporting School! 
Our after school program is proving to be very popular with 40 students already enrolled and a massive 28 students attending our first session. It is not too late to enroll your child in the program that we are running this term. Just grab an enrolment form at the front office and once it has been completed and returned, your child will be able to start. Remember, our Sporting Schools Program is only running for 5 weeks this term with Thursday 18th June being the last session. Thank you! 

GPS Sporting Schools Team 
Eve Green, Melissa Seale, Amanda Coghlan and Hayley Watts. 

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 19th May to Thursday 18th June inclusive. 

We would love to see you!
Year 6 Canberra Excursion – 22-25 June

4 more 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

FOR SALE FROM THE SCHOOL GARDEN
Jap Pumpkin - $2.00 each
Spinach - $1.00/bunch

Maths Olympiad

Well done to the Stage 3 Maths Olympiad students who completed their first challenge last week. Saphira Snow was our highest performer, solving four out of the five questions successfully. The purpose of Maths Olympiad is to teach major strategies and develop flexibility for mathematical problem solving.

Following on from last year, we will again be running our GPS home maths Olympiad. Each week in the newsletter there will be a problem solving mathematics question for families to attack at home together. Solutions need to be placed in the box in the office by Friday of each week. Your piece of paper must have the solution and your family’s name on it. Families may not use a calculator and Maths Olympiad students may not give their families the answer.

The best performing family overall during Terms two and three could win a $50 voucher to a local business at the end of the challenge. The competition starts today. Here is your question for this week to ease you into it.

What is the value of N that makes the sentence true:
$1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 = 8 \times N$

Eve Green
Maths Olympiad Coordinator

Primary Art Exhibition- Gloucester Art Gallery

The Gloucester Art Gallery has a Primary Art Exhibition on at the moment. It showcases some of the wonderful artwork our classes do at Gloucester Public School and other schools in the area. Make sure you go and have a look because you might spot your child’s artwork hanging up.

Mirabai Stockwell

Schools Spectacular

I still haven’t received the results from our audition. Hopefully, we will find out if we were successful next week. Hang in there… it won’t be long now!

Mirabai Stockwell

CHOIR PERFORMANCE - TAREE EISTEDDFOD

On Wednesday 3 June, the Gloucester Public School choir will travel to Taree to perform at the Manning Entertainment Centre as part of the Taree Eisteddfod.

Choir members will need to be at school at 8.20am, ready to leave at 8.30am. We will be back at school by lunch time.

The cost for the bus will be $5.00 per student.

If you would like to come over and watch the choir perform, our section begins at 10.00am.

COSTUME: Students need to wear all black clothes with sensible black shoes. Girls can wear leggings/ long skirt/ long dress etc.

Please have your children dressed in their costumes when they come to school on our performance day and pack their school uniforms in their bags.

Please sign the permission note and return it to school with the money, before Friday 29 May.

Annette Burrows & Mirabai Carruthers
Choir Teachers

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Year 6 Science and Engineering Challenge

Last Wednesday, the Year 6 students travelled to Taree to compete in the Science and Engineering Challenge which is sponsored by Mid Coast Water (major sponsor), Taree Wingham Race Club, AGL Gloucester, Engineers Australia (Newcastle Division) and the Rotary Clubs of Zone 4 and Dungog.

The students experienced aspects of science and engineering which they would not usually see in their school environment.

Gloucester Public School’s Team 1 came third (967 points) and Gloucester Public School and St Joseph’s Primary School combined forces to create a team that took out the challenge with 1212 points.

Congratulations Year 6 on your behaviour, enthusiasm, teamwork and clever, creative thinking. What an outstanding result from all of you.

Margaret Wilson
Science & Engineering Challenge Organiser

Dubbo Excursion - Year 4

A reminder to all parents/carers of Year 4 students that they need to have the $50 deposit paid by tomorrow, 27th May to secure their child’s place on the trip in August.

This deposit will allow us to confirm accommodation, coach travel and venue bookings in Dubbo in the lead up to the excursion and begin organising catering.

Should there be any issues with your child’s participation in this excursion, please see his/her class teacher as soon as possible.

If there are financial concerns, please make a time for a confidential meeting with Mrs Wakefield over the next week or two.

Also, a big thank you must be given to all those parents who put their names forward for the excursion as a supporting adult. The response was truly overwhelming.

Steven Bignell, Jayne Fry and Luke Kearney will be joining us on the trip and slogging it out in the kitchen. I hope they realise what they’re in for! It will be great fun.

Rod Maggs and Susie McLeod
Year 4 Classroom Teachers

Stage 2 “Convicts, Captains and Corroborees” Day this Thursday

This Thursday 28th May is our special day - a chance to show off our work and have some fun!

The students have produced some outstanding posters and well-scripted letters from their researched people from the days of British colonisation. Now they get the chance to don their period costumes to really get in the role.

Parents, family and friends are welcome to attend from 1.30pm to 3.00pm to join in the fun and learn a little about days of the early colony. Don’t worry…. there is no need for you to come in fancy dress unless you really want to! We have a variety of activities planned and will need some parents to assist us in running some of the games. If you can help, let your child’s class teacher know.

Students should come dressed in normal uniform in the morning and bring their costume in a separate bag. They will change after recess ready for our event.

Hope to see you there!

Julie Groves, Amanda Coghlan, Susie McLeod and Rod Maggs
Stage 2 Teaching Team

2015 Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Due to wet weather last Friday, our carnival was postponed. On inspection of the grounds at 7.00am on Friday morning and the forecast, a decision was made. As the day progressed, there is no doubt that the carnival could not have taken place - good call Mr Maggs.

The carnival will now run on Friday 5th June. Many thanks to the parents/carers who offered their assistance. I will roll your names over to the next date and look forward to seeing you there.

Eve Green
Carnival Co-ordinator
PSSA Girls Netball - Knock-out round 2
Due to rainy weather last week, netball was cancelled.
Our girls' netball team will play Stroud Public School this Thursday, 28th May at the Rec Centre at 9.00am.
Sophie Keen and Cemone Baker
Netball Coordinators

***MILKSHAKE DAY***
THIS THURSDAY, 28TH MAY

This Thursday is "Milkshake Day" so make sure you get shaking to snap up your chocolate or strawberry shakes. They will only be available at recess time and cost $1.50 - what a bargain.

Lactose free option will be available.

The primary sports carnival has been rescheduled for Friday, 5th June so, once again, anyone wishing to order their lunch on this day will have to get their orders in on the Wednesday prior. Please note your name and house name on your order. No slushies can be ordered on this day.
Canteen is open as normal for Infants students.
Lisa Norrie
Canteen Supervisor

YOUR LOCAL FRSNW FIRE STATION
40 KING STREET, GLOUCESTER

It is that time again when we open up our station to the boys and girls from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 30th May.
Please come along with your parents to look through our station and meet the fire brigade personnel that look after our town.
There will be activities for the kids as well as a presentation for the parents regarding fire safety and prevention around your home.
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE
Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Mark Edwards on 0427899006 or mark.edwards@fire.nsw.gov.au
K/1/2 Athletics Carnival

SAVE THE DATE- Thursday 11th June, back up date – Thursday 18th June 2015

On Thursday 11th June, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be holding their annual Athletics carnival at the Gloucester sporting ovals. The day will commence at approximately 9.45am.

Students and staff will leave the school at 9.15am and walk down to the ovals.

Students will need to bring their school hats, recess, lunch, water bottles, sunscreen, something to sit on (eg, plastic bag) and wear their sports uniforms.

If you wish to take your child / children home at the completion of the carnival, please complete the note attached to this newsletter and return it to your classroom teacher. Thank you.

We are also after parent/ carer helpers on the day to help with marshalling and handing out places on the finish line. If you can assist at any time, please complete the note below and return it to Mrs Schafer as soon as possible.

If you are able to help out, we do require a ‘Working with Children Check’. This is free and is available online at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au. Please provide this number to the school office as soon as possible. We strongly encourage all parents to apply for this certification to support the school in any event or activity. It is there to protect our volunteers and students.

Amy Schafer
Assistant Principal

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Infants’ Athletics Carnival

I am able to assist at the infants’ athletics carnival on Thursday 11th June 2015.

Name (please print): __________________________ Signed: _______________________

‘Working with Children Check’ Number: __________________________

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Infants’ Athletics Carnival

I will be taking my child/children _________________________ of class/es ___________ home with me at the completion of the Infants’ Athletics Carnival.

Name (please print): __________________________ Signed: _______________________

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Ten year-old Elle liked to be active, but one weekend things got out of control. A jazz ballet concert, a game of netball, and a family visit to her cousin’s house meant no time to herself.

And she let her parents know it with constant moaning, as well as a tantrum or two.

Her father held his tongue for most of the weekend, but couldn’t help but give her some fatherly advice on Sunday night. “You’ve spent the whole weekend moaning about how busy you are. Maybe you need to drop one of your activities, if they are stressing you out so much!”

A tantrum followed…from Elle.

Elle’s mum took a different tack. She had a hunch that something was bothering her daughter. “You sound like something is bothering you big-time. What’s up?”

“I’ve got to give a talk at school on Monday in front of the whole school and I haven’t time to prepare. It’ll be awful and everyone will laugh.”

Her mum replied, “You sound like you might be pretty nervous. That makes sense. Giving a talk in front others can be nerve-wracking.”

Elle dropped her shoulders, smiled and said, “You bet!” She was relieved because her mum understood how she felt. In fact, her mum had unlocked the problem for her and reflected back how she felt.

Elle’s dad focused on her behaviour and responded in kind (with well-meaning advice about her future behaviour), while her mother focused on the feelings that acted as a possible driver to her daughter’s behaviour. She took an emotionally smart approach, which turned out to be the right one in this circumstance.

Emotionally intelligent parents don’t dismiss children’s behaviour and allow kids to do as they please. There are times that we need to focus on a child’s behaviour. A child who is rude in public should be reminded in no uncertain terms that poor manners are inappropriate.

However, there are times when smart parents need to look beyond the obvious behaviours to get an good understanding of what’s happening to their child, and to help a child better understand and manage their emotions.

So what does an emotionally intelligent parent look like? And importantly what is the impact on kids, parents and families of this approach?

Emotionally intelligent parents have the following five attributes in common.

They will usually:

1. **Listen more and judge less**
   There is nothing better than being understood. Parents who operate from an emotionally-smart mindset are more likely to listen to their kids when emotions are high, trying to access what may be going on, rather than clamping down on their behaviour or closing them down with well-meaning advice.

   **IMPACT:** Better, more open relationships.

2. **Accept strong emotions**
   Anyone who lives with teenagers will know that emotions can run very high. They can say the worst possible things to each other and, at times, to you. Ten minutes after delivering a hateful tirade they can be cuddling up to the person who was the butt of their anger, frustration or anxiety. Emotionally intelligent parents know that feelings need to expressed rather than bottled up, and allowed to fester. They also believe there is nothing so bad that a child can’t give voice to in a family, however there are behaviours that are not unacceptable.

   **IMPACT:** A healthy expression of emotions.

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Focus on the present
Most parents are rightfully future-focused. We focus on the homework that needs to be handed in tomorrow; the washing that needs to be done; the meal that needs to be cooked. That’s part of everyday life. Children generally focus on the here and now. That of course can be frustrating to a task-oriented future-focused mother or father. However when we lower our gaze we are more likely to pick up how kids are feeling, and importantly help them understand and manage their moods and emotions.
IMPACT: Happier families and less stress felt at home.

Use rules rather than their moods to determine discipline
Some parents discipline according to their moods. If they feel good then they give children plenty of lenience. If they are feel bad then they pick their kids up on every little thing. It’s better to stick to the family and house rules; that makes you more predictable, which kids really crave.
IMPACT: More consistent parenting.

Develop a language around feelings
A family develops a vocabulary around the things that are important to them. Kids in a sport mad family will inevitably have a rich vocabulary around their chosen sport. The same holds for emotional intelligence. Families that truly value building emotional smarts will develop in kids a rich palette of words that will help them describe how they feel. This vocabulary will inevitably stay with them for life.
IMPACT: Better relationships later in life at work and in their own families.

At a time when anger and anxiety has never been so high in families, there is a massive need for a parenting approach that includes emotional intelligence. Many parents struggle in the area of helping children understand and manage their emotions because we’ve never had any training in it. We didn’t learn it from our parents, and more than likely haven’t learned it at work. Emotional intelligent parenting can be learned. At Parentingideas emotional intelligence is central to the work we do with parents. We know first hand that kids who have parents versed in Emotional Intelligence are more likely to raise kids with the skills to be happier, enjoy better relationships and experience more success at school.

NEW Parents Online Payments

Gloucester Public School Parents and Carers can now make payments online for the majority of school events. The $ Make a payment link is now on the front page of the school’s website.

By selecting the $ Make a payment link/tab, you will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb website payment page. For security and privacy of data no student details are maintained within the Westpac website. You will need to enter the details with each payment.

When clicking on the link/tab, you will no longer be in the school’s website. There are no passwords or PINs to remember. The payment process is quite simple and all you need to do is follow the format, which is like many other sites that you may already use on a daily basis. All NSW DEC schools use Westpac as their financial institution.

HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT

You will complete the necessary details, some of which are mandatory.

All mandatory items will be marked with an *. If a mandatory item is not completed, the payment will not be accepted or processed. A receipt can be printed from the payment page or if you cannot print, you can save the page as a PDF and print your receipt later and keep it for your records. You do not need the student registration number, which is listed on the page, as this is an optional section.

The Westpac QuickWeb payment screens are:

1. Entering payment details
2. Entering credit card details
3. Confirmation of payment details and
4. Online Payment Receipt

Entering payment details

This screen captures the student and payment details. This is in order for the payer (you) and the school to identify the student that the payment applies to and what the payment is for. These details are critical to ensure that the right student is credited for the right items.

On the note sent home from the school relating to the event, we will include the title of the excursion and an ID number for the excursion. You will need both the title and ID number of the excursion to enter in as details, as well as your child’s Date of Birth (DOB). You will need the DOB to distinguish a student especially those with the same name.

The items listed on the payment page are:

Voluntary school contributions - $30.00 or any donations
Subject contributions - Use this to pay for SMART PACKS
Excursions - (5 payment lines) use this to pay for specific excursions e.g. Dubbo, Canberra, Lake Keepit, etc.
Sport - (5 payment lines) use this to pay for sporting events
Creative & Practical Arts - use this for some performances, drama, etc.
Sales to Students - our school will not use this at this time
Other - (5 payment lines) use this if you need to pay for a family e.g. 3-4 students. Each student must have their own line and amount. It is preferable to pay for each child separately and not a family in a bulk payment.
This production by the Watoto Children’s Choir presents the vitality of the new Africa. Its vibrance, urban sound and colour takes you on an emotional journey from utter despair to joyous celebration as the children share their stores.

Each of the children in the choir has suffered the loss of one or both of their parents. As part of a bigger Watoto family in Africa, they now live in Watoto village homes provided with all that they need to grow up healthy and whole.

The Watoto Children’s Choirs have travelled since 1994 as Ambassadors of the millions of African children in need of hope. Their audiences come from all walks of life including the Queen of England, President George Bush, the UK, Australian, Canadian and Scottish parliaments and the greater public, warming many hearts wherever they go. ENTRY IS FREE.

Taree Eisteddfod:

I give permission for my son/daughter, _____________________________ of class ______, to travel by bus to and from the Eisteddfod at the Manning Entertainment Centre at Taree, as part of the Gloucester Public School Choir on Wednesday 3 June 2015. Students will return to school by lunchtime.

I enclose $5.00 to cover the cost.

Signed: ____________________________ (Parent/Carer) Date: ________________

Name (please print): _______________________________
Name: ___________________________________  Class: _______________

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