Term 3 Week 1

Tuesday 14th July, 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

NAIDOC Day: 16/7

Horse Sports: 17/7
R/League Gala Day:17/7

K/1/2 Athletics
Carnival: Thurs 23/7

Zone Athletics: 7/8

Premier’s Reading
Challenge finishes: 21/8

Grandparents’ Day +
Book Fair 28/8

Father’s Day Stall 3/9

School Photos 3/8
Whole School Photo 7/8

P&C Meeting: 27/7

Presentation Night: 9/12
Yr 6 Farewell: 15/12

Canteen Roster
15/7/15
Bev Germon
Judy Hopkins
17/7/15
Ange Parish
Brad Sparke
20/7/15
Linda Dillon
Karen Higgins
22/7/15
Leanne Kearney
Liz Davis
24/7/15
Hannah Murray
Louise Thurgood

Year 6 in Canberra
From Mrs Wakefield -

NAIDOC / MULTICULTURAL DAY

This Thursday is NAIDOC Day at our school. Lunch as a meal deal will be provided free of charge to all students which will include a hot dog and a Poppa. If your child does not wish to eat the meal deal or cannot eat the meal deal due to a medical condition, please pack your child his/her own lunch. Please pack recess as per usual for your child/ren. Please wear full school uniform to NAIDOC/Multicultural Day.

Woolworths Earn and Learn starts tomorrow Wednesday 15th July until Tuesday 8th September
We are excited to be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program this year. The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives schools and early learning centres around Australia the chance to earn new educational resources.
Make a difference for our school, Gloucester Public School
- Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every $10 spent.
- Stick the Woolworths stickers onto the Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker sheet.
- Once it’s complete, pop it into the collection box in the front office. You can download more Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker sheets from the website woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Gloucester NAIDOC Day thank you
Thank you to all the students and families who attended the Gloucester NAIDOC Day on Sunday 5th July to either dance in the Aboriginal dance group or sing in the choir. It was lovely to see so many students representing our school.

Gloucester Public School App
Just a quick reminder to download our free App from the App Store or Google play. Stay in touch with our school by using the skoolbag App. Visit www.schoolbag.com.au
Instructions on how to install skoolbag on your Smartphone or Android device were in previous newsletters. Please visit our website to access previous newsletters.

School Photos
School photo day is on Monday 3rd August. Photo envelopes are included with this newsletter and should be returned to school with the correct money on photo day. If you require a family photo, these envelopes can be collected from the office. Group photos will be available at a later date.
New Sounds: th, er, ou

New Sight Words: as, be, or

Numeracy: counting forwards to 200, backwards from 50, writing and reading numbers to 100 (and beyond), and counting by 10s and 5s.

Maths Concepts: addition, subtraction, patterns, 2D shapes, volume and capacity, and time.

Kindergarten Excursion: Our excursion to Oakvale Farm will take place this term in week 3. A permission note was sent home last term. Please make sure you read the information carefully and return your note and money to the school as soon as you can. If you have any questions, please see your classroom teacher.

Homework: This week, your child will bring home their first homework for Term 3. Please ensure you complete and return homework each Friday so your child doesn’t miss out on a homework reward at the end of the term.

Home Reading: Don’t forget to pack your home reading folder every day, so your child can borrow a new home reader.

Reading Helpers: Thank you to the wonderful parents, friends and families who are coming in this term for reading groups. We really appreciate your help! Reading Groups begin THIS WEEK! If you would like to help in KS or KM’s reading groups, please send in a note to your classroom teacher.

Sophie Keen & Mirabai Carruthers
Kindergarten Teachers

Class Awards (Week 10)

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Makaylee Gooch
Chloe Doolan
Jacob Whittaker (E)

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Lyla Cawley
Cooper Gunn
Ellie Berry (E)

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Bodhi Ashby
Ale’andra Parks
Krystal Penfold (E)

1B
Jamie Richards
Marley Young
Cheyla Selby (E)

2H
Kurtis Sullivan
Aleasha Cawley
Roze Murphy (E)

2M
Jaxon Griffis-Powick
Kayla Blanch
Shannon Atkins (E)

’Sneeze Safe’ Website

It sure is winter time and unfortunately at this time of year we get many sniffles, colds and the spread of germs. It would be helpful (and ‘healthful’ … if such a word existed) if every student knew how to blow their nose and to have a tissue or handkerchief when needed. Please find with this newsletter, a website contact that is full of great information and games that your child can play. Also, there are details for a competition for your child to win an iPad Air and Playstation.

Debbie Howland
PDH Teacher
### SILVER AWARDS (T2 Week 10)

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Library Bags

Library bags are on sale at the library for $2 for the next two weeks only! (Usually $3 each)

Each student needs to bring their own library bag each week so that our library books stay clean and protected. Bags can be plastic or fabric and please make sure your child’s name is on it!

Happy reading,

Hayley Watts
Teacher Librarian

Year 6 Canberra Excursion ...
A wonderful Experience!

What a fantastic trip we had to Canberra in the last week of Term 2. The weather was very kind to us and we didn’t have the freezing days that some thought we would.

We all had an amazing time in Canberra, saw so many wonderful venues, learnt so much information and enjoyed the excitement and company of everyone who went. Some of the places that we packed in to our busy schedule were Australia’s Parliament House—meeting Dr David Gillespie MP, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Royal Australian Mint, Australian War Memorial, Electoral Education Centre, National Gallery of Australia, Geoscience Australia, Questacon, Cockington Green, the National Library…and more.

Our driver, Barry, transported us safely and told a few tall stories. Mr Higgins was an absolute trooper, always helping, guiding and reassuring. Thank you for your wonderful assistance and for giving up your valuable time to accompany us.

The students were wonderful and it was a total pleasure taking each and every one of them away. We may have not been the quietest, but we were noted for being the most involved, enthused and knowledgeable of the groups that week. They brought home many funny stories and memorable experiences.

Thank you so much Mrs Green, your support, assistance and companionship was very much appreciated, as too were the needy caffeine hits.

Margaret Wilson
Year 6 Canberra Excursion Organiser
Horse Sports
This Friday, eight Gloucester Public School students will be mounted on their ponies/horses to compete in the Taree Horse Sports Day. The riders are Bianca, Cameron and Brooke Turner, Travis Sansom, Jessica Murray, Cody Howard, Marlene Sadler and Chloe Tresidder. We wish them all the very best.

Riders and parents/carers, please don’t forget that all riders need to be dressed in Gloucester Public School’s Horse Sports uniform that consists of a long sleeve pale blue (school colour) shirt, fawn jodhpurs or moleskins, navy blue, v-necked knitted jumper, school tie and badge. Riders may ride in the GPS’s polo shirt for the sporting events. All parents/carers who are driving must also have their driver’s licence and vehicle registration (including horse float or truck) sighted at the school office.

Thanks
Margaret Wilson
Horse Sports Team Manager

We’re a Sporting School
Our after school program has proven to be very successful with over 40 students now enrolled. Our Term 3 program will start next week on Tuesday 21st July and you will have to come along to see what our focus sport will be! It is never too late to enroll your child in the program that we are running. Just grab an enrolment form at the front office and once it has been completed and returned, your child will be able to start.

Please remind your child to have his/her hat and water bottle for these sessions as it does get hot and we do get thirsty!

GPS Sporting Schools Team
Eve Green, Mel Seale, Amanda Coughlan and Hayley Watts.

MORE TIPS
After talking, your child may be ready to read to you.

Do read first if your child wants you to.

Do take turns reading parts of the story with your child.

Try leaving out the last word in the occasional sentence, letting your child anticipate the word.

Let your child join in with you.
This gets easier with practice.

Praise your child’s efforts.

Talk about the book after reading it.

Do make reading FUN!

CORRECTING MISTAKES YOUR CHILD MAKES

If the mistake makes sense, as in a misreading of house for home, let your child continue to the end of the sentence. Then go back and ask “What word is that?”

If the mistake does not make sense, lead your child to correct the mistake by allowing time to self correct.

Reread what your child has said and ask “Does that make sense?”

Finally, if the meaning is still not clear, look at the word and find familiar sounds such as ‘s’ at the beginning and ‘ing’ at the end.
Little Athletics

Gloucester Little Athletics Centre will be holding a registration day on Tuesday 21st July at the Little Athletics oval at 4.00pm. Our season commences late July and finishes mid December.

Children love to run, jump and throw so if your child would like to come along and try Little A’s we offer a two-week trial period for new athletes prior to full payment of registration fees.

Our competition afternoons are held on Tuesdays at 3.45pm with our first events to be held on Tuesday 28th July. The first few afternoons are a little chilly but it soon warms up.

New registrations please note that once daylight saving begins we start at the later time of 4.45pm to avoid the summer temperatures.

If you would like more information please contact Lyndell on 65581738 or Robyn at gloucesterlittleathletics@gmail.com
NAIDOC / Multicultural Celebrations

This **THURSDAY 16th JULY** Gloucester Public School will be celebrating NAIDOC and MULTICULTURISM with a day of acknowledgement, recognition and learning. The day will begin with a flag raising ceremony, the unveiling of Uncle Jimmy's plaque and smoking ceremony at **9.00am** with our Aboriginal community leaders and students.

At **9.45am** students from Barrington and Stratford Public Schools and the Gloucester Pre-school will join with our students in the school hall for a recognition and celebration assembly to start our day. The assembly will feature songs and dance by Gloucester students supported by their classroom teachers and AECG members.

At approximately **11.00am**, all students will be placed into groups and begin a learning journey as they rotate around various activities where they will experience aspects of Aboriginal, Tahitian, Maori and Japanese cultures.

Please bring your own recess as per a normal school day.
We will break for lunch at **1.15pm**. (Free meal deal supplied to all students unless your child does not wish to eat the hot dog or cannot eat hot dogs due to a medical condition.)
The day will be completed by **2.30pm**.

We look forward to parents and carers joining us on this day, particularly for our morning assembly at **9.45am**.

You will be more than welcome to stay and join your child as they rotate through each activity, learning new and interesting information about each culture represented.
We know all students will have wonderful day, learning new things with their fellow students from Barrington and Stratford schools.

*Amy Schafer*