Term 3 Week 2

Tuesday 21st 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

Assemblies (Term 3)
Week 2:  Infants (1S)
Week 3:  Primary (4S)
Week 4:  Infants (1B)
Week 5:  Primary (3C)
Week 6:  Infants (KM)
Week 7:  No assembly
Week 8:  Infants (K5)
Week 9:  Primary (5/6G)
Week 10: Infants (2H)

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
22/7/15
Leanne Kearney
Liz Davis

24/7/15
Hannah Murray
Louise Thurgood

27/7/15
Ruth Edwards
Evelyn Vallins

29/7/15
Tracey Bignell
Susanna Jackson

31/7/15
Robyn Beagis
Mel Seale

NAIDOC DAY at GPS
School Photos
School photo day is on Monday 3rd August. If you did not receive a photo envelope, spares are available from the office 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 taken on the day and will be available for purchase at a later date.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease
We have had a local health warning about hand, foot and mouth disease.
Hand, foot and mouth disease is generally a mild illness of childhood passed from person to person. Good hygiene helps prevent infection. What is hand, foot and mouth disease?
Hand, foot and mouth disease is generally a mild illness and has nothing to do with the animal disease called foot and mouth disease. It mainly occurs in children under 10 years of age but it can also occur in older children and adults.
Signs and Symptoms
When symptoms do occur, they include blisters that start as small red dots which later become ulcers. Blisters appear on the inside of the cheeks, gums, the sides of the tongue, hands and feet.
In infants, sometimes blisters can be seen in the nappy area. Blisters usually last for 7-10 days. Children can sometimes have a low fever, sore throat, tiredness, feel off colour and may not eat for a day or two. Very rarely, it can cause other illnesses that affect the heart, brain, or lining of the brain (meningitis), lungs or eyes.
It is usually spread by person-to-person contact. It is also spread by secretions from the mouth or respiratory system, and by direct contact with the fluid in blisters.
It usually takes between 3-5 days after contact with an infected person before blisters appear. As long as there is fluid in the blisters, they remain infectious. The virus can remain in faeces for several weeks.
Children with the disease should be excluded from school or childcare facilities until their blisters have dried. The illness should be reported to the director of the childcare centre or school principal.
What is the risk of transmission?
Hand, foot and mouth disease is common and outbreaks may occur among groups of children, such as in childcare centres.
What treatment is available?
Usually no treatment is needed. Paracetamol will relieve fever and discomfort. Do not give children aspirin. If the headache is severe, or if fever persists, consult your GP.

THANK YOU
I would like to sincerely thank the Gloucester AECG for the lovely Uncle Jimmy Clarke Memorial Plaque. I am humbled and honoured by this lovely gesture.
Thanks were also sent from Barrington and Stratford Public Schools to our P&C for their great efforts with lunch and catering for 430 people. I would also like to thank all who attended and all who helped on NAIDOC Day. It was a great day.

Thank you
Leanne Wakefield
Principal
New Sounds: oi, ue, ar

New Sight Words: if, all, you

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 next week. 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.

Sophie Keen & Mirabai Carruthers
Kindergarten Teachers

Kindy Corner

K/1/2 Athletics Carnival
this Thursday 23rd July
(weather permitting)

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their annual athletics carnival at the Gloucester sporting ovals this Thursday. 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 offered to assist with our carnival last term, we hope that you can still help this week. We will assume that you can unless we hear otherwise. A note went home with your child last week re your job allocation. Thank you in advance.

If you wish to take your child / children home at the completion of the carnival, please write a note to your child’s class teacher.

Debbie Howland
Infants Sports Carnival Coordinator

Private Vehicle Subsidy

Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay. This has also deferred for a short time, the attendance days collection process for all schools. We understand this overall will lead to a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time. Transport for NSW has advised us they are apologetic for the inconvenience.

Infants’ Sport

This term Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having sport on a Thursday afternoon. As the primary students are having sport at school on a Friday, it is very difficult to allocate enough room for each class. This term, the infants students will be learning different bush dances and we will then have a ‘Frolic’ at the end of the term.

K/1/2 ASSEMBLY
2.10pm
Friday 24th July
Hosts/Item = 1S
All welcome
We’re a Sporting School

Our Term 3 Sporting Schools program started today with a hit! The focus sports this term are Cricket and Athletics which are both very popular here at GPS and within the Gloucester community.

It is not too late to enrol your child in the programs that we are running. Just pick up an enrolment form from the front office and once it has been completed and returned, your child will be able to start.

Please remind your children to have their hats and water bottles 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.

Sporting Schools
For: Students K-6
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3-4pm
Where: Meet outside Mrs Schafer’s wet room
What: Please bring hat and water bottle
From Tuesday 21st July to Thursday 10th September (inclusive)
We would love to see you!

GLOUCESTER BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
New season starting Monday 27th July
We encourage juniors that have never played basketball before to come along.

3.30pm Training/coaching & game for juniors aged 5-8 yrs.
4.00pm Division 2 junior games
5.00pm Division 1 junior games

New game fees $5.00 per week

NSW Annual Registration fees
Under 8’s $20
8-12 yrs $60
13-18 yrs $70
Adults $85

For further information contact
Christina 0418 423 183 or 65584363

NAIDOC/ Multicultural Day

Last Thursday 16th July, students from Gloucester Public, Barrington Public and Stratford Public schools participated in a NAIDOC/ Multicultural day.

Our Aboriginal students started the day with a flag raising and smoking ceremony at the front of the school. Barrington Street Preschool then joined with the students from GPS, BPS and SPS for an assembly to discuss this year’s NAIDOC theme - We all stand on sacred ground- Respect, Care and Celebrate. The students were treated to a dance performance by our Aboriginal dance group and we unveiled their magnificent artwork that they had been creating with the help of our AECG members.

After recess, students then formed 15 groups and rotated around to 6 different activities.

Activities included:
- Traditional Aboriginal games
- Aboriginal hand colouring in
- Japanese
- Aboriginal boomerang painting
- Animal dot painting
- Tasting Kangaroo and Johnny Cakes
- Aboriginal storytelling
- Looking at Aboriginal artefacts
- Fun Aboriginal maths
- Maori
- Indian/ Nepalese

At the completion of the activities, the students were then treated to lunch provided by the GPS P &C. Students had a hotdog with a black serviette and a yellow popper. Thank you to all P & C members who came and helped out with providing lunch.

The day was a great success as we had help from many AECG members as well as other community members.

A big thank you to all of the helpers, as without your help, the day would not have been a success. THANK YOU.

Amy Schafer, Assistant Principal
HORSE SPORTS

Seven students represented Gloucester Public School and competed at Taree Horse Sports day, last Friday. They were Bianca Turner, Jessica Murray, Travis Sansom, Chloe Tresidder, Cody Howard, Cameron Turner and Brooke Turner.

The riders and their mounts were very well presented in their uniforms. The weather was quite cool, but this didn't dampen the enthusiasm or commitment of the riders from Gloucester. I was very pleased with the excellent behaviour and sportsmanship our students displayed.

Every rider from Gloucester should be proud of the way they and their horses preformed. We had three major awards going to Gloucester this year. Bianca Turner was the 9 yr Reserve Champion, Travis Sansom was the 10 yr Reserve Champion and Cameron Turner was the 11 yr Reserve Champion. This was an outstanding effort from one school. I'm sure we must have been extremely close to taking out the overall highest point score.

Thank you riders, for making it a pleasure to be your team manager and thank you parents and carers for assisting, transporting, strapping and working on events to ensure the day ran smoothly and safely.

Margaret Wilson
Horse Sports Team Manager

GLOUCESTER CROQUET CLUB
Croquet lessons are available for children from Year 3 up on Tuesday afternoons at the croquet courts from 3.15pm - 4.00pm starting from today. Please register with Mrs Menzel on 6558 4190.
The Premiers Reading Challenge finishes towards the end of this term (21 Aug). Here is a list of everyone who has made it to a reading level! Congratulations to the students who have completed the PRC already! Email me if you have any questions - hayley.watts3@det.nsw.edu.au

*Reading levels correct as of 17/7/15

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Premier's Spelling Bee!

It is that time of year where the students from years 3-6 participate in the Premier's Spelling Bee. This is a great competition that encourages children to enjoy spelling. Please help your child to learn as many words from the list as they can. See separate note for how to get the current word lists.

Important Dates:
- Week 2 and 3: Students practise their words
- Week 4: Class competitions (two winners from each class go on to compete in the school competition
- Week 5: School competition - Thursday 13th August
- Week 10: Regional competition at Old Bar P.S 16th September

Hayley Watts and Amanda Coghlan - Spelling Bee Coordinators

Create a mnemonic! A mnemonic is a memory aid.
A great way to remember how to spell words is to create a picture or a rhyme to help you. It also helps if someone else has created one for you!
We are collecting your ideas! Create your own mnemonic and we will display it on our Spelling Bee Bulletin board!
Meeting Opened 12.30 pm

Attendance: As per attendance book

Business arising from 15 April 2015
- Lisa’s contract discussed and new contract signed.
- Canteen policy has been updated and now includes the cash handling procedures and daily record keeping procedures. New policy was voted on and passed unanimously. New policy to be signed and on display in the canteen.

Moved: Sally Maslen   Seconded: Ruth Edwards

General Business Arising:
- Bank accounts: Change of accounts to either the NAB or HCCU. Tonia Channon was present at this meeting but did not vote on which Bank to use for banking. Voted on and passed unanimously to open new accounts with the Holiday Coast Credit Union. Agreed to discuss the bank accounts at the next AGM.
- Insurance renewal: new package available from the P&C federation for “association extras liability” which is an extra $70 from last year but offers better cover for the company and volunteers. Passed unanimously.
- National Teaching Excellence Award nominee - Sally and Tonia have been gathering the information needed. Applications close 31st July.
- Mid Coast Water grant - open, Robyn to apply for more iPads.

Moved: Robyn Beggs   Seconded: Tonia Channon

Canteen Report:
- We made $1,563 profit for Term 1 & 2.
- Lisa’s wage needs to increase 2.5 percent, in line with the Annual Wage Review.
- Hebby’s are increasing the cost price of pies and sausage rolls, effective 1st July 2015.
- Employment Contract for Lisa:
  - Offer a 6 month contract for Terms 3 and 4 keep the same hours which are 18 hours. Not enough profit to increase hours at this stage;
  - Specify in the contract that the canteen manager needs to hold food handling certificates in SITXFSA101 – Hygienic practices for food safety and SITXFSA201 – Participate in safe food handling practices.
- It was suggested to try Hebby’s pizza next Term. Same cost as what it would cost to make them.
- Robyn to check for amber foods percentage
- WWCCs are going well. There are quite a few parents in the system waiting for their WWCC numbers to come through.
- Have 2 new EPI pens at the school. Need to get ice packs for First Aid Kit in canteen.
- Remind milkman not to drive into school. Too dangerous. Needs to park outside on the road.
- Do a meal deal for NAIDOC day on 16 July. There will be 430 children at our school, including children from Barrington and Stratford schools. It was suggested a hot dog and drink deal, with the colours red, yellow and black, for $4.00. The drink will be a popper.

Moved: Sally Maslen   Seconded: Tonia Channon

Treasurer’s Report:
See attached report
Canteen Acc: $7,061.07
P&C Working Acc: $4,848.33
P&C Cash Reserve: $4,691.77

Moved: Robyn Beggs   Seconded: Ruth Edwards

Meeting Closed at 1.30pm

Next Ordinary Meeting 27 July at 7pm
Starting this week we will have available Ham, Cheese and Pineapple Pizza’s baked fresh from Hebby’s Bakery. A full sized pizza will cost $4.00 or you can order a half-size pizza for only $2.00. These can be ordered on any canteen day. Just a reminder on a price increase at the start of Term 2 for Sausage Rolls - now $2.80. HUGE THANKS must go to IGA for their donation of sausages and onions for our “Sausage Sizzle” day held late last term. Their generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

Lisa Norrie
Canteen Supervisor

Taree All Schools Rugby League Gala Day

Last Friday 17th July, I was lucky enough to take two teams of boys across to the Taree All Schools Rugby League Gala Day. The Under 10’s had four tough games against St Joeys, Taree West, Chatham and Forster Public School. Unfortunately they didn’t have a win, but there were some great tries scored by Hamish Wakefield and Zac Schafer. All boys improved on their tackling and showed great confidence in their last game against Taree West.

The Open’s team played 3 schools- Chatham, Old Bar and St Joeys. They had a great win against Chatham with tries scored by Darcy Allardice and Bradey Rose.

A huge thank you to the coaches of both teams - Mr Allardice, Mr Blanch and Mr Higgins, for giving up their time and helping our boys on the day. Thank you also to all parents who were involved in transporting students. Without your help, these days would not be able to run.

Amy Schafer