WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome to all our new students and their families, especially our Kindy students. Welcome back to all our existing families. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. I look forward to work with you in 2016. Please feel free to come in and talk to me at any time, my door is always open.

2016 Staff

KB Kindergarten Cemone Baker
KM Kindergarten Susie McLeod
1M Year 1 Caroline Moore
1S Year 1 Amy Schafer (AP)
2H Year 2 Mark Howland
2W Year 2 Margaret Wilson
3G Year 3 Julie Groves
3H Year 3 Debbie Howland
4C Year 4 Paul Carpenter
4L Year 4 Berrill Ley (AP)
5/6B Year 5/Year 6 Christie Baker
5/6C Year 5/Year 6 Shannon Crawford
5/6G Year 5/Year 6 Eve Green
5/6M Year 5/Year 6 Rod Maggs (AP)
Library Hayley Laurie
Learning & Support Kaye Leighton
Music/RFF Annette Burrows
School Reading Program Melissa Seale
Reading Recovery Mirabai Carruthers
School Counsellor Glenda Hudson
School Admin Manager Jill Griffin
School Admin Officers Beth Gosden and Bev Murray
General Assistants Brian McInnes and Denny Andrews

2016 Excursions

Kindergarten ) These excursions are being organised.
Years 1 and 2 )
Year 3 ) Details will be advised at a later date.
Year 4 )
Year 5 )
Year 6 - Canberra 22-25 August

Parking in Hume Street - Drop-off and Pick-up Zone

Drivers must remain within their vehicles and keep a safe distance from the car in front. Police frequently patrol both Hume and Elliot Streets and fines and demerit points apply. No double parking please, this is dangerous.
Children's Crossing

The safety of our children is one of our community's highest priorities. Children's Crossings are legally the strongest marked pedestrian crossings for managing traffic and road safety in the local streets around schools. Children's crossings play a vital role in road safety for children. When the flags are displayed during the school day they are an inflexible traffic regulation and unlike other pedestrian crossings, allow drivers no option other than to STOP. Listed below are the key things to know about Children’s Crossings:

- operates when the orange 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed
- drivers approaching a Children’s Crossing with orange flags displayed must prepare to STOP and by law must stop their cars at the stop line and wait until all pedestrians on the crossing and those about to step onto the crossing have crossed the road.

The safety of our children is paramount to everyone. The management of traffic and safety around schools is a priority issue for Council, the RTA, Police and the school. The requirement to stop and wait at Children’s Crossings is an integral part of ensuring the safety of our children. Drivers failing to stop and wait at Children’s Crossings can be issued with an on-the-spot fine of at least $211 and be subject to three licence demerit points. If you are walking your children across the road, please hold their hands to cross the road in any street surrounds the school. No matter how well they are taught, children may respond unpredictably in traffic. Please teach your child/ren to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK when they are planning to cross the road, even at a crossing.

Crunch and Sip

Crunch and Sip has already begun. Please remember to pack a small portion of fruit or vegetables with your child each day. We encourage students to pack a portion size that can be consumed in a 10 minute period. We also encourage your children to bring in a water bottle each which will be kept on their desks and will keep them hydrated throughout the day.

SMART PACK & VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Smart Packs are once again available for purchase. Thank you to all those parents who have already paid for these. The costs are as follows:

| Kindergarten | $45.00 | Years 1-6 | $35.00 |

These packs contain everything your child will require for the year; e.g., pens, pencils, glue sticks, exercise books, textbooks etc.

Please pay for your child's pack as soon as possible at the office. We would appreciate it if you would make this a priority. The code for paying online is 051624.

Voluntary school contributions will remain at $30.00 per child per year. These funds are used to assist the school to purchase items used in teaching and student welfare. Such items include expenses relating to each of the learning areas such as art supplies, equipment, sports gear, library books, take-home readers, paper, cost of photocopying and texts etc.

Payment of these fees would be very much appreciated. The code for paying online is 046001.

Leanne Wakefield
Principal

This week: Charlie Roy, Rachael Smith, Lachlan Sansom, Shania Richards, Jayden Hardy, Ava Sanderson.

Kindy Corner

Thank you parents and carers for bringing your children in for their Best Start Assessments. It was lovely to meet them all and have some one on one time together. It was great chatting with you all too! Kindergarten students have had a busy and exciting two days and we’re sure there are going to be some very tired little people around by the end of the week. After school arrangement notes are now due so be sure to return them to school with your child. Please check your child’s folder for current notes.

Reminder of special days:
Tuesday – Library
Students will need to bring a library bag to begin borrowing next week.

Friday – Sport
Students to wear joggers and bring a drink bottle.

Please note drop off for this week is from 8.45am at the classroom and pickup is at the Elliot Street gate at 2.55pm.

Thank you 😊
Susie McLeod and Cemone Baker

Scripture Lessons at GPS
Special Religious Education (SRE) lessons will begin soon at Gloucester Public School. Scripture will be on every Thursday morning for 30 minutes each class.

Under the Education Act 1990 Section 32 there is a legislative requirement that “in every government school, time is allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion”. In accordance with this section of the Act, the times for such lessons are ‘to be fixed by agreement between the principal of the school and the local members of the clergy or religious teachers of that persuasion’.

Students whose parents/carers indicate that they do not want their child/ren to attend these lessons, will be supervised and undertake other activities. Such activities might be completing homework, reading and private study and in some cases minimal supervision.

If you do not want your child to attend scripture please write a short note to the class teacher. If a note is not received, students will attend scripture lessons.

BUS TRAVEL
Don’t forget that if your child has gone from Year 2 to Year 3 this year and is eligible for free bus travel, a new application form must be completed.
Forms are available from the office.
A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We are in the process of updating healthcare plans for 2016. Students who had a plan in 2015 will be bringing home their old plan to be amended if needed. It is important that this information is returned as soon as possible so an accurate 2016 plan can be developed.

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We really appreciate your assistance.

Kaye Leighton
Learning and Support Teacher

Year 6 Farewell 2015

The Year 6 Farewell held in the last week of school in 2015 was an outstanding success. The Year 6 students had a wonderful time and could not help but be amazed by the decorations in the hall, their delicious meal and the professional service of the Year 5 waiters. We would like to thank all the parents/carers and community members who worked tirelessly to make this evening a memorable farewell for the Year 6 class of 2015. We could not have done it without you.

Thank you so much.

Berrill Ley and Eve Green

Swimming Carnival Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

The annual 3-6 swimming carnival will be held on Friday 12 February 2016. Please ensure the permission note and the swimming ability note is returned to your child’s classroom teacher by this Friday 5 February.

The cost of entry to the pool is $3.50, to be paid on the carnival day. Students with a pool pass will need to present their pass on the day. Please ensure your child has a hat, sunscreen, water bottles, recess and lunch.

House colours may be worn on the day: Bradman - green; Dobell - red; Flynn - blue and Parkes-yellow.

The house captains and vice captains were voted on yesterday in readiness for the swimming carnival. The results were as follows:

Bradman: Captains Anita Jackson and Simon Collins; Vice-Captains Elly O’Meley and Cameron Turner.
Dobell: Captains Alarni Longbottom and Aiden Coombes; Vice-Captains Melia Mulder and Tyler Parish.
Flynn: Captains Lilly Mills and Travis Johnston; Vice-Captains Jessica Murray and Isaac Earle-Broadley.
Parkes: Captains Sadbh Renshaw and Parker Grady; Vice-Captains Cameron Badham and Sam Rose.

Congratulations to these students and we look forward to you supporting your houses this year.

Buses will deliver and pick up students from the pool on the carnival day. All students who do not catch a bus will need to be at the pool by 8.45am for a 9.00am start. If your child is walking home or leaving the carnival with another parent, they must present a note to the classroom teacher on the day prior to leaving.

NB A plastic bag or two would be handy for sitting on or putting wet towels in.

Julie Groves, Eve Green and Shannon Crawford
Swimming Carnival Coordinators
Welcome to 2H in 2016. To kick the year off let’s see what we need to do...

1. If you or someone you know would like to help out with reading groups, please send a note in with your child. Just tell me the times and dates you are available...we usually do groups in the mornings.
2. Please send in any junk craft materials - boxes, tubes, clean yoghurt and small containers.
3. We are also in need of 2 and 3 litre milk bottles (washed and clean please).
4. Library will be on Tuesdays.
5. Sport is on Fridays.
6. If your child has headphones from last year...great. If not, please buy a pair.
7. If you need to contact me, ring the school and leave a message, or send in a note with your child.

Thank you and I look forward to a great year with 2H.

Mark Howland
Classroom Teacher

Welcome to a new school year. Thank you to the parents who have sent in computer headphones, ‘My Spelling Word Collection’ books from last year and paint shirts. If your child is in 2W, we will be using these items and would like them at school.

We would also love to have parent helpers for our reading groups. If you are available, or you know someone who would like to help, please send in a note with your child. Just tell me the time and day that suits. Our reading group times are usually during the morning sessions.

If you wish to speak to me regarding your child’s progress, please feel free to ring the school and make an appointment time.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year with 2W.

Marg Wilson
Classroom teacher

INFANTS’ LUNCH ORDERS - SPECIAL TREAT DAY
FRIDAY, 12th FEBRUARY

Due to the Primary Swimming Carnival next Friday, 12th February, the canteen has decided to offer our Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students who order their lunches on this day a special treat. The treat will be a FREE jelly cup with a snake lolly. For anyone who is not ordering their lunch on this day, the jelly cup and snake will be available to them also but at a cost of 50 cents per cup.

Please note: if your child suffers from any food allergies, could you please let me know asap so an alternative can be arranged.

Looking forward to lots of lunch orders.

Lisa Norrie
Canteen Supervisor

UNIFORM SHOP
Open every Friday
8.30am - 10.00am
Welcome to our class parents and caregivers. A note will soon be on its way home informing you about homework, reading groups etc. Please feel free to touch base with me if you have any questions or concerns. As soon as smart packs are paid for, your child can bring home the books to cover. Looking forward to a productive and enjoyable year.

Debbie Howland
Classroom Teacher

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back everyone. Hope you all enjoyed your holidays. Attached is our Summer menu for this term. There are only a couple of small changes to our menu from Term 4 last year. Our daily specials remain the same: Monday is Chicken Tender & Salad Wraps, Wednesday is Burger Day and Friday is our delicious Chicken Schnitzel Salad Box. At recess there will be a selection of goodies to choose from including pizza scrolls, chicken crackles, homemade pikelets and fresh fruit salad cups to name a few. There are copies of the menu available at the canteen, the school office or you can find it on the School website and the Skoolbag App. Lunch order bags are available at the canteen free of charge thanks kindly to Townsend Electrical. Don’t forget to write a note on your child’s lunch bag if you are running low and we will give them more to take home.

Volunteers are always welcome so if you have some spare time, even if it’s only one day a term or one day a year, we’d love to hear from you. Dads and grandparents are also encouraged to help. It’s not hard and it’s a great way to meet new people. If you would like to help just drop into the canteen sometime or call me on 0447 727 388. Any help is greatly appreciated and makes our day run smoothly.

If your child suffers from food allergies, it is most important that you please let me know as soon as possible so alternative arrangements can be made.

Finally, just a reminder that only drinks and fruit can be purchased before 9am and orders need to be in by 9am. Thanks for your support.

Lisa Norrie
Canteen Supervisor

Sporting Schools

Our 2016 Sporting Schools Program commences on Tuesday 15 February (Week 4) and will run for 8 weeks. If you would like to enrol your child in this program you will need to complete a Sporting Schools Registration Form. This form is available at the front office and will cover your child for all of our 2016 programs.

Your child must be registered to be able to participate.

This term our programs are Orienteering and Table Tennis. We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you!
GPS Sporting Schools Team
Eve Green, Mel Seale, Susie McLeod and Hayley Laurie

Sporting Schools

For: Students K-6

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 3:00pm-4:00pm

Where: Meet outside the Library

What: Please bring your hat and a water bottle

Term 1 from: Tuesday 15 February to Thursday 7 April (inclusive)

We would love to see you!

SCHOOL BANKING

Banking for students at school has recommenced. Banking is every Thursday at 8.30am in the library.

School banking accounts can be opened at the Gloucester Commonwealth Bank branch. Just ask to open a Youthsaver account for school banking.
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 item.

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.
**GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL - SUMMER MENU - TERM 1 2016**

**RECESS**
*(Available RECESS only)*

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<td>*Pikelets</td>
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**SANDWICHES**
All sandwiches are made fresh daily using Hebbys Energy bread and olive oil spread. Mayo, Tomato, BBQ & Sweet Chilli Sauces are available on request.

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<td>Ham &amp; Cheese</td>
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<td><em>Egg/</em>/Curried Egg</td>
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<td>*Spaghetti or *Baked Beans</td>
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<td>Vegemite or Honey</td>
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**HOT FOOD**
*(Available Mon, Wed & Fri)*

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<td>Sausage Roll</td>
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<td>Chicken Tenders (Gluten free Available on request)</td>
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<td>Tomato/BBQ/Sweet Chilli Sauce</td>
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**DAILY SPECIALS**

**MONDAY:**  *CHICKEN TENDER SALAD WRAPS*
Large - 2 Tenders & Salad $5.00
Small - 1 Tender & Salad $4.00

**WEDNESDAY:**  *BURGER DAY* $4.50
Chicken Burger with lettuce & mayo
or Beef Burger with lettuce & tomato.
Choice of tomato or BBQ sauce

**FRIDAY:**  *SCHNITZEL SALAD BOX* $5.00
Mixed lettuce leaves, grated carrot, cherry tomatoes & cucumber tossed together with a crumbed chicken fillet.
Choice of salad dressing: Caesar, Italian or Mayo.
Add grated cheese, pineapple or egg for 50c extra.

**SNACKS**

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<td>*Air Popped Popcorn (Lightly Salted) from</td>
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<td>Plain Corn Chips</td>
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<td>Smiths - Plain Gluten Free</td>
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<td>Rice Sticks (Vegie/Cheese) Gluten Free</td>
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<td>Berri Juice Bottle (ABC, Orange or Apple)</td>
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<td>*Poppers (ABC, Apple or Paradise Punch)</td>
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<td>*Water - 600ml</td>
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**FROM THE FREEZER**

The freezer items are only available over the counter at Recess or Lunch.

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<td>*Frozen Pineapple Rings</td>
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<td>*Slushies - Half size</td>
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*Please make sure your child's name, class and prices are on their lunch order.

Canteen volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to help, contact Lisa on 0447 727 388.

**CANTEEN OPEN FROM 8:30am - 1:30pm**
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

**PLEASE HAVE ORDERS IN BY 9AM.**

Be sure to advise of any food allergies.