## Dates to Remember

- **Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival**: Friday 12 February
- **Sporting Schools Commences**: Tuesday 15 February
- **Oz Opera – 1/3**
- **Term 1 Ends**: 8/4

## Assemblies – Term 1

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## School Photos 2016 – 28th July 2016

## Canteen Roster

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## Student Records Update 2016

- Please fill in this form if there have been any changes to your address, phone number, emergency contacts etc.
- Please also advise your email address below if you would like to receive your newsletter by email (if you are not already receiving it this way).

**Name of Student/s:** ________________________________

**Address:** _________________________________________

**Telephone:** ___________________________ **Mobile:** ___________________

**Work Numbers:** Mother _____________ Father _____________

**Emergency Contacts (other than yourself):**

**Name:** ________________________ **Relationship to Student:** ____________

**Phone:** ___________________________ **Mobile:** __________________________

**Name:** ___________________________ **Mobile:** __________________________

- I would like to receive my newsletter by email (please tick)

**Email Address:** (please print clearly)

__________________________________________________

**Parent/Carer Signature:** ___________________________

**Date:** __________________________
Library News

Congratulations to our 2016 Library Monitors! Laura, Emily, Luke, Ethan, Jessie and Savannah! The crew is a huge asset to the running of the library! They give up 2 lunch times each week to help in all areas including: shelving books, tidying shelves and games and book club distribution.

Here is a reminder about your child’s library day:

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All students will need a library bag (either the school library bag available from the library for $2 or a material drawstring bag) before they will be allowed to borrow. The bag should be clearly labelled with your child’s name and brought to school every week on library day from this week.

Students are allowed to borrow 1 book in Kinder and Year One and 2 books in all other grades. They are allowed to keep the books for up to two weeks. However, students are encouraged to exchange their books each week whenever possible. They may of course be renewed after two weeks if need be (e.g. in the case of longer novels).

Books are returned in the morning of your child’s library day to his/her classroom teacher. If a student forgets his/her book on library day, all books should be returned on the following day.

Please encourage your child to show respect and be responsible for our valuable resources and help them to select a regular safe place for keeping library books and bag.

Hayley Laurie  
Teacher/Librarian
**Keeping Kids Safe Online - Kik Messenger**

NSW Police have described it as “the number one social media problem involving teenagers” - but most parents would hardly be aware of this messaging app’s dangers.

Kik is a free texting app used by more than 50 million people around the world that enables users to connect with strangers. Although rated for people aged 17 and older, experts say children aged 11-15 are its main users.

The app can be installed on iPod touch and iPad devices as well as smart phones. Instead of using phone numbers or real names to contact each other, each Kik member has a user name. Conversations and images can’t be viewed publicly, which makes it much harder for parents to monitor Kik than Facebook or Twitter.

NSW Police Force social media spokesman Strath Gordon said police were concerned drug dealers and paedophiles trawl Kik, “taking advantage of that hidden communication”.

“It’s hidden to most parents”, Mr Gordon said. “Young people may not even know who they are communicating with. No one is using their real names and that’s a problem …”

Kik has also become popular for sexting strangers.

Parental ignorance of Kik makes the app particularly attractive to young teenagers. “Kids are moving away from open Facebook updates because they know their parents are watching them, and they’re moving on to Kik,” cyber safety consultant Martine Oglethorpe said.

“They know Kik is not where the adults they know hang out. They’re chatting seemingly privately and feel there is no way anyone else can see.”

But experts say blocking Kik or banning children from using the app is not the answer. Instead, they advise parents to educate themselves about the social media their children are using, and to set boundaries for that use. Parents should teach their children about appropriate behaviour online such as not conversing with people they don’t know, and not meeting up alone with people they’ve only chatted to online.

“Kids are always going to be a step ahead of us in terms of the sites they’re going to be on, parents can’t be blocking and banning everything,” Ms Oglethorpe said.

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**Emergency Lockdown practice today**

Today, our school undertook a precautionary lockdown drill. This was in response to threats that have been made of a similar nature to many other schools in NSW, Qld and Victoria over the past two weeks, and one to a nearby Taree school late last week.

We are always proactive in the safety of our staff and students and have always had semesterly evacuation drills in order to keep ourselves well-practised in the case of an emergency or unforeseen event.

We are always very proud of the behaviour and response of our students and staff during our lockdowns and today was no exception.

As always, we review closely any emergency management procedures following such an event and will be doing so during the course of this week.

Thank you to all staff, students and visitors for your cooperation and response today.

Rod Maggs
Assistant Principal.
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.

Shannon Atkins, Mitchell Hawkins, Emily Walker, Harvey Willis, Lara Taylor.

Computer lessons with Mrs Carruthers begin this week and each student will require a set of headphones to assist with their learning activities during this time.

K/1/2 ASSEMBLY
2.10pm
Friday 12th February
Hosts/Item = 2W
All welcome!

Susie McLeod and Cemone Baker
Kindergarten Teachers
Swimming Carnival Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

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

Please ensure your child has a packed recess and lunch, hat, sunscreen and water bottles. The pool canteen will be open but not for hot food. The cost of entry to the pool is $3.00 (to be paid upon entry on the carnival day). Students with a pool pass will need to present their pass on the day.

House colours may be worn on the day:
Bradman – green; Dobell – red; Flynn – blue and Parkes- yellow. No paper streamers please.

Students who catch a bus to school will be directly delivered and collected 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.

In case of inclement weather, a back-up date has been set for Friday 19 February 2016.

Julie Groves, Eve Green & Shannon Crawford
Swimming Carnival Coordinators

Reading Recovery 2016

This year, I am very excited to be taking on the role of Reading Recovery and I look forward to working with some fantastic students in Year 1. Over the next few weeks, I will be working with some selected students and completing a variety of different reading assessments with them. This information will be used to determine who will be in the first intake for the Reading Recovery program, which will begin in Week 6.

If your child is placed in the Reading Recovery program, you will receive information from me before your child starts the program.

Mirabai Carruthers
Reading Recovery Teacher

New Asthma Care Plans

We have recently been advised by a health care professional from Asthma Australia that it is best practice for schools to have an asthma care plan that is specifically tailored for school use. This plan is intended to make managing an asthma attack simpler and more effective in the case of an emergency.

This is why students who have already supplied asthma action plans are being asked to also have the Asthma Care Plan for Education and Care Services filled out and returned. We will use this to guide our emergency Asthma First Aid response.

Thank you to everyone who has been so prompt in supplying us with healthcare information.
We appreciate your assistance.

Kaye Leighton

Computer Lessons- Term 1

During Term 1, all classes K-6 will participate in a weekly skills-based computer lesson with Mrs Carruthers, instead of PD/H, which will now be taught by classroom teachers. Students will spend time in the computer room learning and practising new skills on their own computer. You can read all about it in your child’s Term Overview, which will go home later this week.
If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mrs Carruthers at school.
**SRC 2016**

This week our Student Representative Council (SRC) had its first meeting. We voted on our executive. The results were as follows:

- President: Ava Tuckwell
- Vice President: Cody Howard
- Secretary: Laura Stone
- Treasurer: Kayden Schumann

The rest of our committee is as follows:

- House captains: Anita Jackson and Simon Collins (Bradman), Sadbh Renshaw and Parker Grady (Parkes), Alarni Longbottom (Ab Rep) and Aiden Coombes (Dobell), Lilly Mills and Travis Johnston (Flynn), school captains and vice captains: Brooke Willis, Lynelle Hester, Bailey Hughes, Josh Norrie. Class representatives: Jessica Howard (3G), Olivia Kearney (3H), Lochlan Mackintosh (4L), Hamish Wakefield (4C), Charles Tonks (5/6B), Anna Rose Seale (5/6C), Cameron Badham (5/6M) and Darcey Fry (5/6G).

We all look forward to the exciting year ahead.

*SRC Executive*

**Year 2 Homework**

Yesterday, the Year 2 students started homework for 2016. They took home a folder with their homework, and a letter to explain homework, for the year. In the letter it mentions Study Ladder and Reading Eggs. These are resources students may access at home, on the computer. A separate note will be coming home this week with your child’s user name and password, for these programs.

*Margaret Wilson, Mark Howland*

*Year 2 Teachers*

**Volunteer Tutors**

Last year we ran a successful maths program, which was a modified version of Quick Smart, with the help of volunteer tutors. We would like to continue that program again this year. It will involve about an hour of your time once or twice a week, working individually with Year 5 students for blocks of 15 minutes each. You will be shown what to do. Please let me know if you can help with this program or want to volunteer your time in another way. Your help is always appreciated.

*Kaye Leighton*

*Learning and Support Teacher*

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Open on Thursday this week only instead of Friday due to Primary Swimming Carnival on Friday.

8.30am – 10.00am

**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.

**Years 5 and 6 Excursion Update**

Date: 22 August – 25 August 2016

This year Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will be travelling to Canberra for their yearly excursion. We are currently finalising the details for this excursion and notes will be sent home shortly.

As with previous years, we will be offering an instalment system to assist with payment for this excursion.

*Rod Maggs and Shannon Crawford*

*Excursion Coordinators*
**Oz Opera Performance - Hansel and Gretel**

OZ Opera is coming back to Gloucester Public School for a performance of *Hansel and Gretel*. OZ Opera is a company that brings high calibre opera performances into the school setting and engages students through a combination of music, singing, drama and design. We have been blown away by their performances in the past so make sure your child doesn't miss out this year.

**Date:** Tuesday 1 March (Term 1, Week 6)

**Times:**
- 11:30am- Kindergarten and Year 1
- 1:30pm- Year 2 to 6

**Cost:** $7 per child.

Please return the permission note attached to this newsletter and money to the school or pay online using the code: 057001.

If you have any questions, please contact me at school.

*Mirabai Carruthers*

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**Hogs for Homeless**

On Thursday 25th February, 6 football stars will be riding into town on 'Hogs' (motorbikes) in support of 'Hogs for Homeless'. Football stars include- Brad Fittler, Steve Menzies, Matt Cooper, Nathan Hindmarsh, Josh Perry and Ian Schubert.

We are encouraging upcoming football players to join us on Thursday afternoon at 4pm at the football oval to participate in a coaching clinic with the football stars.

Any students wishing to participate need to see Mrs Schafer before next Thursday 18th to place their names on the list. Students will need to-
- wear appropriate clothing suitable for football training;
- wear football boots or appropriate footwear;
- bring a water bottle, headgear and a mouthguard, if they have these available.

Please also see the back of the newsletter for more information about the event.

*Amy Schafer*

*Assistant Principal*

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**Schools Spectacular 2016 - Auditions**

Last week, I handed out Schools Spectacular audition notes to those students who were interested in trying out for a place in our 2016 Schools Spectacular choir.

Only students from Years 4-6 can audition for a place, however they must have been in our school choir for at least one year prior to 2016. Please be aware that students in Years 5 and 6 will be given preference due to the limited number of places.

Once the audition is completed, 16 students will be picked and they will begin school rehearsals for a Schools Spectacular audition item as soon as possible. Once we have reached the audition deadline (16 March), a video will be sent off to an audition panel at Schools Spectacular and then we have to wait for the results!

If your child comes home with a note, please discuss the information with your family because the commitment is HUGE!

I hope to see a lot of interested students because it is such a worthwhile experience and a great opportunity for our young singers. If you have any questions or your child missed out on getting a note, please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

*Mirabai Carruthers*

*GPS Schools Spectacular Coordinator*

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**SPORTING SCHOOLS**

Our 2016 Sporting Schools Program commences next week - Tuesday 15 February 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!

*For: Students K-6*

*When:* Tuesdays and Thursdays 3pm - 4pm

*Where:* Meet outside the Library

Bring your hat and water bottle

We would love to see you

*GPS Sporting Schools Team*
**Canteen News**

Don’t forget that there are no lunch orders for primary students attending the swimming carnival this Friday, 12th February. Due to the primary students’ absence we will be offering a very special treat for our Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students on this day. Any infants student who orders lunch this Friday will receive a **FREE JELLY CUP WITH A SNAKE LOLLY!!!** If you are not ordering your lunch you can still buy a jelly cup and snake for 50c per cup. Please note that if your child suffers from food allergies could you please let me know before Friday so an alternative can be arranged.

We’ve had a lot of students asking for plastic spoons to eat their pies with. While this is OK occasionally it does add up over a year, therefore we will be charging 10c per spoon, knife or fork unless it is part of their lunch order (salad box for example).

*Lisa Norrie*
*Canteen Supervisor*

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**Gloucester Netball**

The 2016 Saturday Netball Competition will start on Saturday 12th March. The club will be holding a registration day on Saturday 20th February at the netball courts from 9am - 12 noon. Registrations need to be completed online this year so visit our website: [www.gloucesternetball.com.au](http://www.gloucesternetball.com.au), click on the relevant page and follow the links. Children from 5 to 17 years of age can join in the fun.

Net Set Go targets children aged 5 to 10 with skills training and games to help build confidence and knowledge about the game of netball. Children aged 8 to 10 years have the option of playing in the Junior Competition which is open to children up to and including Year 6. The Intermediate Competition is open to players who are in Year 7 up to the age of 17.

Find us on Facebook – Gloucester Netball to keep up with the latest information or visit our website. Enquiries can be made by contacting Sally on 0427 582 718, send us a message via Facebook or email Jenny on aw6028@hotmail.com

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**Gymnastics Club**

A reminder that Gymnastics is now down at the Rec. Centre every Wednesday afternoon. The first of three sessions starting at 3.15. New members are always welcome and can try out for free. Our AGM will be on the 17th Feb, also at the Rec. Centre. Ring Rob Seale for more info 65589441 or robert.seale@det.nsw.edu.au.
Coming 25th February 2016

Hogs For Homeless

Brad Fittler
Steve Menzies
Nathan Hindmarsh
Josh Perry
Matt Cooper
Ian Schubert
Plus Support Crew

COACHING CLINIC
@ 4.00pm Bert Gallagher Oval.
All interested players for 2016 invited to attend – please leave your name at your school before 18th February.

AUCTION DINNER
Adults and over 16 years only
Auction of NRL club jumpers & NSW State of Origin jumper plus other items.
6.30 for 7.00pm Start – Nibbles & Main Meal, Golf Club
$40 per ticket. Limited seats available.
Tickets: purchased from Valley Motors before 18th February.

Further details will be available on 2RE, Facebook or call
0401181964 Rodney
or 0400461159 Kristy
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
PARENTING PROGRAM
0–12 YEARS

- Supporting parents to be the best parent they can be
- Improving communication with children
- Helping parents develop their children’s positive self-identity
- Helping parents understand their child’s experience of the world
- Understand children’s brain and emotional development

WHEN: Tuesday, 18/2/16 for 6 weeks
TIME: 1pm–3pm
WHERE: Gloucester Community Health

Please register to attend by 11/2/16 on ☎️65385058

A free presentation by Children Young People & Families Service
Kideration is a children’s after school ministry for primary school aged children (K-6). It runs every Friday night 7.00pm until 8.30pm during term time.

On arrival to Kideration, children will be signed in, or register if it is their first time attending, and then have a time of singing songs, followed with a time of devotion and games!

At Kideration, children have the opportunity to grow in their friendship with God, find support from leaders, and make new friends.

**Cost:** Gold coin donation appreciated

For more information, and to register your interest please contact:
Luke Hester 0425 255 428 (Pastor)  Kathryn Pilgrim 0408 669 360 (Leader)
luke@gloucesterbaptist.com • 6558 1031
Cnr Barrington & Denison Streets, Gloucester

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GLOUCESTER SQUASH
59 Queen St.,
Gloucester, 2422.
Mobile 04271 411 707 / Ph. 65 581 241

All school age children interested in learning to play Squash are invited to come along to:

- **Where** - Gloucester Squash Courts
- **When** - Monday afternoons
- **Time** - 4PM - 6PM

What you will learn:
- Basic racquet and balls skills
- Basics of the game of Squash and how to score.
- Followed by some fun and games.

**Cost:** $5.00 each.
Adult supervision and tuition. Parental assistance and support very welcome.
OZ OPERA

I give permission for my child, ___________________________________ of class __________ to attend Oz Opera’s performance of Hansel and Gretel on Tuesday 1st March (Week 6).

- I have enclosed $7 to cover the cost of this performance.
- I have paid online. (Please tick whichever applies)

Signed: __________________________ (Parent/Carer) Date: _______________

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Seeking New Young Players!!!

Gloucester Basketball is searching for new young players to join our competition. A great chance to learn a new sport with FREE coaching clinics every week.

Beginning Monday 22/2/16 (Scratch Matches and Registration Afternoon)
# FREE coaching clinic for Primary School players from 3.30-4pm.
# Primary School competition (Division 2) from 4pm

Any current Gloucester Basketball Players that bring a friend to sign up to Division 2 will get a $10 canteen voucher.

Contact: Christina 0418423183/6558 4363

**Extra Information:**

- **Weekly Game Fees**: $5
- **NSW Annual Registration**: $20 Under 8 year olds
  - $60 8-12 year olds
  - $70 13-18 year olds
- **Deposit for Singlet**: $15

(refunded at end of season when handed back)