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Term 1 - Week 10 -2016

Wednesday 30th March 2016

Gloucester ANZAC March

The Gloucester ANZAC March will take place in Gloucester on Monday the 25th April 2016. All students and teachers are invited to participate in the march from the Gloucester Soldiers Club to the Memorial Clock Tower. Participating students are to come dressed in full school uniform, including hats and assemble outside of the Soldiers Club at 10.20am. After the march students will attend the memorial service at the Memorial Clock Tower where the school will lay a floral tribute.

SKOOLBAG Information

We have recently purchased an online App called Skoolbag which will be up and running and available to parents at the beginning of term 2. Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet outlining how to download and use the app. Skoolbag provides schools with the opportunity to communicate directly to parents regarding various activities, excursions and newsletters.

Harmony Day and Easter Activities

What a lovely day we all had last Thursday, busy but lots of fun. Thank you to all families who joined their children for lunch, it is something that they all look forward to. We all thoroughly enjoyed the children's Harmony Day Presentations on their chosen countries. All staff were impressed by the information that students gathered, how well presented it was and for all the extra effort that went into different crafts, cooking and games of those countries. We all certainly learnt some new and interesting facts about other countries. Students were confident in their presenting and it was lovely to see them so interested in their projects. Thank you to families who supported their children. Our Easter Hat Parade followed with K-6 showing us their marvellous creations. The raffle was drawn and everybody left for a beautiful long weekend, full of chocolate, picnic lunches, boiled eggs and cakes. Phewwwwww!

End of Term

Please remember that Term 2 concludes on Friday 8th April and all students return for Term 2 on Wednesday 27th April.

SRC News

The SRC Cake Stall Fundraiser last Thursday raised a huge total of \$81.80. Thank you to all families who baked and sent in cakes to sell. This money will be put aside and saved to go towards an item for the school that the children choose in the future. Our next fundraiser will go towards an external charity. Thank you for your support!

School Absences

I know I have included this information in previous newsletters but I would like to outline the process for when your child is absent from school.

Please send in a note explaining the absence the day your child returns to school. This does not have to be on a school note, any letter is acceptable.

The reason for the absence must be stated. SICK is not a full explanation you need to explain the illness, for example....Headache and nausea, optometrist appointment, upset stomach etc.

'Family appointment' or 'appointment' is not a reason, the full explanation needs to be included. All absences are entered into our school system and these are monitored. We need to assign a code to absences, hence the need for full explanations.

If your child is absent for a second or third day please ring the school and let us know your child is sick or for whatever reason they are absent. It is very time consuming chasing absence notes for days and weeks after the event.

Orange absence notes are always available for parents or students to pick up on the front counter, please ask Mrs Waters for assistance if you cannot find them.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

30th March-Assembly at 2.15pm

7th April-ANZAC Service @ 10.30am

8th April- Last day of Term 1

26th April-Staff Development Day

27th April-Students Return for Term 2

Have a lovely weekend

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Assembly Awards

CLASS AWARDS

Infants: Jaxon for a more focussed effort in all areas.
Olivia for fantastic writing.

Primary: Hayden for working well during independent writing.
Thomas for improvement in reading.

CORE VALUE AWARDS

Showing Respect: Thomas

Caring for Others and the Environment: Felicity.

Acting Responsibly: Olivia.

GLOUCESTER SHOW AWARDS

Kindergarten - Class 10 - PUMPKINS - Olivia

Well done to all of our award recipients this term.



Newsletter Attachments

Colourful Cottage Daycare
Barrington Public School Family Portraits
Stroud Road PS Shopping Trip
Skoolbag App Information
Blue Light Disco
Receipts

P & C News

Thank you to all families that donated eggs towards our Easter Raffle. We received \$164 in raffle sales which was a great success. Unfortunately we did not have enough eggs donated and so had to purchase additional chocolate to fill the raffle baskets. Overall the P & C made \$109.80 profit to put towards resources and programs for our children. Thank you!

Our raffle winners were;

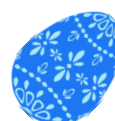
1st Place: Debbie Worth

2nd Place: Erwin

3rd Place: Damien Worth

We hope you enjoyed your prizes!

Please remember to come to our special General Meeting next Tuesday, 5th April starting at 2pm. This is to discuss our P @ C becoming incorporated. Please bring along \$5 per member as membership payments are due. Thank you.



April School holiday tennis camp- Gloucester Tennis Centre.

A fantastic tennis camp experience for kids of all standards. Try tennis for the first time, or improve your game while having heaps of holiday fun with school buddies and new friends.

- **Tennis Australia's ANZ Hot Shots Development Program.** Children will be put into groups depending on their age and tennis ability using the Hot Shots grading system (**Blue 3-4 yrs, Red 5-8 yrs, Orange 8-10 yrs, Green 9+**)
- Camp consists of a mixture of cross training using other sports related activities (cricket, soccer, t-ball) helping children to further develop their hand-eye co-ordination. Tennis is still the main focus.
- **Dates:** April 18,19, 20. **Time:** 2-5pm.
Prizes and competitions.
\$70 per week, \$25 per day.
Limited numbers-bookings essential.
After school classes commencing Term 2-Wednesdays.
- Conducted by Chris Herden- Tennis Australia Club Professional. 25 years international, Australian coaching and playing experience.

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