



# Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 4 - Tuesday, 16th October 2012 (Week 2)

Website: [www.gleninnes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gleninnes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

What an amazing week last week- from bushfires to snow in the space of two days! There is no doubt many of our students were excited by the snow on Friday and so were some of our staff who had not experienced such an event before.

Over the next few weeks we have a number of significant dates for your family calendar. One of the most exciting for the whole school will be **Grandparents Day** on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Grandparents (or substitutes) are asked to arrive at school 11.00am for morning tea.

From 11.30am – 12.30pm there will be an opportunity to visit classrooms and see the children in their learning environment. The last Grandparents Day was such an outstanding success that we are looking forward to another opportunity to share the excitement of the children and the pleasure of their visitors in their school.

Next week several staff will travel to Armidale to participate in the first phase of a new student welfare program at the school. The program KidsMatter will support the work already being undertaken at the school through the Better Buddies and You Can Do It (YCDI) programs.

A new website has also been launched to help families, primary schools, and early childhood education and care (ECEC) services support children's mental health and wellbeing.

The website has been designed with a specific section for families. It includes free parenting

information sheets on more than 40 topics affecting children, including fears and worries, dealing with anger, making friends, starting school and more. The sheets have been developed by mental health experts and are evidence-based.

The website showcases the work of KidsMatter – a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and ECEC services – that research shows has led to significant improvements in children's mental health and wellbeing and educational outcomes.

For parenting information sheets, see:

[www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families)

I would highly recommend this website as a support for our parents.

**Sue Belford**  
**Principal**

## School News **High School**

Year 6 parents/carers are reminded to phone the high school to make an appointment for an enrolment interview as mentioned in the letter sent home at the end of last term.

Thank you to those who have already made their appointment.

## **Book Club**

Orders close this Thursday 18th October.

Please make cheques payable to:  
**Glen Innes Public School**

## Teacher's Book Review:

Miss Lawrence (3LJ)

Bollygum

By Gary Fleming

Gary Fleming has compiled a

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 17th October

PSSA  
State Athletics Carnival  
Sydney

High School Transition  
Continues

### Thursday 18th October

PSSA  
State Athletics Carnival  
Sydney

2013 Kindergarten Transition  
**12:45pm - 2:30pm**

### Wednesday 24th October

Stage 3  
Cyber-safety Focus Day

Cyber-safety  
Evening Parent Meeting  
(open to all parents)

High School Transition  
Continues

### Thursday 25th October

2013 Kindergarten Transition  
**12:45pm - 2:30pm**

### Wednesday 31st October

High School Transition  
Continues

### Friday 2nd November

Grandparents Day  
11.00am - 12.30pm

beautifully illustrated book as both author and illustrator of *Bollygum*.

Set amongst the forests and woodlands, it tells a story from the perspective of Australian creatures that dwell in its untouched pockets. Wombat, a creature of habit who loves to fish, and a mysterious platypus who is believed to be eccentric by the other bush animals, are two of the main characters. The plot begins when Wombat starts his day in the usual manner by going fishing, but is interrupted by whimpering sounds. He comes across a very upset little possum, who is lost in the forest. She explains that she is from the city, was trapped from the roof by a man and was driven out in a rumbler and dumped here. Unsure of what to do as the only problem she has ever solved was what to eat, a slightly frightened Wombat found the courage to approach Platypus for assistance. A town meeting is held with Ring-tail Possum, Echidna, Goanna, Kookaburra, Frilled Lizard, Frogmouth-the owl all present and further assistance called from Cockatoo.

With a map in hand, the animals embark on a journey to the dreaded city. Being stung by stinging trees, run off the track by rumblers (cars) and tiredness setting in, the animals cross many obstacles. Upon reaching the top of a hill to the city and seeing the lights, the animals believe that the stars have fallen from the sky. Little Possum began to cry again, she realised although she was home, the city was not all she made it out to

be. There was a great sadness between all parties, especially Wombat as the animals return to Bollygum, without Little Possum.

When the adventurers returned to Bollygum, stories were shared about the animals' journey to the city. Without giving away the ending, new friendships were made and Platypus' mysterious ways are less of a mystery.

A story of beginning friendships, it is a great book to read with young children, assisting them to think about being accepting of new people in their lives.

#### **P&C**

#### **P&C Calendar Fundraiser**

This year we will be offering Artwork Calendars, Diaries and Card Packs for purchase.

Orders and payment are due by Thursday 15th November 2012.

Please make cheques payable to:

#### **Glen Innes Public School P&C Association**

#### **Bi-Lo Trolley Trot**

The P&C in conjunction with the Glen Innes High School P&C have been asked to participate in a joint project with Rotary Glen Innes to raise funds for the Breakfast Club at our school and the High School.

Accompanying this week's newsletter, each family will be given a small booklet of tickets to sell. If you would like more tickets please see the ladies at the school office. Every dollar raised goes back to our school.

The amazing prize is a trot through the aisles of BiLo on Christmas Eve to fill your trolley

with as many goodies as you can. So good luck on buying the winning ticket!!

Thank you for your support of these school fundraisers.

#### **Tracy Wallbridge P&C President**

#### **Lunch Centre**

We are still in need of volunteers to help our Lunch Centre.

Please contact Debbie or Katrina **6732 2893**

#### **Community Information**

Glen Innes Severn Council Early Intervention Speech Workshop

This workshop is fully funded and has been created to strengthen the capacity of mainstream services to expand knowledge and information to identify children's developmental, functional capabilities and needs, and support the development and expansion of children's speech (birth-8 years).

Where: Howard Gardner Room  
Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre

Date: Wednesday 17th October  
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

*For further information contact  
Angela on 6730 2450*

*For bookings email Kerrie  
[gumtree@gisc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gumtree@gisc.nsw.gov.au)*

#### **Notes Accompanying This Week's Newsletter**

- Lunch Centre price list
- Student Information form
- P&C Calendar Order Form and Parent Letter
- P&C Trolley Trot Tickets

## **LUNCH CENTRE NEWS (6732 2893)**

### **Roster — 22nd - 26th October**

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### **Recess Specials**

#### **This Week**

Savoury Muffins  
\$1.50

#### **Next Week**

Mashed potato & Gravy  
\$1.50