



Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 4 - Tuesday, 23rd October 2012 (Week 3)

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Cyber safety has become a very important issue for all parents as we seek to protect our children from the potential harm that may come from social media. This Wednesday the Stage 3 students will be involved in a series of workshops with Constable Ron Halliday on safety in the cyber world. This will be followed by a staff meeting in the afternoon.

At 6:30pm there will be a separate parent workshop open to all parents. I urge you to take this opportunity to come along and learn how you can protect your children in this new world.

Congratulations to the Stage 2 students and teachers for a terrific day last Friday for the "Bring a Book to Life" project. The infants children thoroughly enjoyed their role as audience and the Stage 2 children learnt a great deal about what really makes a book interesting to the reader.

There will be some great photos going home in the class newsletters for the parents to enjoy. Our thanks to everyone who helped the project to work so well, especially the costume makers at home, the students themselves and their audiences.

Staff Professional Learning

This week we have a number of staff away on different days attending a range of professional learning workshops. This will include a group going to Armidale for the initial phase of training for the new KidsMatter program we will be implementing next year. Some staff are working with well known Canadian expert Lane Clark on classroom practice and feedback for student learning.

Last week I attended a technology conference which looked at the implementation of mobile technologies in the classroom. The whole staff were fortunate enough to have a workshop session on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Shirley Fuller on some innovative and engaging teaching strategies for the classroom.

Sue Belford
Principal

School News High School

Parent/Carer information night will be held at the High School on Thursday 6th December from 6:00pm - 7.00pm.

Teacher's Book Review:

Miss Condrick (2TC)
The Seven Little Australians
By Ethel Turner

I have always loved books. During the time it takes me to read a book those characters are alive, I miss them when I finish reading and wonder what happens to them next.

My earliest memory of losing myself in a book is when I was in Year 3. My teacher, Mrs Koch, was reading The Seven Little Australians by Ethel Turner aloud to the class. I can clearly remember sitting at my desk listening to the story with tears rolling down my cheeks as tragedy struck my new friends.

Those sitting around me were not quite as focused on the story as me and were more amused by me than the book.

Ethel Turner was only 21 when she wrote this book which was the first of many. It is set outside

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 24th October

Stage 3
Cyber-safety Focus Day

Cyber-safety
Evening Parent Meeting
6:30 pm
(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

Thursday 1st November

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

Friday 2nd November

Grandparents Day
11.00am - 12.30pm

Sydney in the 1880's and focuses on the escapades of seven brothers and sisters who are not exactly angels. They are full of mischief and daring, which gets more than one of them into trouble, on more than one occasion.

I had read the book for myself in High School when I happily stumbled across it in the local library and again just recently to refresh my memory for this review. I knew I was in trouble when tears started to fall and it was only at the part where one of the children got sent away to boarding school.

It was a more challenging read in places than I remembered so it may be a good idea to get mum or dad to read the book to you or have a dictionary handy. I had to ask my mum a couple of times if she knew what some of the words meant as the language can be a little old fashioned. That is understandable considering it was written in 1894.

My aim now is to find a copy of "The Family at Misrule" so I can read it in the summer holidays and see if the Woolcot family had the future I always imagined they had.

Sport News **Horse sports**

On Friday 19th October the Horse Sports team went to the Glen Innes High School Horse Sports Day. There were 15 riders in the team. These competitors were Lauren Pedlow, Monique Duddy, Roy Duddy, Paige Beer, Libby Naylor, Hayley Parish, Hope

McIntyre, Kelera Tunamena, Emily Burton, Georgina Burton, Charlie Smith, Shannon Williamson, Jessica Keegan, Kaitlyn Bennett and Thomas McDonald.

All riders should be very proud of their achievements and participation on the day. Everyone had fun and rode to the best of their abilities.

Monique Duddy: 12 yrs and Under girl Reserve Champion

Kaitlyn Bennett: 8 year old girl Reserve Champion

Thomas McDonald: 8 year old boy Reserve Champion

Roy Duddy: 9 year old boy Reserve Champion

Hope McIntyre: 11 year old girl Reserve Champion

It was a beautiful day and all had fun. Well done to all the riders who attended.

Miss Ricketts **Coordinator**

P&C

P&C Calendar Fundraiser

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

Extra tickets are available from the school office.

Thank you for your support of these school fundraisers.

Tracy Wallbridge **P&C President**

Lunch Centre

Milkshakes, juices, fruit & frozen yoghurts are available for purchase before school.

Parent Information **Selective High School** **Year 7 2014**

In an effort to encourage as many applicants as possible to use the online application process for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2014, the online application website will be open from **9:00am on Tuesday 16th October 2012**.

For those students whose parents do not have internet access, application forms will be sent to all government primary schools from **Tuesday 23rd October 2012**.

All students seeking placement in a selective high school will be required to sit the **Selective High School Placement Test** on **Thursday 14th March 2013**.

Parents who apply using paper application forms will need to lodge their applications by **Friday 16th November 2012**.

Online applicants have until **Monday 19th November 2012** to submit their applications.

Further information about the selective high school placement process will be available from 16th October 2012 on the internet at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement>

Notes Accompanying This Week's Newsletter

- Water Confidence (Kindergarten & Year 1)
- Anglican Church Fete (Kindergarten & Year 1)
- Cyber-safety Workshop (Eldest in family)

LUNCH CENTRE NEWS (6732 2893)

Roster — 29th October - 2nd November

| D Smith (S) | D Smith (S) | K Brewer (S) | K Brewer (S) | K Brewer (S) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| A Cooke | P Young | A Brown | A Hartin | D Johansen |
| Volunteer Required | Volunteer Required | D Payne | Volunteer Required | J Quilty |

Recess Specials

This Week

Mashed potato & Gravy
\$1.50

Next Week

Fish Cakes
\$1.50