



# Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 1 - Tuesday, 7th February 2012 (Week 3)

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

Thank you to all of the parents who have made the start of year so easy and trauma free. The only real tears in evidence last week were from a few parents leaving their little ones in Kindergarten on Thursday morning.

The start of the school year always brings its own challenges with a change of friendship groups, classmates, new teachers, new playground areas and different expectations as each child moves up a grade level. We have been very pleased with the transitioning 2012. If you have any concerns please contact the office to make an appointment with the class teacher to discuss your concerns. When school and home work together, issues can usually be resolved very easily.

## P&C Meeting

I encourage all parents to consider joining the P&C. This group is crucial to the operation of the school as it provides much needed funds for special projects, a forum for discussion and at times a sounding board for new ideas and changes in school operation. The next meeting will be on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February in the staffroom.

## Swimming Carnival

This Friday the school swimming carnival will be held at the Glen Innes Swim Centre. A reminder that students entered into events must be able to swim a full length of the town pool.

THOSE STUDENTS WHO CAN NOT SWIM THE LENGTH OF THE POOL MUST ATTEND SCHOOL AS USUAL.

Non-swimmers are not permitted to attend the carnival due to safety issues.

## Student Leadership Program

Following consultation with staff, students and parents in 2011, the school has reorganised the student leadership processes at the school. As part of this approach there will be more opportunities for students to participate in leadership positions, both formal and informal. This will involve new roles in classrooms, in the playground, looking after key projects such as environmental monitoring and building stronger personal relationships with others.

Next week there will be four new initiatives to support this approach.

- **Technology Leadership Camp - Year 6**

In term 4 2011 we held a trial technology camp for Year 6 students. The feedback was so positive we have moved the project to Term 1. All of Year 6 will be involved in the technology camp next Monday and Tuesday 13th & 14th February. A separate note will go home with the Year 6 students.

- **Teamwork and Thinking Skills - Year 5**

While Year 6 will be undertaking the technology leadership camp the Year 5 students will be undertaking a separate two day workshop on teamwork and thinking skills. This is a key part of the syllabus that staff will present over the two days.

- **Special Focus Day - Buddies at School**

Over the past two years the school has implemented a Focus Day Program to draw students attention to special areas of interest such as maths, Commonwealth Games and St Patrick's Day.

## Upcoming Events

### Friday 10th February

*Swimming Carnival*

*Glen Innes Swim Centre*

### February 24th February

*Junior Landcare  
Watermelon Challenge*

*Final Measurement*

### Thursday 1st March

*Visiting Performance  
"Pass the Poetry Please"*

### Monday 5th March

*Young Leaders  
Conference*

### Thursday 8th & Friday 9th March

*School Photos*

Next Wednesday, 15th February we will have another of these days. The focus for the session from 11.30am - 1.00pm will be based on the Alannah and Madeline Foundation

<http://www.amf.org.au/>

Better Buddies, an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, helps students to feel safe, valued and connected to the school community. The school pairs primary school students with an older buddy.

Better Buddies is designed to help reduce bullying and create friendly and caring school environments. The Framework builds strong relationships and research shows children benefit immensely – with the younger students feeling safe and cared for, and older students feeling valued and respected.

Launched in 2000, Better Buddies is now in more than 800 Australian schools, and has also been adopted in other countries, including Denmark, Singapore and Dubai.

There will be more details in next week's newsletter.

#### • **Peer Mediation Training Year 6**

In a change from previous practice all of the Year 6 students will undertake Peer Mediation Training on Thursday, 16th February. This will provide them with a range of skills to understand how to help themselves and others when minor conflicts arise.

#### **Glen Innes Show**

Don't forget this weekend is the Glen Innes Show. Many of our classes will have displays in the art section so please take the time to look at the great work on display.

**Sue Belford**  
**Principal**

#### **School News**

##### **School Website**

We invite all families to visit our website to view the activities in

our school. The school calendar is a useful link to check out events in the school and wider community. Permission notes are also available for download on the website.

#### **GLEN INNES PUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE**

<http://www.gleninnes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

#### **Book Club**

Book club orders close this Thursday, 16th February.

If paying by cheque please make payable to:

**Glen Innes Public School**

#### **Student Banking**

Student banking will recommence next Wednesday, 15th February.

Students are reminded to bring their bank books every Wednesday.

New School Bank accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

From January 2012, when children make their first deposit, they will get their first token and our school will receive a \$5.00 commission.

#### **Change of Going Home Arrangements**

After lunch it can be difficult for children to be located in the playground. If circumstances change throughout the day and you wish to change arrangements for your children, please contact the school by 2.00pm. This will allow students to be notified whilst still in their classrooms.

#### **Attendance and Absences**

Late arrival and early departure is recorded as partial absences and must be explained by parents or carers in the same way as other forms of absence.

Arriving at school on time and remaining at school for the entire school day ensures that students do not miss out on

important learning activities and assists students to learn the importance of punctuality, commitment and routine.

#### **Bell Times:**

- **8.40am**  
Playground supervision begins
- **9.10am**  
Class begins
- **11.10am -11.30am**  
Recess
- **1.00pm - 1.30pm**  
Lunch
- **2.45pm - 3.10pm**  
Afternoon recess activities
- **3.15pm**  
School concludes

#### **Please note:**

Children leaving before 3.15pm each day will be recorded as a partial absence.

#### **Kindergarten arrangements:**

All kindergarten students are to go to their own classroom each morning. They are to be collected from Mrs Lee's room in the afternoon.

Commencing next week (Week 4) all kindergarten children will go home at 3.15pm in line with the remainder of the school.

#### **Exemptions**

If you know your child will be away from school for a specific period, you may apply for an exemption if the reason is justified. This means the absences will not be counted in the normal manner and therefore not attract attention when we regularly review absences with the Departmental attendance officers. Please talk to the office staff if you have any questions.

#### **Health Care Plans**

In the next couple of weeks we will be reviewing all Student Health Care Plans.

These plans are held by the school to enable staff to best deal with diagnosed medical problems, should they arise, and are a requirement of the Department of Education and Communities.

If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition in the last twelve months which could require attention at school, please notify the office so that a Health Care Plan can be completed.

### Selective High Schools Placement Test – 15 March

The selective high schools test is held annually for Year 6 students wishing to enter a selective government high school.

For key dates, online applications and more information:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php)

### P&C News

#### Swimming Carnival

The P&C will be organising a BBQ at the Swimming Carnival this Friday, 10th February.

Parents and carers who are able to volunteer please contact the school office on 6732 2577. Your help would be appreciated.

Donations of cakes and slices will be gratefully received.

#### Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on:

Monday, 13th February  
7:00pm  
School staff room  
All welcome

#### Uniform Pool

There is currently a need for second hand uniforms, especially in smaller sizes.

There are two ways uniforms are sold through the clothing pool.

1. Donation: When uniforms are sold, the P&C donates the money raised to the school
2. Commission: The P&C takes a commission from the selling price and the balance goes to the seller

If you would like your second hand uniforms sold on commission, please clearly label the bag they are in with your name and contact details. All commission and donation items can be left at the school office.

### Lunch Centre News

Welcome back. The Lunch Centre is looking forward to another great year.

**Volunteers:** We still have vacancies on our volunteer roster for lunch centre helpers.

If you can assist please contact Katrina or Debbie on 6732 2893.

### Notices Accompanying This Week's Newsletter

- Voluntary Contributions
- Scripture Classes
- Personal Development/ Personal Protection Lessons
- Publishing of Student Photos, Videos and Participation in Video Conferencing
- Student banking information and new account kits.

### 2012 Staff

#### Principal

Mrs Sue Belford

Mrs Belinda Jerrett

(Assistant Principal)

Mrs Olga Dawes - Reading Support

(Assistant Principal)

Mrs Jeanelle Williams - **2JW**

(Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 1)

Miss Jane Lawrence - **3LJ**

(Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 2)

Mr Mark Morris - **S3MM**

(Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 3)

**KL** Mrs Nikki Lee

**KM** Miss Roshien Mercer

**KW** Mrs Debbie Webster

**1ER** Miss Elizabeth Ricketts

**1KN** Miss Kristie Nicholson

**2PH** Mr Peter Howard

**2/3TC** Miss Tracey Condrick

**3DG** Mr Dean Gillett

**4CS** Mrs Cathy Southgate

**4LK** Mr Kane Lorimer

**S3CM** Mrs Cheryl Muldoon

**S3BH** Mr Ben Hollands

**S3JL** Mrs Jody Lamph

**S3LB** Mrs Carla Bryant (Mon - Wed)

**S3LB** Mrs Kristin Lynn (Thurs/Fri)

Mrs Shirley Alcock - Learning Support

Mrs Marianne Bower - RFF

Mr Marcus Brumby - Librarian

Miss Diane Cave - Learning Support

Mrs Lynda James - School Counsellor

Mrs Georgie Kiefer - Reading Recovery

Mrs Wendy Knight - RFF

Mrs Eileen Landers - Numeracy Support

Miss Veronica McNamara - RFF

Mrs Dianne Morris - RFF

Ms Heather Taylor - Cooking/RFF

#### School Admin Support Staff:

Mrs Lesley Clibborn

Mrs Cathy Stirling

Mrs Judy Archibald

Mrs Suellen Slomczewski

Ms Lianna Fuller-Byrne - Aboriginal Education Officer

Mr David Renn - Technical Support

Mr Peter Goodwin - General Assistant

## LUNCH CENTRE NEWS (6732 2893)

### Recess Special

½ Toasted Sandwich  
\$1.50

#### Roster — 6th - 10th February

K Brewer (S)	K Brewer (S)	D Smith (S)	D Smith (S)	D Smith (S)
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