



# Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 1 - Tuesday, 14th February 2012 (Week 4)

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

Congratulations to Miss Lawrence and her band of helpers - parents, community and staff - who helped to make last Friday's swimming carnival such a success. Winners will be announced in a separate section of this week's newsletter.

A note of thanks to the staff and students who remained at school to complete the Water Safety unit. The very high number of students who simply take a day off when there is carnival is of great concern so it was terrific to see so many Stage 2 and Stage 3 students who did attend school last Friday.

As many of you would already know we have been fortunate enough to receive significant additional funding under the National Partnerships - Low SES project.

Low SES status is determined on a number of characteristics taken from the national census completed every five years. This funding will cease in June 2013.

It is very important that the school seek out some additional sources of funding to support some of the great programs we have been able to implement as a result of the SES program.

In a couple of weeks we will be asking parents of students in kindergarten, years 1, 2, 3 and 4 to complete a very short, confidential survey form. The survey relates to the Priority Schools Program (PSP).

The NSW government provides additional funding to PSP schools on a four year cycle. The survey completed by parents will help determine if we qualify for the additional funding.

I can not emphasise more strongly the importance of every family in the target group completing the confidential survey.

Once the survey is completed it is placed in a sealed envelope and the school then passes it directly onto our Sydney office.

I will provide more information next week as we draw closer to the survey date.

**Sue Belford**  
*Principal*

## Swimming Carnival results

Last Friday 10th February, one hundred and seventeen Glen Innes Public School students competed in the annual school carnival. It was a glorious day, with the students participating positively for their respective houses, making for a much more competitive day.

A special mention and congratulations go to the following students who were awarded champion or runners up in their age division.

### Junior Girl Champion:

Amy Hodder

### Junior Girl Runner Up:

Brielle Steel

### Junior Boy Champion:

Evan Byrne

### Junior Boy Runner Up:

Bailey de Jong

### 11 Year Girl Champion:

Tara Winter

### 11 Year Girl Runner Up:

Hope McIntyre

### 11 Year Boy Champion:

Finn Evans

Brock Webster

Jim Fenton

### Senior Girl Champion:

Eleanor Malone

## Upcoming Events

### Friday 17th February

*Zone Swimming Carnival  
Glen Innes Swim Centre*

### Friday 24th February

*Junior Landcare  
Watermelon Challenge*

### Thursday 1st March

*Visiting Performance  
"Pass the Poetry Please"*

### Monday 5th March

*Young Leaders  
Conference*

### Thursday 8th & Friday 9th March

*School Photos*

**Senior Girl Runner Up:**

Amy Byrne

**Senior Boy Champion:**

Henry Hughes

**Senior Boy Runner Up:**

Michael Hodder

As a result of the carnival, thirty students have qualified to represent Glen Innes Public School at the Northern New England Carnival to be held this Friday, 17th February at the Glen Innes Swim Centre.

A special thank you must go to the timekeepers and the P&C whose contribution to the day was greatly appreciated.

**School News****Homework Centre**

The Homework Centre is now operating on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm - 4.45pm.

The Homework Centre is a **voluntary** after-school program held in the school library. It is an opportunity for students to complete weekly homework set by class teachers, work quietly on assignments with access to library resources, and receive help from the supervising teacher where necessary. If you would like your child to attend please contact the school.

Our year 6 students from 2011 who have moved on to high school are also able to attend the Homework Centre.

**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 this Wednesday 15th February.

Students are reminded to bring their bank books every Wednesday.

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

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

**Lunch Centre News**

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

If you are able to assist please contact Katrina or Debbie  
6732 2893

**Parent Information****Tania's Tap and Dance**

Classes commence next Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd February in the Bruxner Learning Centre (Old Hall).

**Tuesday:** Pre-school - Year 2

Tap: 3.30 - 4.05pm

Jazz: 4.10 - 4.45pm

**Wednesday:** Year 3 - Year 6

Jazz: 3.30 - 4.30pm

Beginners Tap: 4.35 - 5.35pm

Advanced Tap: 5.15 - 6.15pm

For further information and pricing please contact Tania Davis

6732 1248 / 0458 321 249

**Accident Insurance**

To insure your child against any medical costs of accidents arising at school, you are strongly advised to take out private health insurance, or check if your school is covered for school accident insurance available via your school's P&C Association.

Parents are reminded that the department does not provide accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools.

The only cover provided by the state government is through the Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme, which covers all students permanently injured or killed while participating in authorised school sporting or athletic activities. The scheme does not cover dental injuries, reimbursement of medical expenses, legal expenses or costs.

For more information go to

<http://>

[www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au/)

or call 02 4321 5392.

**Community News**

Saturday Magic Theatre Troupe presents

**Rockin' Robin and the Hoods**

**Where:** Chapel Theatre

**When:** Saturday 26th February

**Free Entry:** Donations welcome

**No bookings required**



**"You Can Do It" Key To Success Certificates**

**BRONZE:** Tia Symons and Laura Gallagher.

**LUNCH CENTRE NEWS (6732 2893)****Roster — 13th - 17th February**

<b>K Brewer (S)</b>	<b>K Brewer (S)</b>	<b>D Smith (S)</b>	<b>D Smith (S)</b>	<b>D Smith (S)</b>
D Payne	T Walmsley	A Eastwood	A Hartin	D Johansen
				C Grob

**Recess Special**

Fish Cakes with  
mayonnaise or sauce

\$1.50

# The 2/3TC Flash

## **Our Code of Co-Operation.**

**In 2/3TC we will support and encourage each other to try our best and enjoy our work.**

**We can cooperate with our classmates to complete tasks and We can be productive independent learners.**

**We will regularly practice our skills so we can get better.**



*Ashten is ready to write something really interesting.*  
Photographer - Liam

Do you have a pool or don't you? Fence the pool even if it's a rubber pool because children can get in.

So get a fence at the hardware store and put it around your pool!

*A script for a radio ad encouraging people to fence their pools by Catherine and Zak*



*Erin is busy reading a book. When she is finished she will add a bead to her string.*  
Photographer - Stan

*Bailey is looking for a word to use in his writing.*  
Photographer - Maddison



Our class: We have a chart for our behaviour and if we are naughty we move our peg down, if we are good we move our peg up. I got to "good day!"

We went on the internet at the library. There are 12 boys and 12 girls which equals 24.

We have book beads.

There are two Chelseys and two Baileys but they are spelt different.

*By Bailey and Trehy*



*Tom is moving his peg up on our behaviour ladder.*  
Photographer - Travis

## *What we like about 2/3TC*

I like the word wall because it helps us with our writing. What I like in 2/3TC is our behaviour ladder because if you be good you move up but if you are naughty you move down.

*By Laila and Baylee*





2/3TC has computers. 2/3TC has a smartboard (IWB) but I don't know why it's called a smart-board because it doesn't always work, but anyway it's cool. 2/3TC went to the library and we used the computers and we went onto Google and we did a search on dogs.

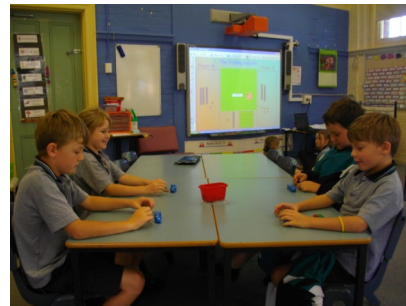
*By Ryan and Maddison*

*Caitlin is using the IWB to practise her spelling words.  
Photographer - Chelsey*

This year we will do Maths. We will learn to get better at Maths. We will learn to do bigger numbers. We will be able to do lots like 200+400. We will be able to do lots of fun Maths and lots more. We will be wonderful at Maths if we practice. We will be great at the end of the year. We have had lots of fun doing maths.

*By Sarah and Caitlin*

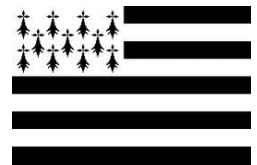
*Royce is ready to work on the laptop.  
Photographer - Taylor*



*Zak, Chelsea Rose, Jack and Cody learning about place value during Maths groups.  
Photographer - Catherine*



*The flags of Brittany and Galicia*



In Brittany there is a place where rocks just appeared and no one knows how they got there because it was thousands of years ago. They're in straight lines. There are tall curved rocks that are like a weird curved tile with some cut rocks inside.

*By Tabitha*



*An iron age Celtic roundhouse drawn by Ashten*

In Brittany there were lots of roundhouses. In Brittany there are over four thousand standing stones. At Brittany there are lots of boats, lots of islands and lots of seas.

*We are learning about Brittany and Galicia  
as we get ready for the Celtic Festival*

Roundhouses were used as houses by Celts during the iron age. We looked up Brittany on the internet and we found out how to make a roundhouse. We found out it took weeks and months to finish a round house.

In Brittany there are thousands of stones that are in lines. No one knows why they are there.

The coast of Brittany is awesome. A lot of people will have races in their boats and go fishing in their boats.

*By Patrick*