



Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 1 - Tuesday, 20th March 2012 (Week 9)

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Thank you to all the parents who took the time to return the recent PSP survey. We have had a 100% return rate which is absolutely fantastic! The iPad offered by the P&C as a small incentive was drawn at a school assembly on Monday afternoon. Caitlin Buller and family were the lucky recipients.

Over the next two weeks the Term 1 parent interviews will be held at the school. Separate notes will go home offering parents the opportunity to meet with the class teacher. This is very much a "getting to know you and your child" activity. We find it is much more effective to talk together at the beginning of the school year so we can work together to help your child with their learning.

Next term we start with the regular Staff Development Day on Monday 23rd April. Students return to school on Tuesday 24th April. As you would be aware Wednesday 25th April is ANZAC Day so students will not attend school. All students then return to school on Thursday 26th April.

The following week is the Celtic Festival. This is a major undertaking for the community as a whole and the schools in particular. The school concerts were so successful last year that we held two on the Thursday. They were so well received that the town schools have planned three concerts, starting on the evening of Wednesday 2nd May, then a lunch time concert on Thursday 3rd May and a repeat performance on the Thursday evening.

Ticket for the concerts are available from the Tourist Information Centre as usual.

Please note that there will be no tickets available at the door for the concerts.

On the Friday the school will be hosting the official "Celtic Morning Tea" with a small performance and morning tea. Then the school will provide a dancing display in the main street at the town opening.

I am taking leave for the remainder of the term. Mrs Jerrett will be the relieving principal over that period. I wish you and your family a peaceful Easter and look forward to seeing everyone again at the beginning of next term.

Technology Update

As many of you are aware we have an outstanding, high quality technology program at the school. Technology, in its many forms, is designed to support administration at one end of the continuum and to support student learning at the other end.

We have been working hard over the past three years to bring the school's technology into the 21st century. We have established a wireless internet network across the school to enhance access and provided significant training for staff in the use of the technology hardware and software. This year we have appointed Computer Technology Monitors in the Stage 3 area as well as in each 3-6 classroom. This means we can empower more students to support their peers in their learning and reduce the disruptions that can occur.

We have just taken delivery of another 15 laptops for classroom use. This means we have five laptop trolleys around the school with access for all students from

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 21st March

*Senior Citizens Luncheon
Choir & School Captains*

Term 1 Discos

*Kinder - Yr 2
4:30pm - 6:00pm*

*Yr 3 and Yr 4
6:30pm - 8:00pm
School Hall*

*School Council Meeting
Staffroom
7:00pm*

Thursday 22nd March

Term 1 Disco

*Stage 3
6:30pm - 8:00pm
School Hall*

Friday 30th March

School Cross Country

*Ages 5yrs to 7yrs
School Grounds*

*Ages 8yrs to 12yrs
Martins Lookout*

Wednesday 4th April

*Stage 3
Stewart House
Mini Fete*

Thursday 5th April

*Last Day
Term 1*

Yr1-Yr6. Kindergarten students use the desktops instead at this stage as it suits the style of learning in the classroom.

We have also taken delivery of another 10 iPads to bring the total up to 25. These are being used in the K-2 area of the school. There are 60 iPod touches being used to support student learning in the 3-6 area.

In addition each classroom now has an interactive whiteboard with a document camera attached. This means we can reduce the number of "big books" we need to buy as teachers can project a small book onto the screen for large group work. They can also be used in science, mathematics and other lessons.

This year we are making the video conferencing (VC) facility at the school more of a focus for classroom activities. We are already using it quite a lot for professional learning and meetings for staff. Miss Condrick is leading a project to have students use the VC in a project with Year 1 this term as a trial.

This week we begin a trial for marking classroom attendance on-line so that students do not have to leave the classroom learning time to deliver absence notes and we can keep track of attendance and partial attendance more effectively.

Sue Belford
Principal

Sports News

Congratulations to all of our students and staff who have been involved in selection trials and competitions in cricket, soccer, rugby league and netball over the past few weeks. A full report on all activities will be in

next week's newsletter.

School News **Student Banking Process Review**

Each Wednesday children are asked to take their bank books to the Lunch Centre window (on the office side) between 8.40am and 9.10am.

Deposits will be taken, books stamped and handed back to the students.

This will help avoid the bank books lying in the bottom of school bags and also simulate the banking process at the local bank branch.

Homework Club

There will be no Homework Club this Wednesday 21st March due to the Discos.

The Homework Club will be closed for a short break. Last session for Term 1, Wednesday 28th March. Resume Term 2, Monday 14th May.

Any students needing help with homework during this time will need to talk to their class teacher.

P&C News **Easter Raffle**

Thank you to the families who have already bought tickets and donated prizes for this year's Easter Raffle. It's shaping up to be a great prize draw and I'm sure there will be lots of happy faces when the winners are announced. If you would like more tickets, or to donate a prize, please see the school office. All tickets and money must be returned to school by Tuesday 27th March.

AGM

Our AGM was held on Monday 12th March with a great show of support from parents. I would

like to express my sincere appreciation to outgoing Lunch Centre Treasurer Kay Higgins and Vice President Sal Molesworth for all their hard work and contributions to our school over the years. If you would like to become a member of the P&C and contribute to our school community, new members are most welcome to attend our next general meeting on Monday 14th May at 7:00pm in the school staffroom.

2012 Executive Committee President

Tracy Wallbridge

Vice President

Christine Webel

Secretary

Gigha Goldman

Treasurer General

Theresa Walmsley

Treasurer Lunch Centre

Annette Eastwood

Discos

The P&C Discos will be held this week on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd March.

Entry is \$3.00 and children will be able to purchase a slice of pizza for dinner at \$2.00. Drinks and assorted lollies will also be available.

There will be lucky door prizes and best dancing prizes too! Parents are asked to drop off and collect their children through the staff car park in Cameron Lane.

Parent helpers are most welcome.

Wednesday 21st March

K - Yr 2: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Yr 3 - Yr 4: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Thursday 22nd March

Yr 5 - Yr 6: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Tracy Wallbridge
President

LUNCH CENTRE NEWS (6732 2893)

Roster — 19th March - 23rd March

K Brewer (S)	D Smith (S)	D Smith (S)	D Smith (S)	D Smith (S)
K Pocock		A Brown	A Hartin	D Johansen
				J Quilty

Recess Special

Savoury Muffins

\$1.50

THE WRITING PROCESS

STARRING KW



THE ALPHABET IS MADE
OF CONSONANTS AND
VOWELS



WE READ
THEM.



WE WRITE THEM



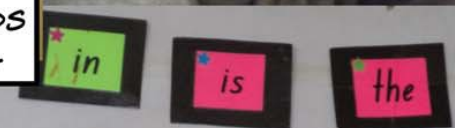
EACH LETTER
MAKES A
SOUND.



WE READ LOTS OF BOOKS
THEY HAVE LOTS OF WORDS
THAT WE HAVE PRACTICED.



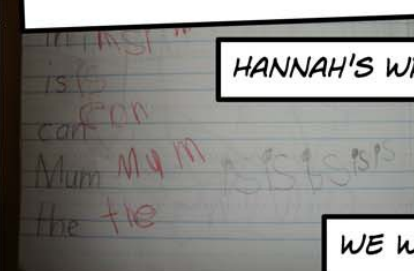
WE USE THE LETTERS WE
KNOW TO MAKE WORDS



THESE WORDS ARE USED A LOT IN
READING AND WRITING



HANNAH'S WRITING



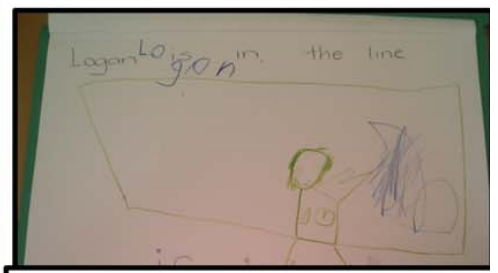
WE WRITE ABOUT WHAT WE READ.



WE WRITE A DRAFT
HARMONY



WE READ OUR WRITING TO
MAKE SURE IT SOUNDS
RIGHT. JORDAN



THEN WE PUBLISH OUR STORY.



CRUZ IS IN THE
LIBRARY.



EBONY IS IN THE
RECYCLING.



ELLIOT IS IN THE
BOX



THOMAS IS IN THE
BOOK ROOM



SAM IS IN THE TREE.



ISAAC IS IN THE
CUPBOARD



ROBERT IS IN THE
BIN.



ISABELLA IS IN THE
GREEN BOX.



MASON IS IN THE PHOTO
COPIER ROOM.



HARMONY IS IN THE
CHAIR



PHEOBE IS IN THE
QUIET AREA.



CHARLI IS IN THE FORT



MONTANA IS IN THE
ROOM.



LOGAN IS IN THE
LINE.



JORDAN IS IN THE
BASKET



KASSIUS IS
UPSIDEDOWN



JOE IS IN THE
GARDEN



LILLIAN IS IN THE
PHOTO



LACHLAN IS IN KW

TOBIAS IS IN THE CLASSROOM.

KW LOVE STORY WRITERS