



Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 2 - Tuesday, 8th May 2012 (Week 3)

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I would like to start this week's newsletter by congratulating the staff, students, parents and community for an outstandingly successful Celtic Festival. What an amazing array of talented people we have in our community and what a range of people we have come to Glen Innes to share the festival.

Last week the students at our school presented three public concerts, hosted and performed at the Mayoral Morning Tea, and then provided some wonderful entertainment at the official opening in the main street with their dancing.

We are very fortunate in our community to have schools working so closely together so we could have a combined choir representing the high school, St Josephs and ourselves. In addition for the first time we had Glen Innes West Infants join us for the Thursday lunchtime concert. The numbers attending the concerts were fantastic. We were also told that the Tourist Centre could have sold enough tickets for two more concerts if we wanted to put them on!

The success of the concerts was reflected in the comments we received from the public.

"We told our friends they HAD to come to the school concert because it was so great last year" - visitors from Lennox Head.

"We were so impressed with the students and the way they were so organised on stage and their talent" - visitors from South Australia.

"How amazing are all these students and congratulations to the staff for the work they have put in as well" - visitors from Sydney.

We had people coming up to staff in the shops in town who were wearing their school identity badges and shirts to congratulate them and the students on their performances and their professionalism.

The Mayoral Morning Tea was a great success. Thanks to the hard work of Mrs Theresa Walmsley and her dedicated band of P&C helpers. The morning tea was nothing short of magnificent. Our many visitors to the town were very impressed with country hospitality. Our special visitors - the Spanish Consul General of Spain, Gerade Ottone and his wife Anna Maria were very impressed with the student performances, the art work on display and the friendly hospitality of the school and the wider community.

Such high quality achievements do not just happen. They are the result of a lot of planning, hard work, dedication, rehearsal and commitment.

Our parents are to be commended for their patience and support with uniform changes, notes, bringing students to evening concerts, attending concerts and all the other behind the scene activities they so willingly support to ensure our students have an opportunity to shine.

The teaching staff have put in countless hours behind the scenes as well as out the front to support students to shine on the day. To Miss Condric for her work with the choir, to every classroom teacher for their work with the dances and the choir items, to Miss Ricketts for her bravery with the xylophones, to the office and support staff behind

Upcoming Events

Thursday 10th May

PSSA
Netball Knockout
Tenterfield

Friday 11th May

Visiting Performance
Chamber Music in Your
Classroom
Kindergarten - Year 6

Monday 14th May

P&C Meeting
7.00pm
Staffroom

Tuesday 15th May to Thursday 17th May

NAPLAN

Friday 18th May

Touch Football Trials
Boys - Armidale
Girls - Tamworth

Friday 25th May

Zone Cross Country
Tenterfield

Tuesday 29th June

PSSA
State Netball Carnival
Penrith

the scenes with programs, phone calls, running around and support students, to Mrs Davis for her tap dancers and jazz items a huge thank you. A special note to the Celtic dancers and Mrs Timmins for yet another outstanding performance.

Behind the scenes has been the amazing work done by Mrs Jerrett to pull everything together. The meetings started last year and in fact we have already started planning for next year! Belinda has done a wonderful job of coordinating the concerts, the dance performances, the Mayoral Morning Tea and the Celtic Art competition, not to mention the rehearsals, the inevitable timetable changes, the venue set up, the coordination between schools and the Celtic Festival Committee and the general overseeing of a wonderful community based event for our students.

To the students themselves an unqualified WELL DONE. Your efforts, patience and high quality performances are something to be very proud of in the years to come.

This year we achieved a milestone at the school as we had no "select" group items. EVERY STUDENT in the school was included in every performance. This a very important part of the approach we have to helping every child achieve to their potential. In many cases this means giving them the opportunity to find out what they can do for themselves.

Sue Belford
Principal

School News **NAPLAN Testing**

The annual National Assessment Program testing for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 takes place from 15th - 17th May.

Students are tested nationally in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

For more information including FAQs, a parent brochure and past results, go to:

www.nap.edu.au/

Book Club

Book club orders close this Thursday 10th May.

Cheques payable to:

Glen Innes Public School

School Council

School Council Vacancies

Two vacancies exist on the current School Council for parent representatives.

The Council meets 4 times per year (once per term). The term of office for School Council members is 2 years.

If you are interested and would like to nominate for one of the vacant positions, please collect a nomination form from the school office.

Nominations close:

4:00pm Friday 11th May 2012

P&C News

Thank You

Thank you to all those who kindly donated baked goods for the Celtic Festival Mayoral Morning Tea. They were very well received by the visitors to our school.

Thank you also to Helen Morgan for her donation of a dinner voucher at the New England

Club as part of our raffles held during the Celtic Festival activities.

The next P&C meeting

Monday 14th May

7:00pm

School staffroom

Gigha Goldman
Secretary

Lunch Centre

We still have vacancies on our volunteer roster for Lunch Centre Helpers.

If you can assist please contact Katrina or Debbie: 6732 2893

Community Information

Glen Innes Pipe Band

Would you like to be a Piper or a Drummer? If you are interested in being a beginner/learner or as a playing member, tuition is free.

Where: High School Hall

Time: 6.30pm

When: Every Thursday

For further information please contact the Band Secretary at secretary@gleninnespipeband.com.au

Notes Accompanying This Week's Newsletter

- Visiting Performance "Chamber Music in Your Classroom". All students
- Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Cards



"You Can Do It" Key To Success Certificates

BRONZE: Maisie Eastwood, Corey Chaffey, Mitchell Davidson, Mitchell Keegan, Lily Dawson-Kerr, Nate Grennan, Jack Croskell, Harlon McLaren, Lucy Goldman, Dylan Hazlett and Alexander Woods.

SILVER: Harlon McLaren

LUNCH CENTRE NEWS (6732 2893)

Roster — 7th - 11th May

K Brewer (S)	K Brewer (S)	D Smith (S)	D Smith (S)	D Smith (S)
K Pocock	T Walmsley	J Campbell	A Hartin	D Johansen
				C Grob

Recess Special

Mashed Potato & Gravy
\$1.50

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3LJ?

OUR THOUGHTS ON OUR YEAR SO FAR

What did you look forward to most going into Year 3?

- being in a new classroom with more classmates **Olivia**
- being part of the primary school and a new class **Jamie**
- learning new things **Bradley**

What do you think is the best thing you have done this year?

- the reading and writing is really fun **Bethany**
- making new friends **Jordan**
- doing different types of art and craft **Zak**

What's your favourite thing about being in 3LJ?

- taking Alvin, our class friend, home **Tahliah-Jae**
- our marble reward jar **Sam**
- having a brilliant teacher **3LJ**

What have you learnt so far this year?

- more of my times tables **Kara**
- how to have manners **Hamish**
- how to write persuasive texts **Clare**

What would you like to learn more about or do?

- more about science **Kayla**
- more about how to join letters in cursive writing **Emma**
- be fast at my times tables **Antwon**

If you were 3LJ teacher for the day, what would you teach?

- how to speak Chinese **Georgie**
- sign language **Ella**
- how to speak Dutch **Trinity**

CAN WE CONVINCE YOU?

3LJ have been learning how to write persuasive texts. The students needed to decide if the city or the country was better and write a text to convince the reader of their choice.

Here are some examples of introductions.

'What would you want to live in - fresh air or oil smelling air? Do you want to be feeling like you have been waiting in a traffic jam for like 80 minutes or something? Trust me, after you have read this you'll believe me, you'll want to live in the country.' **Sophie**

'Do you want to smell petrol? Do you want to go to bed quietly? Live in the country. It is peaceful.' **Georgina**

'Do you want to be bored? Do you want to be stuck in the car? Do you want to walk everywhere? Well come to the country.' **Maddison**

Now for some argument paragraphs...

'To start with and most importantly, you can have a horse and other pets in the country. In the city you can't have a horse and other pets because there is no room.' **Tegan**

'My second reason is do you want to get to sleep so you are not tired for work? In the country it is peaceful and you will not be tired for work.' **Charlotte**

'My second reason is flies are annoying and so are mosquitoes. Well they are in the country. So do you want to live in this? If you don't, come live in the city.' **Nick**

There is a lot more traffic in the city because a lot more people live in the city and need more vehicles. **Jessica**

Time for some conclusions...

'Finally you can be loud and not disturb anyone while you have lots of fun playing. Do you really want to be stuck in a traffic jam? Well move to the country now!' **Nathan**

'So what do you think? Stay at the city or move? Think about your sleep and think about your fishing if you like fishing. What about the traffic? What are you going to do if you stay in traffic for 2 hours? Move now to the country!!!' **Natalie**

3LJ LOVES BEING CREATIVE

3LJ engage in art and craft activities on Thursday afternoon. These tasks relate to current events or units of work the students are studying at the time. 3LJ would like to share some of these with you.



3LJ students designed fireworks using oil pastels with Mrs Morris.



We sketched images of King Arthur and his Knights and then used water colours to finish them.



2012 Glen Innes Show art entry- Class Photograph



2012 CELTIC FESTIVAL

Life has certainly been busy at school preparing singing and dancing for the Celtic Festival.

3LJ also prepared an entry for the Celtic Art Competition. We used PVA glue, gold and black paint to create our Celtic Knots. We received 1st place in the Years 3-6 section.



Our winning art entry



Proudly showing our certificate and prize voucher



3LJ dancing in the street - Le Carillon (The Chime)