



Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 2 - Tuesday, 12th June 2012 (Week 8)

Website: www.gleninnes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Congratulations to Mrs Barbara Timmins for her Queen's Birthday honour announced yesterday and celebrated in this week's Glen Innes Examiner.

It is terrific to see someone such as Mrs Timmins rewarded for their dedication, hard work and passion. Her work with the dance group is quite remarkable and is always a pleasure to see in such events as the recent Celtic Festival.

Mrs Timmins has had a long history with the school and the students and we are delighted to see her awarded the Australia Order of Merit (AOM).

Last week we welcomed Matt Goldman and Carri Wood to the School Council meeting. The Council discussed the finances for the school, some policy draft materials and a number of brief reports on school operations from other members of the Council.

Some matters were carried over to be discussed at next week's P&C meeting as well. The meeting will be held at 7.00pm in the staff room on Monday, 18th June.

One of the major discussions will be the draft Anti-Bullying Plan for the school. All schools in NSW are required to develop a new plan to counter this important issue.

As part of the plan we will have a visit from the local police for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students this Thursday. The talk will focus on the importance of dealing with bullying in an effective manner and some of the legal implications of such behaviour.

Sue Belford
Principal

Monday 16th July 2012

School Development Day

PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 17th July 2012

School resumes

ALL STUDENTS

Term 3, 2012

Sport News

Today we have the girls and boys soccer teams playing their round 2 and round 3 matches in the PSSA knockout competitions.

On Friday 5th June, the Glen Innes Public School Netball girls went to Armidale to play the PSSA Knockout game against Armidale City Public School. The girls played their best and won 27 to 7. Congratulations girls. They now play Ross Hill in the round 4 match.

Aimee Gillett

PLEASE NOTE: Stage 3 students will need their sports uniform for Wednesday this week instead of Friday so all athletics training and heats can be finalised ready for the upcoming sports carnival.

Coles for Sport Vouchers

Coles for Sport starts this Wednesday 13th June. This year, we are asking parents/carers to staple the Coles vouchers in groups of ten before sending to school to make the process easier.

Last year we totalled over 71,000 vouchers. With the potential of collecting a similar number, your assistance will help make the process more efficient and less time consuming this year.

Jane Lawrence
Sports Coordinator

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 12th June

Girls Soccer Knockout
Game

Thursday 14th June

Police Visit
Stage 2 & Stage 3

Friday 15th June

Area Cross Country
Coolah

Thursday 21st June

Science & Engineering
Challenge Day
Stage 3 Students

Friday 22nd June

GIPS Athletics Carnival

Friday 29th June

Last Day
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P&C News

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held in the school staffroom on Monday 18th June at 7:00pm.

Gigha Goldman
Secretary

Lunch Centre

Volunteers

We still have vacancies for lunch centre volunteers for some days or as an emergency contact. Please think about adding your name to the list to help your school.

Please contact Katrina or Debbie on 6732 2893 if you are able to assist.

Parent Information

Whooping cough alert

NSW Health warns there has been an increase in whooping cough among primary school-aged children. Whooping cough is contagious and can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

- Children with symptoms should see a GP.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken five days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it's a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

More information go to:
[www.health.nsw.gov.au/
PublicHealth/Infectious/
whoopingcough/facts.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Infectious/whoopingcough/facts.asp)

Are your kids FireWise?

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is encouraging parents and carers to teach children about fire safety and what to do during an emergency.

While many adults know what to do during a fire, often a child does not how to behave in a dangerous situation.

The RFS advises parents and carers to take the time to talk to children about fire safety and how they can assist during an emergency at home.

As well as giving children the skills to protect themselves, it also gives parents peace of mind knowing their child is prepared for an emergency.

The NSW RFS suggests parents start by teaching children the importance of not lighting fires and what to do if a bush fire threatens the house.

By instructing children early, fire safety can become instinctive. Children should understand fire responsibility and the consequences of fire from a young age.

Parents should make sure their children know to call Triple Zero in an emergency and give their correct address.

Children should also be taught about fire-safe clothing: long sleeved shirts, thick trousers made of natural fibres and heavy boots, rather than flimsy summer clothing.

The NSW RFS provides bush fire awareness materials specially designed for educating

children. They're available from your local RFS Fire Control Centre.

For more information contact the Northern Tablelands Team on 6732 7046 or visit

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Community Information

NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

The NSW Rural Fire Service is made up of volunteers, men and women, from all backgrounds, age groups and professions. Rural fire brigades are a reflection of every local community.

Becoming a volunteer fire fighter is easier than most people think. Brigades offer training ranging from bush fire fighting, village fire fighting and first aid to breathing apparatus operation.

We have a multitude of areas that require volunteers. Communications, catering, logistics, planning and aviation support are critical – there is a job for nearly everyone in the RFS.

The people who make up our Service are as different as the society that we protect.

For more information and Membership Application:

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

The minimum age to join the Rural Fire Service as a volunteer is 16, if you are under the age of 16 please see our Young Volunteers page, or Like us on FaceBook for more information.

For more general information about joining the RFS and/or our cadet programs please contact our Volunteer Relations Unit on

volunteer@rfs.nsw.gov.au

or contact the Northern Tablelands Team on 6732 7046.

LUNCH CENTRE NEWS (6732 2893)

Roster — 11th—15th June				
PUBLIC HOLIDAY QUEENS BIRTHDAY	D Smith (S)	K Brewer (S)	K Brewer (S)	K Brewer (S)
	B Pryor	A Brown	A Hartin	D Johansen
	A Cooke	D Payne		J Quilty

Recess Special

**1/2 toasted
sandwiches
\$1.50**

S3CM

We can be very persuasive about whether it's cruel to keep animals in cages

Scared, sad and alone in a cage with no food and no water and no friend to sleep with and no friends to play with of a day, if they are put in a cage for days and days they will die because they don't have a home to keep warm at night. Maddi

It's cruel to keep animals in cages. Imagine no space to run around, nothing to play with, just sitting there surrounded by metal bars everywhere. It's like putting your pet in jail twenty-four seven. Allie

Animals have very little room to eat and drink in cages. It's breathtaking to see them sitting in their food or sitting in their dirty water that hasn't been cleaned for weeks. Jasmine

I look around and see Cold, lost, hungry animals weeping around because their owners did not protect them. Maybe it is a good idea to keep them in cages. Do you want your animals ending up lost, cold and hungry? Bethany

What would you feel like if you're in a cage, just laying down, just bored, just walking up and down, no food or water, how would you feel? Kelera

Trapped, sitting there stuck in a cage. what would you do if you were in a cage? Animals want to run around and be animals not something that gets poked at with a stick. Ashlie

Do you really need to spend money on toys for children???

Reefing the tablecloth off the table, pulling it over their head and crawling over the rugged terrain like Australian diggers in World War 2. Children are getting a lot of exercise while having fun. Do your kids do this? See!! Kids can still have fun without toys and games. Jordan

Smiling faces, hair flying everywhere, arms reaching out to tip some-one. Does your child do this? You don't need to buy toys to hear your child's laughter. Everyone has imagination. Naomi

Imagine children hiding magnificently under the table, having the most fun they ever had, laughing, giggling, to give a marvellous surprise when someone walks past. Kids don't need toys to allow them to play. Ali



This is our Glen Innes show entry



Earthquake Storyboard

S3CM

Year 4 were convicts aboard a ship sailing with the First Fleet, as it encountered a storm.

Leaving Capetown, the crew started feeling drops of rain. Suddenly, a huge lightning strike was seen and the real storm started. The convicts below started screaming and the first person vomited. Men, women, water, supplies, food and ammunition fell overboard. Towering waves were smashing on top of the masts. Then 'SNAP!' one of the masts fell down and the ship was only just floating. Bailey

The tremendously large waves were washing over our heads. The ship is tilting from side to side and waves are crashing over the very large ship. Morgan-May

When I was on the ship, in the cell, one night there was a terrible storm. I was very scared and water was coming into the cells. All I could feel was the sewerage rising. It was nearly up to my chest. There were tremendous waves crashing on the deck of the ship and I heard people screaming who were overboard. William

We are the authors of the future. Read our narrative writing.

The hot air balloon was drifting smoothly at the speed of the wind over the harbour in Sydney. Suddenly something dropped like a bird swooping, onto the air balloon and it popped and fell down rapidly onto the City below. Brielle

Old and leafless, the oak tree stood and stared at little Johnny. From the tree-house it looked at him as if it was a guard of a prison. Even though he was scared he couldn't get down because a savage dog was waiting at the bottom to rip him up. Goosebumps covered his body as if he had chicken pox. Jayden

Boiling lava burst out of the rushing volcano, spitting out magma everywhere making huge craters. Bill was happily sleeping when all of a sudden the room was boiling hot. Angus

The hot, sad, lonely sun in the blue sky was looking for just one friend. The ground was as red as my mouth. When you looked beyond, you could see a little head poking out of the rocks. Esther

