



# Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 1 - Tuesday 12th February 2013 (Week 3)

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

Congratulations to all the students who took on the challenge to participate in the swimming carnival last Friday.

The weather was very kind and the students very willing. Over half of the students in the relevant age groups actually participated which is a great result for a swimming carnival. 46 of those students have now qualified for the Zone carnival to be held in Glen Innes this Friday. Well done to Miss Lawrence and the staff who helped organise the carnival and particular thanks to all the parent and community helpers. We literally can not run a carnival like this without your help.

Yesterday we started our Challenge Program for all Yr 3-6 students. It was well received by students and staff and already looks like a very successful initiative. The children will be involved in this cycle for five weeks and then have the opportunity to select a new challenge.

The current challenges on offer are

- Mechanical engineering - Lego
- Musical instruments - percussion
- Problem solving - thinking skills
- Choir
- Computer programming - Logo
- Horticulture
- Movie making - Claymation
- Lifesaving
- Dance
- Art - drawing
- Movie Making - general
- Graphic Design

- Musical instruments - recorder
- Languages - Japanese
- Writing
- Science - Kitchen Chemistry

This week we started our formal **library** lessons for the year. As the school now runs on a fortnightly timetable many students will only have a formal library session every second week. However we now have the library open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:45pm so they can enjoy quiet reading time or borrow a book or do some research if they wish.

This week we have included a copy of the school Homework Policy for your information.

Homework will be sent home this week. From Year 1 to Year 4 all weekly homework should contain a spelling activity, a maths activity, some aspect of the HSIE unit as well as a home reading aspect. The Year 5/6 students work on a fortnightly homework cycle with some extended activities included as preparation for high school.

Homework is always a challenging aspect of any school/family life mix. Children have many competing interests and demands on their time as do parents. Staff focus the homework on specific skills and content that will be useful as a review or to extend an interest for students.

There is an interesting article for parents on the School's A-Z website on how to help your child while allowing them to develop independence?

## Upcoming Events

### Friday 15th February

Zone Swimming Carnival  
Glen Innes Swim Centre

### Week 4

#### *Leadership Week for Stage 3*

*Year 6 Technology Camp  
Monday 18th & Tuesday  
19th February*

*Leadership Badge  
Ceremony  
Wednesday 20th February  
10:30am*

*You Can Do It Focus Day  
Kindergarten - Year 6  
Wednesday 20th February  
11:30am*

*Year 6 Peer Mediation Day  
Thursday 21st February*

*SRC Training Day  
Friday 22nd February*

### Thursday 14th/Friday 15th March

School Photos

### Week 10

*School Cross Country*

### Weeks 10 & 11

*Parent Interviews*

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

**Sue Belford**  
**Principal**

### **School News**

#### **Year 6 Technology Camp**

A separate note has been sent home but parents are asked to remember that students will need to bring morning tea and lunch on Monday 18th February. All other meals will be supplied.

#### **Book Club**

Orders close this Thursday 14th February. Please make cheques payable to:

**Glen Innes Public School**

#### **Student Banking**

Student Banking will recommence this Wednesday 13th February.

Students are reminded to bring their bank books every Wednesday to the western window at the Lunch Centre. When children make their deposits, they will get their first token for the student banking rewards program receiving various prizes.

Starter packs are available at the school office for interested families

### **Sport News**

#### **Swimming Carnival Results**

With a glorious day last Friday 143 students attended the annual swimming carnival at the Glen Innes Swim Centre. Great participation and sportsmanship was displayed by students, with this being the first ever carnival or swimming carnival for many students.

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

#### **Junior Girl Champion:**

Baylee Tighe

#### **Junior Girl Runner Up:**

Stella Grieve

#### **Junior Boy Champion:**

Bailey de Jong

#### **Junior Boy Runner Up:**

Archie Grieve

#### **11 Year Girl Champion:**

Amy Hodder

#### **11 Year Girl Runner Up:**

Charlie Smith

#### **11 Year Boy Champion:**

Evan Byrne

#### **11 Year Boy Runner Up:**

Blake Martin

#### **Senior Girl Champion:**

Hope McIntyre

#### **Senior Girl Runner Up:**

Jessica de Jong

#### **Senior Boy Champion:**

Bailey Ratliff

#### **Senior Boy Runner Up:**

Odin Webster

As a result at the carnival, 46 students have qualified to represent Glen Innes Public School at the Northern New England Carnival to be held this Friday 15th February at the Glen Innes Swim Centre.

The overall winning house was **Arunta**.

A special thank you must go to the timekeepers whose contribution to the day was appreciated and to the parents who supported their children on the day.

**Jane Lawrence**

**Sport Coordinator**

### **Lunch Centre News**

#### **Lunch Order Labelling**

With the start of the new school year some class names have changed. To assist in the children receiving the correct lunch order please place the correct class name on the order form.

#### **Notes Accompanying:**

- Homework Policy
- Sporting Code of Conduct (8 Years - Year 6)
- Voluntary Contribution Letter
- PD/Personal Development permission
- Student Banking Starter Packs (Kindergarten)
- Lunch Centre Volunteer Notes
- Lunch Centre Rosters
- Lightning Ridge Excursion Note (Stage 3)

## **LUNCH CENTRE NEWS (6732 2893)**

### **THIS WEEK'S ROSTER**

Roster — 11th - 15th February 2013				
K Brewer (S)	J Quilty (S)	D Smith (S)	D Smith (S)	D Smith (S)
K Kanaro				
Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	L Parry

### **NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**

Roster — 18th - 22nd February 2013				
K Brewer (S)	J Quilty (S)	D Smith (S)	D Smith (S)	D Smith (S)
D Johansen	D Johansen	C Graham	A Hartin	D Johansen
Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	L Parry

### **11th - 15th February Recess Specials**

Fruit & Yoghurt  
\$1.50

Pancake with Banana,  
Maple Syrup or Yoghurt  
\$1.50

### **18th - 22nd February Recess Specials**

1/2 Toasted Sandwiches  
\$1.50

Recess Wraps Mixed  
Fillings  
\$2.00