



Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 1 - Tuesday 5th February 2013 (Week 2)

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Congratulations to all the students and families for such a smooth start to the school year. The new Kindergarten students have settled in very well and we have a number of new students who moved into the Year 1-Year 6 classes who are also settling in very well.

Kindergarten students have the option to go home at 2:45pm for the first few days as they settle into the school routine. This option will finish on Wednesday 6th February. From Thursday 7th February all students are expected to be at school by 9:10am and leave at the usual 3:15pm time.

Setting up the classes is always a challenge for schools as the Department places some restrictions on the size of classes across the school. In addition, we have had a number of new staff appointed to the school since the end of last year - one only appointed a few days before school started.

The process at the school is to review possible classes and teachers at the end of the year and then refine the lists and allocations when staffing is finalised.

Although many students and parents would like to know their classes and teachers before school starts it is not possible in such a large school.

This year we have a number of mixed/composite classes. This does not disadvantage students as the syllabus is set by the NSW Board of Studies to ensure all students cover the same content in maths and they address the same outcomes in other subjects, although the topic may be different from class to

class.

To ensure this occurs in a manageable way this year we have instituted a common homework policy.

All students in Year 1, whether they are in K/1L, 1DG, 1SK or 1/2TW, will do the same homework each week. The same will apply to all of the Year 2 students in 2PH, 1/2TW and 2/3TC and so on for each year group up to the senior classes.

There will be some small additional tasks for each class when they are doing work around a unit of work other than the grade level spelling, maths and reading.

Mobile Communication

Great news for busy families.

We have now released a mobile app for parents – either for an iPhone or an android based phone.

The app is going to give parents the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, or to send in a sick note or other useful options.

We will be sharing many of the other features with you over the coming weeks, but for now download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for **Glen Innes Public School**. Once you have found it press install or download.

Challenge Program

This week we are setting up another new program to help our students reach their potential. The students in Year 3 - 6 will be involved in the Challenge Program.

The challenges are quite diverse

Upcoming Events

Friday 8th February

*School Swimming
Carnival*

Glen Innes Swim Centre

Monday 11th February

P&C Meeting

7:00pm

School Staffroom

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*

Week 10

School Cross Country

Weeks 10 & 11

Parent Interviews

with sessions in Kitchen Chemistry, art, graphic design, Computer programming, learning musical instruments, choir, dance, Mechanical engineering, horticulture and Japanese to name a few. There will be 16 options in the first five week round.

Students will rank their choices today and then be placed in groups ready for the first session next Monday afternoon.

This is an exciting innovation for the school and the staff are looking forward to their challenges as much as the students are looking forward to participating.

Sue Belford
Principal

Sport News **Swimming Carnival**

This Friday we will be holding our school swimming carnival. Notes have already been sent home to students. Family members are encouraged to come along and support the students participating in the carnival. The pool canteen will be open as usual.

All students who can swim a lap of the pool in any stroke are entitled to attend the carnival. All other students will be expected to attend school for the day as other learning activities are planned for the day. Not participating in the carnival is not a reason to not attend school.

Parent News

Scripture classes

These will recommence on Tuesday 19th February for Kindergarten-Year 4 and for all students the following week. Classes offered at the school are Anglican/Protestant and Non-Scripture, delivered by members of the Minister's Fraternal. The Catholic Parish Board are unable to offer Catholic Scripture classes. Children are placed in classes, according to the information on their enrolment forms. If you wish to have any change from this arrangement please complete the form below and return it to the school.

Year 6 Polo Shirts 2013

For those who have not already returned a shirt order please note that a deposit of \$10 or full payment of \$33 is due this Friday 8th February.

The **final** order will be placed next week. There will be no late orders placed

P&C News

P&C General Meeting

The first P&C meeting for the year will be held at 7:00pm on Monday 11th February in the school staffroom. The AGM will be held in March. All are welcome to attend.

Uniform Pool

There is currently a need for second hand uniforms, especially in smaller sizes.

There are two ways uniforms are sold through the clothing

pool:

1. Donation: When uniforms are sold, the P&C donates the money raised to the school
2. Commission: The P&C takes a commission from the selling price and the balance goes to the seller.

If you would like your second hand uniforms sold on commission, please clearly label the bag they are in with your name and contact details. All commission and donation items can be left at the school office.

Tracy Wallbridge
P&C President

Lunch Centre News

We have vacancies on our Lunch Centre volunteer roster for helpers on a one day per month basis. Grandparents and dads are welcomed.

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

Community Information

Raising 'Next Gen'

The ABC of Parenting. Learn how to give your child appropriate attention and affirmation.

When: 13th February 2013

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Where: 55 Henderson St,
Inverell

*For more information please contact Anglicare Inverell
6722 2766*

Notes Accompanying:

- 2013 Health Care Plans
- 2013 Photo Permission Note

LUNCH CENTRE NEWS (6732 2893)

Roster — 4th - 8th 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

Recess Specials

Savoury Muffins
\$1.50



GLEN INNES PUBLIC SCHOOL **Scripture Class Permission 2013**

My child: of class:has permission to attend:

☐ Anglican/Protestant Scripture Lessons

☐ Non Scripture

Signed: Date: