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## Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 1 - Tuesday 12th March 2013 (Week 7)

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Yesterday morning a group of parents and staff saw off our first Stage 3 group heading west to **Lightning Ridge**. Needless to say it was very chilly yesterday morning. By the afternoon we had a message to say they had safely arrived at The Ridge and it was a balmy 30 degrees!

*Mr Morris reports that S3NU and S3MM with members of S3JL have arrived in beautiful Lightning Ridge. The weather is warm and we are looking forward to a great day with the possibility of discovering opals followed by an afternoon at the water theme park. Everybody is happy and we should be returning to Glen Innes by 5:00pm tomorrow.*

This week is **photo week** so we ask parents to take particular care with arriving at school on time, unnecessary absences and appropriate school uniform. It is predicted to be 26 degrees on Thursday so the normal Term 1 uniform should be appropriate.

Please remember that jewellery is very limited at school. We ask that unusual hairbands or decorations also not be worn in the photographs.

Please remember all students should wear **GREEN SPORTS SHIRTS** on Thursday and Friday so K-4 should wear normal school shirts on Wednesday instead.

Congratulations to the new **P&C Executive** following last night's Annual General Meeting.

The work of the P&C is invaluable to the students at the school but the reserves of goodwill and the capacity in the

community to continue such voluntary work is certainly limited these days in most communities.

The P&C fulfils a very important role within the school as sounding boards for school practice and as a source of fundraising to support programs and activities for students.

In 2012 the P&C provided significant funds to help install the first stage of the covered walkway to Taylor Street. This year they will again provide some funds towards the remaining concrete footpath. The covered sections will come at a later stage.

The P&C currently operates the school student banking system, the Lunch Centre and general fundraising for the school through activities such as the upcoming Easter Raffle, the Walkathon in Term 3, the discos in Term 1 and Term 4 and the annual calendar project.

The viability of the lunch centre was discussed at last night's meeting as the ongoing availability of volunteers to work in there is always a concern.

The P&C will be moving their meetings to the third Tuesday of each month to try and make the actual meetings more accessible to parents as Monday nights clash with many sporting events in the town.

**Sue Belford**  
*Principal*

## Upcoming Events

**Weeks 7, 8 & 9**

Life Education Van

**Thursday 14th & Friday 15th March**

School Photos

**Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th March**

*Lightning Ridge Excursion  
Stage 3  
Group B*

**Tuesday 26th March**

**Term 1 Discos**

Kinder -Year 2  
4:30pm - 6:00pm

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

**P&C BBQ**

5:30 - 7:00pm

**Wednesday 27th March**

**Term 1 Discos**

Stage 3  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

**P&C BBQ**

6:00 - 7:00pm

**Celtic Festival**

**Combined School's Concert**

Wednesday 1st May, 1:00pm  
(Dress Rehearsal)

Wednesday 1st May, 7:00pm

Thursday 2nd May, 1:00pm

Thursday 2nd May, 7:00pm

**Tuesday 7th May**

Student Leadership  
Conference

Tamworth

## **School News**

### **Book Club**

Book club closes this Thursday 14th March 2013. Please make cheques payable to

**Glen Innes Public School**

### **Stage 3 Excursion**

Payments and information notes are now due for the Group B Stage 3 excursion to Lightning Ridge.

### **Year 6 into Year 7 2014**

Expressions of interest forms are being distributed today to the Year 6 students remaining at school. Those on the excursion will receive theirs when they return. All forms need to be returned to the school by Friday 22nd March 2013.

### **School Mobile App**

We are encouraged by the number of families who have installed the School Mobile App on their Smartphones.

Some families are choosing to send in their absence notes via the App. The absences come through the school email account, when the "submit" button is pressed.

The email is then submitted to the class teacher and the office. In the case of the senior students, we are trialing a reply email to notify parents we have received the absence.

Thank you for taking up this option as it helps to ensure attendance records are up to date and accurate.

In addition we have had many parents asking for a full-sized version of the app for their ipad (or Android equivalent). We are

currently working with the App designer to set this up as well.

### **Notes**

A reminder to return the following notes to the school:

- Photo Permission (mauve)
- Personal Development (gold)
- Health Care Plans (white)
- Sporting Code of Conduct (pink)
- Life Education Van Visit (blue)
- School Photo Envelopes (please note that Family Photo Envelopes are available from the office).

### **P&C News**

Congratulations to the new executive team:

President: Tracy Wallbridge  
Vice Presidents: Joanne Moffitt and Kirrily Hahn  
Secretary: Gigha Goldman  
Treasurer: Annette Eastwood

At this stage we still do not have a Lunch Centre Treasurer and are very keen to talk to anyone who would be interested in taking on the position.

### **Easter Raffle**

Tickets are \$1.00 each and need to be returned to school by Monday 25th March. Additional tickets are available at the office.

Please consider your child's safety when selling tickets. We do not recommend door to door selling.

The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 26th March.

### **Term 1 "Welcome Back to School Discos & BBQ"**

The Term 1 discos will take place in Week 9

As a chance for families to meet, the P&C will be running a **BBQ** to coincide with the discos, at the following times:

- Kinder - Year 4 families  
Tuesday 26th March  
5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Stage 3 families  
Wednesday 27th March  
6:00pm - 7:00pm

The BBQ will replace the usual offer of pizza being available for sale during the discos.

Sausage sandwiches: \$2.00  
Salad & drinks will also be available during the evening.

**Please note** Year 2 students in 2/3TC can go to either Disco. Kinder - Yr 2 **OR** Yr 3 - Yr 4

**Gigha Goldman**  
**Secretary**

### **Call for Tenders**

Interested persons are invited to tender to construct a concrete path from the playground towards the existing walkway at Taylor Street

Please call to the school office for more information.

### **Community News**

#### **AUSTSWIM Instructor Training**

If you would like to qualify to be an AUSTSWIM Instructor, please contact the school office for more information

### **Notes Accompanying This Week's Newsletter:**

- University Competitions (Yr 3 - Yr 6)
- Expression of interest Yr 6 into Yr7 2014

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

| Next Week's Roster — 18th - 22nd March |                    |                    |                    |             |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| K Brewer (S)                           | K Brewer (S)       | D Smith (S)        | D Smith (S)        | D Smith (S) |
| A Lute                                 | A Cooke            | A Eastwood         | A Hartin           | D Johansen  |
| Volunteer Required                     | Volunteer Required | Volunteer Required | Volunteer Required | D Burton    |

### **Recess Specials**

#### **This Week**

Pizza Muffins - \$1.50

#### **Next Week**

1/2 Toasted Sandwiches  
\$1.50

Easter Buns - .80c  
Available recess & lunch  
from Monday 18th March