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Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 2 - Tuesday 21st May 2013 (Week 4)

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Tonight's meeting of the P&C, will be the first with a new time and date. The change has been made to accommodate the requests of some parents as the previous time and dates clashed with other community events.

Please take the time to come along for a short meeting to discuss what is happening in the school in a positive and friendly atmosphere.

On a very positive note, last week we received three Recognition Plaques from Stewart House for Highest Total Donation 2012 Regional Winner, Highest Per Capita Donation 2012 Regional Winner and Outstanding Achievement in Fundraising 2012 with a total of \$4103.00 raised overall.

What a wonderful achievement for the students and the community in supporting such a great cause.

This week we are continuing our focus on being fit and healthy with our participation in the "**National Walk Safely to School Day**" on Friday. (see note below and separate note sent home today).

Over the past few weeks we have seen an increased number of students participating in representative sport in soccer, touch football, netball and today the "Legends of League" program. It is great to see so many new faces amongst the students who feel they have the skills and the confidence to step up to the next level.

Recently we have had a spate of

minor vandalism in the school grounds. These generally occur on the weekends and so Monday morning becomes a round of checking for damage.

This is very disheartening to staff and students as there are so many great facilities for students to enjoy in the playground areas.

The new soccer goals have now been seriously damaged on three occasions and one is now beyond repair and so students currently do not have access to a field for their soccer games.

I would like to remind everyone that the school grounds are covered under the Inclosed Lands Act and that trespassing in school grounds is an offence. School facilities are not available to the public without prior permission.

If you do see anyone in the school grounds when the school is not open could you please notify the School Security Hotline on **1300 880 021**.

This will ensure our students are safe and can enjoy our terrific facilities.

Sue Belford
Principal

School News **Challenge Program**

As many of you are aware, we are currently running our second cycle of the Challenge Program for the Year 3-6 students across the school. The options for this cycle include digital storytelling, Japanese, 3D Art, Red Cross Leadership, Introduction to Agriculture, Aboriginal

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 21st May

P&C Meeting

6:30pm

School Staffroom

Wednesday 22nd May

National Simultaneous
Storytime 2013

10:30am - 11:30am

K-2 (& 2/3TC) Classrooms

Friday 24th May

National Walk Safely to
School Day

Friday 24th May

Return 'Update of Student
Enrolment Data' form to school

Monday 3rd June

Visiting Performance
"Australian Folklore"

Friday 21st June

School Athletics Carnival
King George Oval

Week 9 - Final Week

Premier's Reading Challenge

Languages, Basic Physics and Matter, Dance, Mechanical Engineering, Bike Safety and Maintenance, Moviemaking, Digital Publishing, Night of the Notables— a research and public speaking focus, and an Introduction to Chemistry.

These have proved very popular with the students. Although I think the Agriculture group might be in the lead at the moment as they made their own butter and ice cream in yesterday's session.

The Bike Safety group were joined by Const. McCormack from Armidale to talk about the need for rules and how to be safe on the road.

The Physics group were testing the theory of matter and energy by placing an item inside a balloon and then seeing how to move the item quicker and slower by applying different forces and directions to the balloon. Some interesting observations and a lot of fun at the same time.

We are currently starting our planning for the next cycle of Challenge activities. We are looking for parent and community helpers who might be able to provide some expertise in an area that we can share with the students. If you feel you could help please contact the office.

Overdue Library Books

We have a wonderful Library, with great resources. When books are returned promptly it means other students have a chance to borrow. We are asking that all overdue Library books are returned.

Could you please check to make sure there are no Library books lying around (under beds, in wardrobes, in toy boxes etc.). We appreciate your help in this matter so we can continue to support all of the children in the school in their love of reading.

National Walk Safely to School Day

Now in its fourteenth year, the Walk Safely to School Day initiative will be celebrated on **Friday 24th May 2013**.

This year we are excited to introduce the Walk Safely to School Day App for Apple and Android phones. The App will allow children and parents/carers to track their kilometres travelled to and from school, time spent walking and their average walking speed. For further information go to:

<http://www.walk.com.au/wstsd01/page.asp?PageID=260>

Update of Student Enrolment Data

A mauve note was sent home to families last week asking for parents/carers to complete the attached form about their education, occupation, etc. The information will be put together, without names or other details, to assist in the allocation of money from the government to the school to help run our programs.

The information for 2014 is collected in May 2013, so we ask that you return the completed form to the school by **this Friday, 24th May**.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Keep collecting your points and bring your completed sheets to school and place them in the box in the office or hand them to your teacher. New points sheets can be downloaded and printed from:

<http://woolworths.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/c5dab577-000f-495d-8515-1842b80cf05e/Earn++Learn+Points+Sheet.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>

P&C News

The next P&C meeting will take place at 6:30pm tonight, Tuesday 21st May in the school's staffroom.

Gigha Goldman Secretary

Parent Information from 'Live Life Well', Department of Health

Crunch&Sip®

Don't forget the bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch&Sip® everyday!

Parent Information from the NSW Department of Education The Sum of Us

Be honest: are you a bit afraid of maths? And are you passing that on to your kids? Maths and science guru Adam Spencer suggests a better approach. (No time to listen to the podcast? Then read our at-a-glance summary). Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/the-sum-of-us>

Notes Accompanying This Week's Newsletter

- National Walk Safely to School Day

LUNCH CENTRE NEWS (6732 2893)

Next week's Roster — 27th May - 31st May

K Brewer (S)		K Brewer (S)	K Brewer (S)	K Brewer (S)
P Young	D Johansen	Volunteer Required	A Hartin	D Johansen
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Recess Specials

This Week

1/2 Toasted Sandwiches

\$1.50

Introducing K/1L 2013

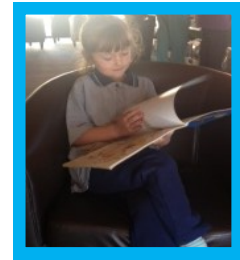
K/1L have had a very busy start to the year. We enjoyed learning about Scotland last term and participating in the Celtic Festival.

This term, we are learning about 'Things that Move' in Science and later in the term, we are excited about studying a unit on 'My Family.'

We participate in lots of activities in class. We love art and using the Ipads. We are learning how to type and we love using the computers to publish our stories.

Our class enjoys listening to stories—we love Mem Fox, Nick Bland, Stephen Michael King, Pamela Allen and Alison Lester.

We love maths groups and reading groups with Mrs Lee.



Harmony enjoying a book at the library



Brianna and Annabelle sharing a story during library



Carter and Dilpreet



Tamyka and Lulu



Jordan, Kassius and Brooke during Reading Groups



We love to use the iPads to support our learning. Our favourite games include Alphabus (a spelling game), Spelling Bug (more spelling), Jungle Time (a maths game), Dino Pop (a number game and Tangrams and Shapes. Here is Robbie, Howie, Jeremy , Annabelle, Joe and Sam using the Ipads in literacy.

Introducing K/1L 2013



Lulu, Tamyka, Jacob and Haizen working on their art using oil pastels



Malakai, Ebony, Harmony and Charli using oil pastels for art



We learn to use technology in Kindergarten. This is Jacob using the Smartboard in Maths. We also use the Smartboard in literacy, science, HSIE. Music, drama. In fact—we use it in EVERYTHING!

Ebony, Malakai, Charli and Haizen learning about the body and how it moves. We can jump, walk, run, spin, twist, bend, nod, hop, skip...



Learning a new song in Music