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Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 2 - Tuesday 28th May 2013 (Week 5)

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Last week saw the beginning of the winter weather with a vengeance. Parents are reminded students should be wearing **winter uniform** in Term 2 and Term 3.

We encourage students to wear gloves, scarves and beanies if they wish, to and from school and in the playground. However all excess clothing should be removed when they go into class.

We have a large collection of jumpers and jackets without names that children have left behind at school. We ask parents again to ensure that all such clothing is clearly labelled to ensure they go back to the rightful owners.

Please remember that the school has a Uniform Pool as well if you need to purchase additional second hand winter clothing at a reasonable price.

Please note for parents of children in 2PH that Mr Howard will be on leave for the remainder of the term.

Sue Belford
Principal

Attendance Procedures

While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

Each year the school sets a target for attendance rates. We have been successful increasing student attendance from 91.1% to just over 94.2%. This is a

terrific achievement and we thank parents for making the extra effort to support children in their learning by attending school on a regular basis.

Term 2 and Term 3 will always see a dip in attendance rates due to the winter chills, however we ask parents to be vigilant in ensuring students attend school whenever possible, to provide written explanations when they are away and to follow up with a doctor's certificate when there is an absence greater than 3 days.

A medical certificate may also be required when shorter absences are very frequent and which are explained as being due to sickness.

All written explanations must be received **within 7 days** or the absence will be automatically deemed to be unjustified.

Please note that explanations such as "family reasons", "too tired to come to school" or "helping on the farm" are deemed to be unjustified absences.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when absences explained as being due to sickness, are frequent or prolonged.

Where principals have ongoing concerns, they can request the parents' consent to contact the doctor. If the request is denied, or if the principal is still not happy with the reason for absence, they can record the absence as 'unjustified'.

The school has the absences

Upcoming Events

Friday 31st June

Zone Cross Country

Sir Henry Parkes Memorial
School, Tenterfield

**5 a side gala Football
(Soccer) Day**

Wilson Park, Glen Innes

Monday 3rd June

Visiting Performance
"Australian Folklore"

Monday 10th June

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday 21st June

School Athletics Carnival
King George Oval

Week 9 - Final Week

Premier's Reading Challenge
Semester 1 Reports Sent
Home

Friday 28th June

Last day of Term 2

Tuesday 16th July

First Day - Term 3
ALL STUDENTS

regularly monitored by the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO), known in the past as the Truant Officer.

In many cases a number of unjustified or unexplained absences will result in a letter being sent home to parents and on some occasions this process can move to very serious consequences for families.

Parents can apply for an Exemption Certificate for specific purposes such as medical appointments, attendance at funerals away from the area or other specified reasons. Please contact the office to discuss this option. An exemption is not counted against the students' absence record.

Smoking on or Near School Grounds

Section 6A of the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000* states that from 7th January 2013 smoking is banned within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to, or exit from, a public building, such as schools. This Act is in place to reduce the exposure of second-hand smoke to others and to make smoking less visible to children and young people. Penalties of up to \$550.00 apply for anyone who fails to comply with the law.

For further information, go to:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Documents/public-buildings-factsheet.pdf>

Update of Student Enrolment Data

A mauve note was sent home to families in Week 3 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 for funds 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 Wednesday, 29th May**.

School Mobile App

We are pleased by the number of families who have installed the School Mobile App on their Smartphones. The App is useful to families because:

- Absentee notes and changes of contact information can be sent straight to the school email address
- It provides parents to links to school events and the school newsletter
- It provides push notifications to users letting them know about school matters such as expected arrival of school buses from excursions, casual clothes day reminders, P&C meetings, etc.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

The Woolworths earn and learn program is now past the half way mark. Thank you for your continued support. We have collected a huge amount of points so far, keep up the great work!

Be sure to collect your points when shopping and place them on a Woolworths Earn and Learn points sheet.

Remember that the more points

our school collects, the more educational equipment we can redeem!

Sport News 5-a-side Gala Day

This Friday there will be a large number of students involved in the Northern NSW Football Schools 5-a-side Gala Day at Wilson Park. The mixed team players will be drawn from the Stage 2 classes and a small number of senior students have been selected as coaches and referees.

This is a new initiative for our football (soccer) students and we are looking forward to feedback on the idea from the students.

Cross Country

Over sixty students will be travelling to Tenterfield for the cross country this Friday. Separate permission notes have been distributed.

Please note that those travelling by bus must be at the Taylor Street entrance by 8:20am for an **8:30am departure**.

P&C News Lunch Centre - No Credit Policy

The P&C advises families that we are unable to offer credit or open accounts for purchases made at the Lunch Centre. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Gigha Goldman Secretary

Notes Accompanying This Week's Newsletter

- Visiting Performance - "Australian Folklore"

LUNCH CENTRE NEWS (6732 2893)

Next week's Roster — 3rd June - 7th June

K Brewer (S)	P&C Volunteer	K Brewer (S)	K Brewer (S)	K Brewer (S)
K Dawson	K Hahn	D Payne	A Hartin	D Johansen
Volunteer Required	R Costello	A Brown	Volunteer Required	D Burton

Recess Specials

This Week

Hot Fasta Pasta

\$1.50



A sneak peek into the world of KW!!



We work in small groups
and help each other
with our literacy and
numeracy activities.

WE LOVE
BORROWING BOOKS
FROM THE LIBRARY
EVERY THURSDAY
AND HEARING MRS
WIEDEMANN'S
STORIES WITH KS
AND K/1L.



Mrs Bower
helped us
make this
very long
chain while
teaching us
about
length.