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Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 2 - Tuesday 7th May 2013 (Week 2)

Website: www.gleninnes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Congratulations to all involved in the Celtic Festival last week. The energy, enthusiasm and interest in the wider community was a wonderful experience for Glen Innes as a whole.

A particular note of thanks to all the parents who gave up their time to ferry children to the evening concerts on Wednesday and Thursday, to the staff who gave up their own time for the evening concerts and Mrs Jerrett for her outstanding coordination of a very complex program.

The three concerts were all sold out which gave the children a great feeling when they performed. The dance items in the main street and the choir items were all well received. One of the visitors to the town was heard to comment that they had never seen such a strong connection between the community and the school for a town event.

This Friday marks Stewart House Day across NSW. Each year our school raises very significant funds for Stewart House to support regional students to access this great facility. Again in 2012 the school was awarded the plaque for Highest Regional Donations. We have won this award several times over the years.

This Friday will be the Stage 3 Stewart House Mini-Fete between 11:30am - 12:30pm. Children are encouraged to keep their money in a safe place such as a wallet and to bring small change rather than notes.

This week we received the 2012 "Coles for Sports" equipment from the docket the community provided last year. Thank you again for your support as we continue to expand the resources to support our students.

Today the Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will put in their preferences for the Challenge Program for the term. Given the short term, the program will operate every Monday afternoon this term.

A group of 25 students have travelled to Tamworth today with Mrs Jerrett to attend a Leadership Conference. This is a great opportunity for the group to work with some very interesting mentors and speakers.

This week we are sending home an information sheet from the Glen Innes Severn Council regarding parking restrictions around the school.

Please note the information very carefully as we still have problems with parents parking at the front of the school, or stopping to collect children after school in this area. There are also some parents parking on the nature strip in front of private homes so they can collect children from the front of the school rather than using the Taylor Street collection point.

Sue Belford
Principal

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 7th May

Student Leadership
Conference
Tamworth

Friday 10th May

Stewart House Mini-Fete
for students

Hosted by Stage 3
Casual clothes day

Students are asked to bring
along small change in a wallet
with their name clearly marked
on it to participate in games
and purchase goods.

Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th May

NAPLAN
Years 3 & 5

Tuesday 21st May

P&C Meeting
6:30pm
School Staffroom

Monday 3rd June

Visiting Performance
"Australian Folklore"

Week 9 - Final Week

Premier's Reading Challenge

School News

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for students in Years 3 and 5 will take place on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

Book Club

Book Club closes this Thursday 9th May.

Please make cheques payable to **Glen Innes Public School**.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thank you for collecting your 'Earn and Learn' points over the holidays. 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>

Year 5 Entry to an Opportunity Class in 2014

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 24th July 2013.

If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2014 on behalf of your child, you need to do so soon.

Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email

address), access to the internet and a printer. Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 29th April 2013 at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

If you do not have internet access, complete the commercially printed application form available from the school and return it to the school by 17th May 2013.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether you apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only **one** application for each student.

Community Information

Fire & Rescue NSW Open Day

Our Glen Innes Fire Station will be celebrating its Annual Open Day on Saturday 18th May from 10:00am – 2:00pm with all sorts of fun activities planned for kids.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local fire fighters and learn all about fire safety in the home.

With the onset of winter just around the corner, learning as much as you can about home fire safety is important – winter is the worst time of the year for house fires.

Notes Accompanying This Week's Newsletter

- Glen Innes Severn Council School Zone Parking and Safety Information
- Voluntary Contributions

LUNCH CENTRE NEWS (6732 2893)

Next week's Roster — 6th May - 10th May

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

Recess Specials

This Week

Savoury Muffins
\$1.50

Celtic Festival

Combined Schools' Concert 2013



