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Glen Innes Public School Newsletter

Term 3 - Tuesday 6th August 2013 (Week 4)

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This week sees the start of a very important part of school for our new Kindergarten children and our Year 6 students moving onto high school.

The 2014 Kindergarten students begin their transition program this Thursday afternoon. This is always an exciting time for children and sometimes a little difficult for parents.

All of the new parents will have an opportunity to meet with myself, Mrs Jerrett, classroom teachers and office staff over the next few weeks. If you have concerns please ask us so we can sort any issues as soon as possible.

The year 6 students have started their "School Rules" program with the high school. Over the next few months all students will attend the high school for a number of Wednesday afternoons in an area of their choice e.g. woodwork, cooking, art, drama etc. This will be followed up with a formal Orientation Day and a parent meeting as well as interviews at the high school to ensure the smoothest possible transition to the high school in 2014.

Sue Belford
Principal

Book Week

Book Week will be held in two weeks time. There will be books available for purchase by children and parents from 8:40am - 9:10am each morning and from 2:45pm - 3:15pm each afternoon of the week. There will be an additional parents only session in the library Monday afternoon from 1:30pm.

P&C News

Walkathon

The walkathon notes will go home with students today. This very important fundraising event is held every two years by the P&C. Please support the P&C in their efforts to raise funds for the school. Currently the funds are going toward the footpath and covered walkway from Taylor Street– a very useful addition to our playground.

School Uniform Survey Results

Thank you to all the families who responded to the school uniform survey conducted by the P&C. The draft results were discussed at a recent P&C meeting and then with the school executive.

As a result of the survey there will be some small changes to the school uniform.

- Blue fleece jumpers and sleeveless jackets are now part of the uniform. The spray jackets and existing school jumpers will remain part of the uniform
- White socks for girls and boys in Terms 1 and 4. Blue socks with long trousers in winter
- Students are encouraged to wear a white or blue skivvy in winter. There is no need to wear the short sleeve grey summer school shirt over the top but rather an extra T shirt or singlet underneath if they are feeling the cold.
- Broad brimmed hats are required in Terms 1 and 4. They are encouraged whenever possible throughout Terms 3 and 4 however beanies are often more appropriate in our climate. Please remember that hoods and caps are not part of the school uniform. Students are encouraged to wear the blue

Upcoming Events

Thursday 8th August

Kindergarten Transition

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Parent Session

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Thursday 8th August

Visiting Performance

Friday 9th August

Zone Athletics Carnival

Tenterfield

Tuesday 13th August

Maths Competition

Thursday 8th August

Kindergarten Transition

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Parent Session

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August

Book week

Book Fair

Open Day/Focus Day

beanie, gloves and scarves for the winter weather (now available through the lunch centre on set days).

- There appears to be some confusion as the high school has branded shorts for sport. Track suit pants and shorts for sport should be a plain colour without obvious logos.
- School shoes should be black for every day wear and an appropriate sports type shoe for the sports sessions. The wearing of thongs, slip-ons or very soft ballet style shoes are not acceptable as they pose a risk to safety.
- The uniform policy supported by the P&C requests students do not wear jewellery (other than a watch: ear studs/sleepers are acceptable but not the large plastic style earring/studs), do not have coloured hair and wear headbands in navy, jade or white.

The P&C is investigating a number of complaints regarding the quality of the grey school shirts. The matter of the zippers on the spray jackets was also raised. If parents notice an issue within a short time period please contact the P&C to follow up the matter. Normal wear and tear or ripped shirts after a football game would not meet the criteria for poor quality.

We ask that parent's ensure students change out of their school uniforms after school wherever possible. Much of the wear and tear and dirt appears to happen in play session after school.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will take place in the school's staffroom at 6:30pm on Tuesday 20th August 2013.

If you would like to vote at the P&C meetings you would need to be a member. Membership cost is \$2.00.

All are welcome to attend the meeting so tell your friends!

Beanies, Scarves & Gloves

Thank you to all those families who purchased items at last week's 'Warm-up Winter Sale'. Beanies, scarves and gloves are still available for purchase on Wednesday mornings from the School Banking window at the Lunch Centre. Items cost \$5.00 each.

Labels

Congratulations to Ebony J who was the winner of a \$30.00 voucher to spend on school uniform clothing at Carelle's by having her clothing items labelled by P&C members last week.

Don't forget the P&C have created an account with 'Stuck on You' to encourage parents at Glen Innes Public School to purchase labels for their children's belongings to help minimise lost property.

There is no minimum spend and parents can place orders all year round - and by nominating the school's P&C up to 20% commission from your purchase will go towards their fundraising efforts.

Orders can be placed by going to the following link:

<http://www.stuckonyou.com.au/gleninnesps>

If parents order over the phone or

do not follow this link, the code they need to know is: gleninnesps (all one word, lower case).

Gigha Goldman
Secretary

When to start school

Starting school is a big step. How do you know if your child is ready? This video Kindergarten features teachers discussing this sometimes tricky issue.

Find out more:

<http://>

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/is-my-child-ready-to-start-school

Homework and Assignments

Homework is an important part of learning, but sometimes parents find it hard to keep up with what needs to be done. These ideas and resources cover a range of popular topics to kick-start your child's home project activities.

Find out more:

<http://>

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments

I Have Fun With Faces

Try our fun, free app that helps preschoolers develop their reading and numeracy skills. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/educational-games/i-have-fun-with-faces>

Notes Accompanying this newsletter

- Voluntary Contribution Accounts
- P&C Walkathon letter and sponsorship forms

Lunch Centre Roster — 12th - 16th August

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S Willis	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required	Volunteer Required

Recess Specials This Week

Mashed Potato & Gravy
\$1.50

Next Week

1/2 Chicken Gravy Rolls
\$1.50

3BR IS HARD WORKING AND ALWAYS TRY THEIR BEST!

Here are just some of the things that we have been doing in class.

Australia - By Emily

Australia has the outback which is very beautiful because you can see brumbies. Australia has cities and cities have beaches.

Definition Smefinition in spelling -By

Wysteria

Can you pick the real definition?

balloon:

- 1) A toy.
- 2) A small rubber bag filled with air.

A story of a boy who ended on the

First Fleet - By Alana

Someone broke into a house and stole a piece of bread. He got sent away on a boat. Some people went overboard from the weather and if they went overboard they were never seen again.

Peter and Logan are riding their bikes during Challenge Program.



Will Power - By Nikita

Saturday morning, Will and his friends went swimming. Will loved swimming really fast.

Anzac Day Parade - By Ben

I read Anzac Day Parade and it's about an old man who was in the war. He can see the war memorial.

The Hulks - By Tahliq

The government decided to move some convicts onto old ships that were not being used. So the Hulks were meant to be temporary.

The First Fleet - By Molly

Once upon a time there was a boy called John and he got put on a ship to be taken to Botany Bay. When he was on the ship it was crowded.

The Hulks - By Kaleb

Old trading and navy ships were changed into floating prisons known as the Hulks for 80 years.

The Hulks - By Kaitlyn

The Hulks were full of rats, lice and fleas that spread diseases.

The First Fleet - By Matthew

A man was on a ship because he got sent to the judge. The ship went a long way. On the way there were some storms and some people went overboard.

Coal - By Maddison

Coal is a black or brownish rock that is found underground. It is burnt to make power.

Coal - By Ryan

Coal is formed from plants in a swamp a long time ago that got covered with dirt. Then the heat and pressure turns the plant matter into coal.

3BR

We would like to tell everyone all the things we like about our classroom and our school.

We have learnt lots in 3BR.

- I have learnt how to write better in 3BR. By Harlon
- My reading, writing and long jump has gotten better this year. By Mitchell
- My favourite thing that I have learnt in 3BR is my times tables. By Lili
- I like writing stories and about interesting things. By Cornelio

We have lots of things we enjoy in 3BR.

- One thing I like about 3BR is learning about history and science. By Joshua
- The three things I enjoy in 3BR are sport, maths and art. By Douglas
- I like Glen Innes Public School because there are cool teachers like Mr Knight, Miss Ricketts and Miss Lawrence. By Bayley
- I like the Challenge Program. By Shin
- My favourite teachers are Mrs Williams and Miss Ricketts. By Hezekiah
- I love doing sport, handwriting and art.

By Ashten

Teniesha is measuring the area of a shape in maths.

Cody is acting out a book that he read during reading. After taking the photographs he used them to make an iBook.

Lachlan did a Stretch to Sketch.



Chelsea-Rose and Keira are doing a Stretch to Sketch on an Aboriginal Dreamtime story.

