

Glen Innes Public School Term 1 Week 8 Tuesday 17 March 2020



In the Library, 5/6G

In the Library, 5/6G have been working on podcasting using new technology now available at Glen Innes Public School.

Using their imagination, the students have worked collaboratively in small groups to write a sequence of interviews, about the recent bushfires. Some students are preparing to read poems. Once they have prepared and practiced their product, they then get to record it. They have all practiced using the recording equipment prior to recording, so they are then responsible for the actual recording session.

The students have been excited to have this opportunity and have particularly enjoyed using sound effects on the equipment.

Mr Earl, our Technical Support Officer, has helped and supported the students.

What an amazing learning opportunity combining literacy and technology!

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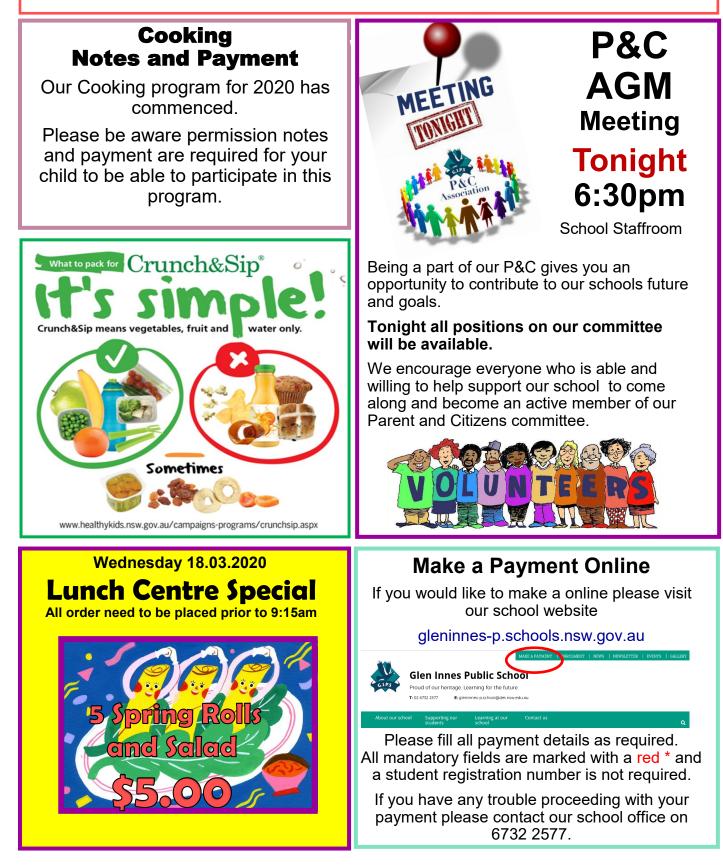
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Kinder - Yr 1 Parent Teacher Interviews & Yrs 2 - 6 3 Way Parent Teacher Interviews



Parent Teacher interviews are will be held over the next few weeks. Interviews are a **great chance** to meet the teacher and develop strategies that best support your child's growth and learning.

Please keep a **look out** in your child's bag for information regarding schedules and times or contact the office on 6732 2577 to organise a time.







Hand Washing Experiment

Students from K/1M, 1P and 1/2R were involved in a rotational activity this week that aimed to show students the **effectiveness and importance** of



washing their hands with soap and warm water. Students rubbed sunscreen into their hands and then cover them in glitter or "**germs**". Students were then placed into three groups in which Group 1 would try and clean their hands with paper towel, Group 2 with hand sanitiser and Group 3 with soap and warm water.

The experiment concluded, as predicted, with soap and warm water cleaning student hands and removing the most "germs" as possible.

The experiment was a **fun** and **engaging** way to place an importance on thorough hand washing during a time when it is of most importance. Students also enjoyed the messy side of the activity!





Calendar Changes

In response to the advice from the NSW Department of Education the following school events will temporarily cease:

PBL assemblies on Monday mornings

Novelty Swimming Carnival (was to be held on Friday 20 March)

NSW Department of Education Dance camp (selected students)

CHS and NSWPSSA State Swimming Championships (selected students)

GIPS Cross Country (this will be held during Term 2)

Primary boys and girls football trials

Primary boys and girls cricket trials

NNE netball and touch trials

All knockout games

Please be aware that as we progress through the remainder of our school term there may be additional changes to our planned events.

Covid-19 Update

The NSW Department of Education is introducing proactive measures to limit the impact of COVID-19 in our schools.

Our schools have adopted social distancing measures including cancelling assemblies, excursions, travel, some events and conferences.

All major arts, sports and initiative activities and events will temporarily be ceased until further notice. This includes whole-school sporting events and inter-school events involving three or more schools.

Current advice from the Australian Government is:

- All travellers to Australia will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.
- A ban on cruise liners from foreign ports arriving at Australian ports for 30 days.

• Any confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return.

• Close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.

• Students and staff who have returned to Australia and have shown no symptoms during the 14-day home-isolation period are able to return to school or work.

NSW Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. A close contact is a person who has spent significant time either face to face (15 minutes) or in an enclosed space (2 hours or more) as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. It is advising these close contacts about not attending work, school or early childhood and childcare services.

The Department of Education continues to work closely with NSW Health to monitor and respond to developments and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Consistent with current guidelines, children, students and staff who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice

if any student becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by NSW Health as appropriate.

The best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is the same way you would protect yourself from catching flu or other respiratory illnesses.

1. Wash your hands

Clean your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based sanitiser with at least 60% alcohol.

2. Cough etiquette

Cover your sneeze or cough with your elbow or with a tissue (and dispose of it immediately). Avoid close contact with people who are ill. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

3. Stay home if you are sick

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office.

Mrs Christine Dorward Principal

