CALENDAR

12th, 13th & 14th May
NAPLAN
Years 3 & 5

15th May
Small School’s Cross Country
Ben Lomond

3rd June
P & C Meeting
Glen Innes Services Club

8th June
Queens Birthday Public Holiday

10th June
Questacon
Glen Innes Public School

10/5/15 Huntah Duley

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This week all students in Years 3 and 5 completed the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments. These ran across three days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The NAPLAN assessments provide our school with detailed information about student achievements and areas where we can provide children with more support. All parents will receive a comprehensive report in term 3.

I have been extremely impressed to see further benefits of consistent teacher practise across the school. This week I observed lessons in literacy being conducted for students in all classrooms across the school.

The structure of the L3 session in the K/1J classroom, allows for students to participate in literacy learning at their particular level of need. It also teaches independent work habits, social skills and finally a love of learning. The students who I witnessed were having a great time, writing stories and talking about the reading that they had done. Observing this enjoyment of learning is incredibly rewarding for us all to witness.

This is a particularly difficult time of year as flu season gets in full swing and unfortunately, staff members occasionally fall ill. In these situations, we endeavour to find casual teachers to replace staff, however this isn’t always possible. Rest assured that the consistent nature of our literacy and numeracy sessions ensure that learning is still taking place and students are being pushed to improve.

I know the cold weather has hit and it is sometimes hard to dress in full winter school uniform. To help all parents and students stay in school uniform the school has a large selection of warm red polar fleece jumpers for only $25.00. Plus, please remember no hat no play…… we have a good selection of bucket hats available for $10.00 each.

We will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart Fundraising activity over the rest of the term. Towards the end of the term we will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart Fundraising Day.

Mother’s Day Raffle

The winners of the Mother’s Day raffle were

1st Prize 6 x 4 trailer load of firewood James Williamson

2nd Prize Gift Hamper Cassie Roberts

Thank you to all the families who supported the raffle and our Mother’s Day Stall. We made $317 from the raffle and $337.50 from the stall. The proceeds will go to the P & C committee who are working hard on their fundraising this year for the Lake Ainsworth excursion.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.
There are two lasting bequests we can give our children.
One is roots.
The other is wings.
Hodding Carter Jr
**AWARDS**

**Week 2**

**Super Spellers**
- Chelsea
- Marika
- Daniel
- Dotty
- Jaimie
- Sophyra
- Austin
- Alex
- Sarah-Jane
- Elizabeth

**Class Awards**
- Justin - Excellent reading.
- Maddison - Settling in well.
- Lilli - Excellent reading.
- Tanika - Star Student.
- Emily - Star Student.
- Travis - Merit Award.
- Sarah - Merit Award.
- Brodie, Shae-Lee, Stanley, Dorothy, Sharni, Alex, Jaimie, Marika, Taneekwa, Austin, Lilly, Shayla, Haylie and Bear - Representing the school at the Celtic Festival.

**Mathletics Awards**
- Jaimie - Bronze Award.
- Chelsea - Bronze Award.

**AWARDS**

**Week 3**

**Super Spellers**
- Liam
- Alex
- Austin
- Sophyra
- Emily
- Travis B
- Chelsea
- Lilly
- Marika
- Maimie
- Sharni
- Chloe

**Class Awards**
- Brock - Valuable class member.
- Christian - Trying his best in Maths.
- Georgette - Being a good friend.
- Johnathan - Always trying his best.
- Dainaihya - Wonderful attitude towards school.
- Tanika - Great effort in sport and PE.
- Taylor - Great first week.
- Liam - Great work in class.
BRILLIANT K/1J

This week in Maths the students explored the topic of mass. They had a wonderful time weighing different objects using scales to determine which object weighed more, less or they were equal. The students have created some really interesting “My Favourite Things” art work. The children went through magazines and cut out pictures of things they liked or which they thought best described their personality. Have a wonderful weekend and a fantastic Mother’s Day!!

AWE-INSPIRING 2/3S

We have been very busy! At the moment we are learning about “State and National Parks”. We have been looking at different locations around Glen Innes, New South Wales and Australia. In Maths we have been practicing some NAPLAN styled questions and activities with a particular focus on problem solving and word problems. Library day will happen on TUESDAY this term! Also... if anyone has any “clear” 2 litre containers could they please be brought in for a HSIE activity later this term.

At home we would love to encourage the students to read every night and use MATHLETICS (1000 points is required to earn a Bronze Certificate).

SUPERB 4/5/6M

In years 4/5/6M HSIE, we have commenced our study on Bali. We have manufactured our own passports and are currently writing up a 5 day holiday itinerary. It is very fun and informative. WOW there are many fabulous places in Bali......and much warmer than here.

In Numeracy we are studying position and completing grid work. In Literacy, we were looking at NAPLAN work and working on our Persuasive Text.

In Science this term we have begun our new units.

K/1J are looking at the unit ‘Weather in our World’. We are enjoying looking at different types of weather and how it changes.

2/3S are focussing on water. We are looking at where it comes from, what it’s used for and how we can save it.

4/5/6M are investigating a unit on ‘Machines’. Students will enjoy using resources to create a machine. We will discuss types of machines and what powers them.

4/5/6M have just completed their autumn leaves artwork using rubbing and scrunching techniques to create texture in our leaves. These artworks can now be seen in our shop window along with K/1J’s ‘Pigs in mud’ and the brightly coloured ‘Pop Arts’ from 2/3S.