Good luck to our students representing the area at the next level swimming carnival in Armidale today – not the best of weather for swimming!

Next week the first of our two Stage 3 excursion groups will leave for Lightning Ridge. The excursion will certainly provide new insights to the students around their HSIE unit on “Identity”.

As the weather starts to turn towards the cooler temperatures we ask parents to look at students’ winter uniform needs. Blue long pants, school shirts and school jumpers or jackets and black shoes are the basis of the winter uniform.

Track suit pants are suitable on sports days along with sport shoes. The blue shorts should not have logos on them. Some parents have told us that they thought that the CCC shorts are now our school sports shorts – this is not the case.

The P&C will be conducting a uniform survey in the near future. There are no plans for any major changes in the uniform but there will be options put to the school community around long sleeve shirts in winter and a different style of jumper.

Every year we see a rash of tattoos after the show weekend. Although these are normally not allowed we understand it can take a couple of weeks for them to wear off. However we do ask that students do not wear additional jewellery, nail polish, make up and arm bands.

School photos are coming up very soon and we ask that ALL STUDENTS wear their green sports shirts on the Thursday and Friday of that week. We also ask that the girls and boys in long trousers wear dark coloured socks as the white socks do not photograph well.

Early next term is the annual Celtic Festival. This will involve students in a number of activities to help celebrate this great community event. An art competition is underway as well as dancing for all students K-6. The students will perform at the official opening on the afternoon on Friday 2nd May.

In addition, all students are involved in the Schools Concerts which will be held on the Wednesday evening, Thursday lunch time and Thursday evening. Tickets for these concerts are available from the Tourist Information Centre as usual.

There will be a full dress rehearsal on the Wednesday at lunch time. Any parents who are unable to attend the public performances will be able to obtain tickets from the school for the dress rehearsal if they wish. Please remember this will be a dress rehearsal and may be subject to stops and starts along the way.

Sue Belford
Principal

School News
Notes
A reminder to return the following notes to the school:
- Photo Permission (mauve)
- Personal Development (gold)
- Health Care Plans (white)

Upcoming Events

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Sporting Code of Conduct (pink)
Life Education Van Visit (blue)
School Photo Envelopes (please note that Family Photo Envelopes are available from the office).

P&C News
Annual General Meeting
To be up to date with what is happening at Glen Innes Public School and if you would like to have an input, why not join us at our March meeting following our AGM which will be held on Monday 11th March at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. New members are always welcome!

Easter Raffle
Ticket books are being sent home this week with each child. Tickets are $1.00 each. Tickets are to be returned to school by Monday 25th March. Additional tickets are available at the office.

Please consider your child’s safety when selling tickets. We do not recommend door to door selling.

Thank you to those families who have generously donated items for our Easter Raffle. Further donations can be left at the office. Please note Year 2 students in 2/3TC can go to either the Kinder - Year 2 Disco OR the Year 3 - Year 4 Disco.

Gigha Goldman
Secretary

Parent Information
Is Dried Fruit Okay for Crunch&Sip®?
Although fresh fruit is the best choice, a small amount of dried fruit (e.g. sultanas or apricots) is an acceptable Crunch&Sip® option.

Dried fruit tends to cling to the teeth, so is best eaten with a meal or when a toothbrush is handy.

NOTE: fruit straps, bars or rolls are NOT permitted as they contain large amounts of sugar.

Parent Information From the Department of Education
When Older Kids Struggle With Reading
Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they’re heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.


Sorting Fact From Fiction
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. There are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.


Community News
AUSTSWIM Instructor Training
If you would like to qualify to be an AUSTSWIM Instructor, please contact the school office for more information

Notes Accompanying This Week’s Newsletter:
• P&C Easter Raffle Ticket Books - all students

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Recess Specials
This Week
Potato & Gravy
$1.50

Next Week
Pizza Muffins
$1.50