I would like to end the term with a thank you to all the parents and staff for working so hard throughout the term to support our students in their daily activities at the school.

This term we have seen our new Kindergarten students settle into their school life with enthusiasm and confidence. We have welcomed many new students to the school from Glen Innes West and around the country. The positive news is that these new students are not noticeable in the playground or the classroom because they have settled in so well.

We also welcomed several new staff members who have also settled in very well.

The senior classes have been involved in a very productive Leadership Week and then the excursion to Lightning Ridge to look at a different style of Australian life. The Life Education Van has also been a great success this year, particularly the new units of work around cyber safety for the older classes.

All students have been involved in the Focus Day on “You Can Do It” - always a popular event and great to see so many family members coming along to enjoy the session.

The school held the annual swimming carnival and hosted the zone swimming carnival. The annual cross country ran last week with great weather for a change. All students are involved in the fundamental movement program during sport. This includes the athletics trials for 8 years and older in preparation for the Athletic Carnival in term 2.

Reading and numeracy groups are well under way. All students have been involved in the Celtic unit on Scotland – a very popular choice this year! The preparations for the concerts and dance displays early next term are well under way and are looking and sounding great.

Parents have given of their time as usual through the P&C and School Council as well as volunteering in the canteen and in the classrooms. The past two weeks have seen many parents attending the parent/teacher interview opportunities as well. This support is crucial to the success of many of our efforts across the school.

There will be a new syllabus for English in 2014 so staff have undertaken a significant amount of professional learning through the staff development days at the beginning of the year and the fortnightly staff meetings. This will continue with the Staff Development Day on Monday 29th April.

All in all a great term. I wish everyone a pleasant break over the next two weeks and look forward to another great term starting on Tuesday 30th April.

Sue Belford
Principal
Cross Country Report
Unusual beautiful sunny weather saw our annual cross country events take place on Wednesday 3rd April. The 5, 6 and 7 year olds competed against each other in the school playground. It was wonderful to see so many parents come to share in the action on the day.

The 8 - 13 year old cross country was held at Martin’s Lookout. The day began with the students walking the age appropriate course, followed by a leisurely recess at the Standing Stones. The events commenced at 12:15pm. A huge congratulations must go to all the participating students for their efforts on the day.

Due to such a great number of participating students, the overall point score for the day was really close. Balladerry were the winners by 7 points.

Thank you to the teachers for their support at both events and to the parents for their interest in their children’s sporting endeavours.

All winners and runners up will be announced in our next newsletter week 1 term 2.

Celtic Concert Tickets
Parents, friends and family are reminded that tickets for the three public Celtic Festival concerts are only available from the Tourist Centre.

However there will be a dress rehearsal on the Wednesday at 1.00pm. There will be some (very limited) tickets available from the school for this performance.

If you wish to attend the dress rehearsal the tickets will be available from the office on Tuesday 30th April. Please remember this will be a rehearsal so there may be some interruption etc during the performance.

Parent Interviews
Over the past two weeks we have been offering interviews to all parents with the class teachers. From time to time parents are unable to make the interview time for various reasons. If you have not been able to attend an interview over this time but still wish to meet with the class teacher a separate form will be included in the next newsletter to make another appointment.

ANZAC Day March
Those students wishing to participate in the ANZAC Day march during the school holidays are to return their permission notes to the school by Friday 12th April.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Remember to keep collecting your points when you shop at Woolworths over the holidays to help us earn some awesome resources for our school. When your points sheet is complete bring it in to school and grab a new one. Thanks for your help.

P&C News
Farewell to Debbie Smith
Mrs Debbie Smith will be stepping down from her role as one of the Lunch Centre Supervisors at the end of this Term. We would like to thank Debbie for her valuable contribution to Glen Innes Public School in her role as Lunch Centre Supervisor for the last five years and also as a parent volunteer for the eight years prior to that.

Her involvement in our school community will continue however as she has indicated that she would still like to be on our Lunch Centre volunteer roster. Thank you Debbie.

P&C Executive Vacancy
At this stage we still do not have a Lunch Centre Treasurer and are very keen to talk to anyone who would be interested in taking on the position. For more information, please call at the school office.

Gigha Goldman
Secretary

Community Information
Glen Innes Mini Ball
Glen Innes Mini Ball invites everyone for a “Fun Have a Go” night on Tuesday 30th April, starting at 6:00pm at the Glen Innes Show Ground (turn left through gates from Torrington St).

Registration nights Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st May from 5:00pm to 6:00pm for the competition to start 8th May 2013.

TOTS - (3-5 years)
JUNIORS - (6-9 years)
SENIORS - (9-12 years)
HIGH SCHOOL

AGM - 10th April 2013 at the Glen Innes RSL 6.30pm

Notes Accompanying This Week’s Newsletter
• Premier’s Reading Challenge
• Celtic Festival Schools’ Concert
• Celtic Festival Schools’ Street Performance
• Woolworths “Earn & Learn”

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**Recess Specials**

This Week & Week 1 Term 2

Savoury Muffins

$1.50
ARE WE THERE YET?

THE SECRET IS THE BIMBLE BOX TREE!

THE CHAMBER OF THE BLACK HAND.

A COOL AND REFRESHING SWIM AT THE WATER THEME PARK

THIS HOUSE WAS BUILT WITH 14000 BOTTLES

SEARCHING FOR A BLACK OPAL
SEARCHING FOR THE BLACK OPAL.

THE VIEW FROM AMIGO’S CASTLE!

GROUP 2 HAVING A BREAK AT COLLARENEBRI.

WORKING OUR WAY THROUGH THE POTCH.

VISITING MOREE PLAINS ART GALLERY.