Our School Captains and SRC members will represent our school this Friday at the Baptist Church for the World Day of Prayer. This is an annual event that our school leaders have participated in over a number of years now. The service will begin at 10:30am with morning tea served afterwards. The public is welcome to attend.

Over the next couple of weeks, a number of teachers and support staff will be attending professional learning courses. A wide range of topics will be covered at each of the training sessions including the English syllabus and administration tasks. Staff attending professional learning will present their material at the most relevant meeting - either a staff meeting or an administration meeting. These professional learning opportunities provide staff with up-to-date information.

The Celtic Festival is an exciting and busy time for the Glen Innes community. We have a very strong educational program based on the significance of our local Celtic heritage and its place within the Australian society. Each year a particular country is studied and this year it is Wales. Already, I have spoken to students about their learning in this area. They are engaged in the many myths and legends from Wales and a number of spectacular artworks are already on display around the school and in the front office.

In previous newsletters we have included information about changes to the Department of Education and Communities’ attendance policy. A high attendance rate at school is the most vital aspect of student learning and is a high priority for both the Department and our school. Families are encouraged to utilise designated school holidays for family leave wherever possible. If there is no alternative, please make an appointment through the office as a specific form will need to be completed and a copy of the itinerary/travel plans will be kept on file.

Judi Toms
Principal (A)

School News
School Photos
School Photos will be taken on Tuesday, 17th and Wednesday, 18th March 2015.

The MSP Photography payment envelopes are being distributed to all students today.

Family photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request.

Junior Red Cross
Congratulations to the following students who were elected as Junior Red Cross Office Bearers for 2015:

President: Olivia Hope
Secretary: Charlotte Archibald
Publicity Officer: Bethany Bowman

Members are still welcome. The next meeting will be held on 10th March in Mr Gillett’s room in afternoon play.

University Competitions
This year we are again offering the opportunity for students in Years 3 - 6 to participate in the Australia-wide University Competitions in English, Maths, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies. Please find further information in the note accompanying today's newsletter.

Notes
A reminder to return the following notes to the school:
- Health Care Plans (white)
- PD/Personal Protection Lessons (pink)
- Sporting Code of Conduct (pink)
P&C News

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 17th March in the school staffroom where all P&C Executive positions will be declared vacant.

If coming along to the meeting, please remember to bring along $2.00 to pay for membership.

Easter Raffle

Ticket books are being sent home today with the eldest child in each family. Tickets are $1.00 each. Tickets and money are to be returned to school by Friday 27th 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.

Caroline Chappell
P&C President

Community Notices

Little Rays - Water Confidence Lessons

Little Rays is for children not yet at school to engage in a fun and interactive program that promotes strategic play-based learning opportunities, to build life skills that allow them to shine. The group involves family collaboration and community partnerships.

When: 1:00pm Fridays during school term

Where: Glen Innes Swim Centre

Cost: Pool entry for swimmers over 4 years old

Bring: both children and adults will need appropriate swimming gear

Big Rays

Is like Little Rays but for children of school age.

When: 4:00pm - 5:00pm on Thursdays during school term

Where: Life Choices Support Centre (enter via Gum Tree Lane)

Cost: Free

For more information about Little Rays and Big Rays, please contact:
Kristy Newbury, GISC CAFS on 6732 2210 or knewbury@gisc.nsw.gov.au

Junior Soccer

Glen Innes and District Football Association Junior soccer fees have been set for 2015. Please contact the organisers for more details.

Online registration is available at www.myfootballclub.com.au.

Registration days will be held at Wilson Park on 14th & 21st March from 11:00am - 2:00pm.

All juniors must be registered before competition starts on 2nd May.

For enquiries contact Amy 0409233552 or Robert 0429323730

Information from the DEC

Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition 2015

Competition’s theme is “My Place in Today’s World”. Entries can be nominated in four age groups: under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for participation in the contest is Thursday, 2nd April 2015.

For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the MSIA website: http://mappingsciences.org.au.

Multiplication times tables

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams.


Information from healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Crunch&Sip

Crunch&Sip gives students the opportunity to eat the fruit or vegetables you pack that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox. It ensures students have at least one serve of fruit or vegetables a day and can help increase their total intake. So be sure to pack something for Crunch&Sip everyday!

Drinking Water

Drinking water is the best way to quench your thirst. Even better, it doesn’t come with all the sugar and energy (kilojoules) found in fruit juice drinks, soft drinks, sports drinks and flavoured mineral waters. Drinking water instead of sweetened drinks may also prevent dental problems, while the fluoride found in tap water can help strengthen teeth and bones.

Notes Accompanying This Newsletter

- School Photo Envelopes (all students)
- University Competition Note (Year 3 - 6 students)
- Cooking Permission Notes (3/4LP & 4DG students)
- P&C Easter Raffle Tickets (eldest in the family)

Lunch Centre Roster — 9th - 13th March 2015

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At 12.30 on Friday it was bucketing rain so we postponed our Clean up Australia Day until Monday. It didn't take us long to pick up the rubbish so we then set about picking up the millions of acorns that the recent storms had scattered around the playground.