What a busy week! Thank you to all who have made me feel so welcome at Glen Innes Public School and who have assisted me in many different ways with my transition. It was wonderful that so many students came and introduced themselves to me last week, as well as pointed me in the right direction when I was clearly lost, and I was very lucky to have the opportunity to meet parents and other community members through our Open Day activities.

Thank you to everyone who attended the school last week and also to those who were involved in the organisation of Education Week activities. The students and staff certainly value your attendance at school.

I also believe our athletes who attended the NNE Athletics carnival had a successful day – congratulations!

Collection of students from the school office after school
I understand that numerous students are collected from the school office after school. From tomorrow, students will be directed out the gate adjacent to the front office door where the bike-riders exit the school. Parents, please collect your students from the gate rather than the front office. The office is an extremely busy area, particularly before and after school. There is also a teacher on duty at the gate who will supervise the students into your care. Thank you very much in anticipation of your cooperation and understanding.

Miss Kim Dudgeon
Relieving Principal

School News
Spelling Bee News
This Thursday afternoon, the school spelling bee will be held in the New Hall. This will determine the representatives to attend the Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Finals in Armidale on Wednesday 9th September. The top spellers from every Stage 2 and Stage 3 class, who were interested in competing, will compete in two separate competitions (Junior and Senior). The two winners from each category make it to the regional finals to be held in Armidale.

Family members of the students who are competing are welcome to come and watch their students in the school’s competition. It is asked that they sign in at the office by 1:30pm. The spelling bee should take no longer than an hour.

Miss Leonie Pettit
Spelling Bee Coordinator

Bush Tucker Garden Opening
Last Tuesday, we were finally able to hold the opening of the school’s Bush Tucker Garden. It was a lovely, sunny day for the opening and picnic. Many special guests, family members and carers attended. Our special guests enjoyed their tour of the new garden and the bush Tucker that was prepared by selected Stage 3 students, with the assistance of Mr Taylor, Mrs Potter and Mrs Young.

Uncle John performed the official opening and Mayor Col Price spoke of the importance of everyone getting involved in our community, regardless of which Aboriginal nation or town that they originally came from. Layla Mackay and Kyara McIntyre both present fantastic explanations of what NAIDOC week means to them.

Students are now very eager to begin using the garden in their classes, both

Upcoming Events

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Kindergarten Transition 2016
Commencing Thursday 20th August 2015
More information shortly
as a place to learn about Aboriginal history and culture, and as an outdoor learning space. A write up about the bush tucker garden opening is expected to be in the Examiner this week. I would just like to say another big thank you to all of the wonderful people and organisations who helped to create the garden, including our AEO Karen Potter, Mr. Balchin our wonderful grounds keeper, and the Aboriginal Lands Council.

Miss Leonie Pettit
Live Life Well at School Coordinator

Education Week Open Day
Thankyou to all of our parents and community members for the wonderful response to our Open Day held at the school last week.
The children had a fantastic time celebrating education week with all of our visitors.

The Book Fair was a great success and the school will now be able to purchase approximately $1500.00 worth of books on commission. Thank you to all who supported the book fair.

Sports News
NNE Athletics
The 31st July greeted us with lovely weather for the annual Zone Athletics Carnival held at Federation Park, Tenterfield. A contingent of 52 students participated with positive sportsmanship and school spirit against seven other schools within the Northern New England zone. The students competed against one another vying to ribbon in places 1st-4th with the extra incentive of gaining a position in the Northern New England team to compete at the North West carnival in Tamworth on 28th August.
Congratulations must go to all students who represented our school and tried their absolute best. It was a sensational day had by all teachers and students. An extra accolade should be directed to these students who earned a runners up or champion trophy in their age division. An amazing effort with Glen Innes Public School students receiving 8 out of the 10 possible trophies and medallions.

Junior Boy Champion:
Kaleb Hope
Junior Boy Runner Up:
Lucas Tait
Junior Girl Runner Up:
Ebony Jenner
11 Year Boy Champion:
Ryan McIntyre
11 Year Boy Runner Up:
David Graham
11 Year Girl Champion:
Aubani Teece
Senior Boy Champion:
Jamie Doney
Senior Girl Champion:
Kyara McIntyre

Kaleb Hope earnt himself a further honour when he broke the Junior Discus record of 27.68m, with the new record of 33.76m. Congratulations. The Terry Butler Shield, which is awarded to the school with the most points, was retained by Glen Innes Public School for the 3rd consecutive year.

A special thank you must go the parents who travelled with, supported and encouraged our students. Further gratitude is passed onto Mr Russell Meehan for volunteering to assist on the day and to Mr Gillett and Miss Pettit for their assistance. The students who were successful in qualifying for Tamworth will receive their notes shortly when confirmation of their qualification is received.

Road Safety Tips
Helmet and Safety on Wheels
Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place - it's the law.

Your child's helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels - bikes, scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the 'STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!' procedure.

For more information visit: roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

Notes Accompanying this Newsletter:
Walk-a-thon Information
BUSH TUCKER GARDEN OPENING