Vietnam Veterans' Day
Last Tuesday I was proud to accompany our school leaders to ANZAC Park to honour our service personnel who served in Vietnam. It was wonderful to see so many veterans and their families in attendance as well as the younger generations in our community participating in this very important event.

Kindergarten Transition
We held the first of our Kindergarten Transition Days last Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who attended. It was fantastic to welcome both new and existing families into our Kindergarten group for 2016. Our next day will take place tomorrow and we encourage everyone to attend this second session.

SAM Meeting
Last week Glen Innes Public School hosted a meeting of School Administration Managers from all over the Northern Tablelands. It was terrific to be able to host such a valuable professional learning opportunity for our all important School Administrative and Support Staff. Congratulations must go to Mrs Clibborn for organising such a wonderful event.

Stage 3 Antarctica Video Conferences
Last week our Stage 3 students ‘visited’ Antarctica. Through the amazing technology of our video conferencing facility, students were able to speak to presenters who are stationed in Antarctica. They were able to experience a first-hand look at the Antarctic environment as well as learn from and ask questions of people who are actually there! I hear it was a spectacular experience and it made everyone in Glen Innes feel very warm tucked away in our classroom watching our presenters shiver.

Good Luck!
Best wishes to all of our athletes who are competing in this week’s regional athletics carnival. I am sure win, lose or draw, they will do us proud.

Final Payment Dates
Please ensure that you strictly adhere to final payment dates. It is disappointing when students miss out on events and it places office staff in a difficult position when they are forced to deny acceptance of late payments. Final payment dates are often made to meet the administration requirements of external providers and always for a good reason. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation. Please note that 2nd September is the final payment date for the ‘Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems’ performance.

Taylor Street Pick Up
Just a reminder please that when it comes to picking up your children, it’s safety first! Please ensure that you collect your children from the gate on the school side of Taylor Street. It is unsafe for students to cross the road unaccompanied to meet parents waiting on the opposite side of the road in cars.

Kindergarten 2016
If you know anyone who has a child eligible for Kindergarten next year who has yet to enrol, please let them know that enrolments are open and that our transition program is underway. It is never too late to join the program, but the sooner the better! If you have a child eligible for Kindergarten next year who is not enrolled, again, please do so as soon as possible.

Miss Kim Dudgeon
Relieving Principal
School News
Antarctica Video Conference - Student Report
On Thursday 20th August, Stage 3 were lucky enough to connect to Antarctica via our Video Conferencing technology in our new Video Learning Room. We met with Jan, Alex and Vicki, a doctor and two weather bureau scientists, who live and work on the coldest, windiest, driest and highest continent in the world.

When lunch finished, classes S3RM and S3MB thoroughly enjoyed the conference. They called out our school’s name and Kaleb asked the question, “What would you do if you fell into the ice and you couldn’t get out?” This question made the team laugh, as they had already been asked it. They answered, “We will never go out unless we are accompanied by a capable scientist who has a rope and can pull us out.”

The purpose of the video conference was to celebrate National Science Week. This year’s National Science Week topic is ‘Light’. Next term, Stage 3 will study Antarctica, so this conference coincided well. However, we were not the only school watching. Fifteen other schools in the state were viewing the fascinating conference. This conference was also an opportunity for students to learn how to communicate using Video Conferencing technology.

by Clare Q and Alex W S3RM

Junior Red Cross Beanie Day
Thank you to everyone who generously supported our Bridge2Bridge Cycle Charity Ride Fundraiser last Friday. It was great to see such a colourful array of beanies on students and teachers alike. The Junior Red Cross were pleased to be able to raise another $239.00 for this very worthy cause.

Ms Wendy Knight
Junior Red Cross Co-ordinator

Sports News
North West PSSA Gymnastics Competition
On Monday 27th July 2015, 77 gymnasts from 16 schools competed in the North West PSSA Competition. Maddison Crawford had a very successful day receiving scores of over 9.5 in her beam and vault, as well as over 9 in her floor and bar routines. Maddison received a silver ribbon for her overall achievements.

Congratulations on a super effort representing our school Maddison.

P&C News
Dagwood Dog & Donut Day
The P&C’s ‘Dagwood Dog and Donut Day’ is taking place on Monday 31st August. Please forward all orders with payment to the Lunch Centre by tomorrow, Wednesday 26th August so that your child won’t miss out. This event is open to all children, not just the eldest in the family as indicated in last week’s newsletter. More order forms are available from the school office.

Walk-a-thon
The Walk-a-thon will be held on Friday 18th September. It is a very important fundraising event which is held every two years by the P&C. All money raised will contribute to the completion of new Infants’ playground equipment plus additional resources for Stage 2 & 3.

Please support the P&C in their efforts to raise funds for the school by returning your sponsorship form with any money to the school office.

Uniform Pool
The Uniform Pool currently has a large stock of unclaimed and unlabelled jumpers for sale.

School Banking
Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents and carers are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

Community News
Friendly Faces Helping Hands Foundation
The Friendly Faces Helping Hands’ website helps to minimise the overwhelming feelings of isolation that rural people suffering health problems and chronic illness feel, and allows them to navigate the available facilities in preparation for their treatment away from home and their speedy return to their homes and communities.

For further information, go to: www.friendlyfaces.info
Hotline: 0457 175 888

Notes Accompanying Newsletter
- Visiting Performance ‘Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems’ (all students)
  *Please note return date for note and money
- Stewart House Mini-Fete (Stage 2 students - hosts)
We do art each week,
These are our favourites.

By Dakota

By Conrad

By Emory