Stage 3 Japanese ‘Taster’ Day
What a terrific event! Many thanks to all the visitors who volunteered their time to share their expertise with our students. It was equally wonderful to share the experience with students from St. Josephs. Students from both schools enhanced their learning in the area of Human Society and its Environment and the Year 6 students had the opportunity to make links and forge friendships before many of them begin high school together next year.

I particularly liked the board of names written in Japanese that was created. I felt a little frightened walking into the karate class but the view from the top of Mt Fuji that Mr Brumby showed was just amazing! Watching the students attempt to make sushi (very tricky) was terrific, as was the teamwork! Eating the sushi was of course a highlight as well. The students version of ‘Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes’ in Japanese (complete with actions) was very entertaining and our bush tucker garden looks spectacular with hand-made carp lanterns fluttering in just the right amount of breeze. Well done everyone!

This fantastic initiative would not have happened without the vision, ingenuity and dedication of Miss Mercer. We all thank her very much and acknowledge her hard work.

Stewart House Mini Fete
Our Stage 2 students are busy organising their stalls and activities for the upcoming Stewart House Mini Fete. It is a great opportunity for our students to work with others to raise money towards assisting students to attend Stewart House in Sydney. We appreciate that the fete involves significant support from home and thank our families for their efforts.

Parents and carers of Stage 2 students, please refer to the guidelines on the note sent home to ensure that the day is safe as well as fun.

School Attendance
Imagine missing 20% of your learning opportunities! Missing 10 days per term from school is exactly that. School attendance is not only mandated by law, it is an important part of your child’s intellectual and social development. Unless your child is unwell, they should be at school every day.

Stage 2 HSIE Excursions
To support their learning about goods and services in our community, our Stage 2 classes are visiting various local businesses. I know that these excursions will be valuable learning experiences for all of the students and perhaps even the teachers! I was introduced to Norco by 3/4LP when I visited their class last week. I was very impressed by the students’ knowledge about the business and what they were able to teach me from what they had learned.

Many thanks go to the local businesses who are hosting our students.

Spelling Bee Regional Finals
Miss Pettit is taking our super spellers to the regional spelling bee finals in Armidale tomorrow. Good luck Serenity Blake, Ava Smedley, Clare Quilty and Maddison Robinson. We are very proud of you!

Stage 2 Teal Presentation Day
I was very proud last Friday to attend the annual Stage 2 Teal Presentation Day. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance at the
assembly and to be part of celebrating student success. Congratulations to all of our many recipients! I would also like to note those GIPS Pride and Spirit Award recipients and encourage them to continue to strive for excellence and work towards achieving the next level, whether that be a Stage 2 Teal Award or a Stage 3 Silver or Gold Award.

Visiting Performance, ‘Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems’
Last Thursday all students K-6 had the opportunity to watch the ‘Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems’ performance. This performance of seven poems was engaging, interactive and educational. I trust that everyone who attended enjoyed the performance and is inspired to experiment with their ‘story-telling’, whether it is through poetry, prose or creative arts.

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 Orientation program has begun. 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
Stewart House Mini Fete - Friday 11th September
This Friday, all students are to wear casual clothes for the Stewart House Mini Fete. We ask that all students bring coins (not notes) in a labelled wallet, purse or zip lock bag.

Stage 3 Lightning Ridge Excursion
Please note that any remaining money for the Stage 3 Lightning Ridge excursion is to be paid by this Friday, 11th September.

P&C News
Walk-a-thon
The Walk-a-thon will be held on Friday 18th September. Sponsorship forms with any money are due back to the school by Wednesday 16th September.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held from 6:30pm - 8:30pm on Tuesday 15th September in the school staff room.

Road Safety Tips from NSW Department of Transport
School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school. Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.

Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children’s safety in mind.
NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.
Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.
Slow down near the school crossing.
At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
Always park and turn legally around the school. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.
Using your school’s drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.
Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.
For more information visit: roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

Community News
Glen Innes Swimming Club
New season starts Monday 12th October, 6:00pm. Registration is now on-line.
For more information:
Phone: Gigha Goldman, Race Secretary, on 0408 002 757
Email: gleninnes.redfins@gmail.com
Facebook: Glen Innes Redfins

Glen Innes Severn Council - Free Family Picnic Day 2015
Barbecue lunch, jumping castle, music, dancing, face painting, petting zoo, art competition for tots to teens and more!
Date: Saturday
26th September
Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Where: King Edward Park

STORM co - Kids Club
Balloon sculpturing, drama, clowns, craft, Pinnacle Challenge and more!
Date: 21st - 25th September
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Where: Kind Edward Park

Notes Accompanying Newsletter
• School Walk-a-thon
(All students)
• Stewart House Mini Fete
(Eldest in the family)