Thank You for Having Me
Thank you to the entire Glen Innes Public School community. I have enjoyed my time in Glen Innes immensely and am overwhelmed at the welcome I have received. Not only have I gained valuable professional experience, I have learned an enormous amount about all sorts of things related to living outside of the metropolitan area. This has only been made possible by the generosity and openness of all whom I have met. Thank you very much for having me and allowing me the opportunity to become a part of your school and your town, even if only for a short while.

I am sure that you will welcome Mr Buckley just as warmly and I know that he is looking forward to commencing work at Glen Innes Public School next Term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy school holiday. Take care.

‘Giggle Day’
‘Giggle Day’ last Tuesday was a terrific success. Thank you very much to everyone who participated and sent in a donation to Camp Quality. The riders and event organisers were thrilled with our involvement and the students asked some really thoughtful questions of the riders. It was a fantastic opportunity to support a wonderful cause. Also to involve the students in a community event that recognises the importance of helping others and which illustrates what teamwork and perseverance can achieve. We were able to donate over $500.00. Well done Glen Innes!

Stage 2 Mini-Fete
More thanks are owed to all of the students, parents and teachers of students in Stage 2 for their efforts in holding a tremendously successful mini-fete. Thanks to their organisation and donations, as well as the generosity of the school community, over $1800.00 was raised for Stewart House. Again, it’s wonderful to see children contributing to causes to assist those in need. Thank you and congratulations to everyone involved.

Walk-a-thon
We are all looking forward to a great day on Friday, raising money for our P&C through the biannual walk-a-thon. It is an exciting way to end the term and I know everyone is looking forward to it. Please remember that parents, carers and family are welcome to get involved and to stay for a picnic lunch following the conclusion of the walk-a-thon. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a child.

Results
Not to spoil anyone else’s news, but I will offer my congratulations to the participants in the recent spelling bee and touch football gala day. Read on to find out the results!

High School Dance Gala
Last week our Stage 3 students went to the Chapel Theatre to watch the High School Dance Gala. Although I sadly missed the performance, I understand it was thrilling. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to join in yet another community event.

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
Premiers’ Spelling Bee Regional Finals
Last Wednesday four fabulous spellers from Glen Innes Public School attended the Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Finals at Newling Public School in Armidale. Each one of them did our school proud and impressed their guests and me.

In the Junior Division, Ava Smedley made it past the third round and into the top seventeen competitors. Serenity Blake made it to the fifth round and was amongst the top nine spellers. Both of the girls were asked to spell some very tricky words.

The Senior Division proved to be very entertaining, with students being asked to spell words that many audience members hadn’t even heard of before. Maddison Robinson made it to the second round, but unluckily drew a very difficult word (blaspheme). Clare Quilty made it to the EIGHTH round, correctly spelling words such as: spectrum, leisurely, evocative, entourage and alchemy. It was finally narrowed down to two competitors and Clare was named RUNNER UP after having trouble spelling hypocrisy.

Clare received a Macquarie Dictionary and Thesaurus until the end of the year!

Well done Clare and congratulations to all the other competitors who did such a fantastic job representing our school.

Miss Leonie Pettit
Spelling Bee Co-ordinator

Read-a-thon Roundup
Students have put in an heroic reading effort this term in the Super Hero themed Read-a-thon. Every minute counted towards both personal and class efforts. Altogether, in the five brief weeks the Read-a-thon ran, there were hundreds of thousands of reading minutes recorded.

The Read-a-thon culminated in a presentation of individual awards last week. Seriously Super Superhero and Seriously Super Side-Kick (aka Bookmark) were available to present awards to the following students:

Kindergarten Award: Maggie Duddy
Stage 1 Award: Rory Husband
Stage 2 Award: Maisie Eastwood
Stage 3 Award: Sophie Walmsley

Maisie Eastwood also took out the overall whole school award as Reading Champion!

Congratulations all – your super power is reading!

The winning class was S3BJ with well over 100,000 reading minutes! They had the fun of participating in a Super Hero afternoon in the Library, where their mission was to complete three tasks – practice their shooting skills in the shooting gallery, decorate their own Super Hero glasses, and (importantly for all true Super Heroes) construct their own Super Hero outfit using a computer simulation. Only after they successfully completed these tasks were they able to complete the final and fourth mission – eat super food!

Well done all super Read-a-thon participants, and remember: The reading mission continues for all at Glen Innes Public!

Sport News
NSW Touch Association Gala Day - Inverell
A glorious spring day on Tuesday 8th September saw the arrival of 24 excited students from Glen Innes Public School at the Inverell sporting complex. WHY? To participate in the NSW Touch Football Association Gala day.

GIPS were represented on the day by Stage 3 students with 3 mixed (boys and girls) teams of 8. Each team played 5 games against teams from around the region. Glen Innes Public School were very successful on the day winning 14 of the 15 games played.

It was an absolute pleasure to take these students for the day. The manner in which they
played and their enthusiasm and great sportsmanship is to be commended. Parents watching on the day and staff from other schools commented positively how well our students conducted themselves and spoke respectfully to each other, showed leadership, worked as a team and shared the try scoring around!!

Not only did they demonstrate great skills in touch football but they also serenaded myself and the bus driver all the way home with some fantastic singing. A fantastic day all round.....Well done kids!

Mrs Marianne Bower
Co-Ordinator

P&C News
Walk-a-thon
The Walk-a-thon will be held this Friday 18th September. A reminder that Walk-a-thon notes and money must be in by tomorrow, Wednesday 16th September. Thank you to all those who have been successful in gaining sponsorship for the event. The money raised will contribute to the completion of new infants’ playground equipment and additional resources for Stages 2 & 3. Sponsorship prizes will be distributed early in Term 4. We hope that you enjoy the event on Friday.

Fundraising Raffle 2015
The P&C are running a major raffle to be drawn at the end of Term 4. Ticket books are being sent home today with the eldest child in each family. Tickets cost $2.00 each. Tickets are to be returned by Friday 4th December 2015. Additional tickets are available at the office.

All tickets have been numbered and each student who received a raffle ticket book will have their name marked off when the book is returned with our without money. The ticket books are a cost to the P&C and if your family does not sell any tickets or wish to purchase any, we ask that you please return them to the school so that they can be reused.

Please consider your child’s safety when selling tickets. We do not recommend door to door selling.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held tonight from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the school staff room.

Thank You
Thank you to all those who support our school and the P&C by buying from and helping in the Lunch Centre, helping in classrooms, attending meetings and so much more...

Have a wonderful holiday break.

Mrs Caroline Chappell
P&C President

Lunch Centre
Year 6 Students - High School Transition Days
Please note that Year 6 students can still order lunch on Wednesdays. It will be ready for them to collect before they leave for High School Transition at 12:30pm.

Red Day Friday 18th September
This Friday will be a ‘Red Day’ at the Lunch Centre. ‘Red’ food items available for sale at recess and lunch:
- Freddo Frogs: 60c
- Bags of mixed redskins/milkos/sherbies: $1.00
- Fizzers: 30c

The regular Lunch Centre menu will be available as usual.

Thank You
Thank you to all who volunteered in the Lunch Centre this Term.

Please contact Jane Sanderson if you are able to help in Term 4.

Community News
Camp Quality App
The Camp Quality Kids' Guide to Cancer app is a brand new educational program. Available free of charge, it's a great resource for children who have a parent, sibling or loved one with cancer.

Filled with age-appropriate information about cancer, types of cancer, hospitals and medicines, how they might be able to help their loved one, in addition to an animated audio section with a few personal stories from kids, it's sure to be a great support for children 8-13 years old. So download the app on Google Play or on iTunes today.

For more information, go to: https://www.campquality.org.au/how-we-help/find-a-program/kids-guide-to-cancer

Notes Accompanying Newsletter
- P&C Raffle Tickets
  (Eldest in family)
Japanese Taster Day

On Monday 7th September, Stage 3 students from Glen Innes Public School and St Joseph's Primary enjoyed "tasting" little bits of Japan right here in Glen Innes.

We practised Calligraphy.

With Nathan & Kanako Dawson.

Sensei Greg Anderson taught us some basic self-defence karate skills.
We explored Japanese plants and compared them to our bush tucker garden plants and then made a carp kite!

We made Sushi!

Mr and Mrs Mercer told us about their holiday to Japan.

We wore a kimono!

Mr Brumby described what it is like to climb Mt Fuji.