**Swimming Carnival**

With slightly windy conditions followed by pleasant sunshine, Friday 5th February proved to be a great day for our annual swimming carnival. With the successful renovations to the layout of the local pools, changes made to the structure of the carnival enabled more students to be involved. Approximately 130 students competed in the carnival and another 100 students took part in the novelty relay events in the smaller pool.

Congratulations must go to all students who participated in their first carnival by swimming either in the 25m or 50m events and also to those many students who backed up for a number of events. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends for their support as a spectator and especially to those who spent the time at the carnival assisting with the timekeeping. Further appreciation must go to Russell Meehan, Warwick Twigg and Keith Watts for their expertise and assistance.

Compliments go to the following students who were awarded champion or runners up in their age division.

- Junior Girl Champion: **Maisie Eastwood**
- Junior Girl Runner Up: **Nia Teece**
- Junior Boy Champion: **Howie Eastwood**
- Junior Boy Runner Up: **Tyler de Jong**
- 11 Year Girl Champion: **Alara Donaldson-James and Chelsea-Rose Kerr**
- 11 Year Girl Runner Up: **Caitlan Roe**
- 11 Year Boy Champion: **Kaleb Hope**
- 11 Year Boy Runner Up: **Alex Woods**
- Senior Girl Champion: **Lucy Goldman**
- Senior Girl Runner Up: **Maddison Crawford**
- Senior Boy Champion: **Brendan Mackenzie**
- Senior Boy Runner Up: **Jack Grob**

Congratulations to Arunta that was the winning house for 2016, gaining a total of 227 points.

As a result at the carnival, forty-seven students have qualified to represent Glen Innes Public School at the Northern New England Zone carnival to be held this Friday, 19th February at the Glen Innes Swim Centre. This is an exceptional number of qualifiers.
Principal’s Report

Congratulations to all students and spectators who attended our annual swimming carnival last Friday. It was great to see so many families cheering on all the children in such a positive way. Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to help out with time keeping and the staff for their organisation of such an all-inclusive action packed carnival. A special thank you to our Sports’ Co-ordinator, Jane Lawrence for her hard work in ensuring everything went smoothly. Good luck to the swimmers who move on to the next competitive level.

This Wednesday afternoon families have the opportunity to meet their child’s classroom teacher to discuss and receive an outline of the social and academic opportunities planned for this year. Education is a shared experience between students, families and the teacher. I see this as a great opportunity to start that relationship. Meetings will be conducted in your child’s classroom. Don’t forget to come over to the BBQ and grab a sausage sandwich.

Our local Police liaison officer; Senior Constable McCormack visited our school today to talk to all students K-6 about Cyber safety. Cyber safety and understanding on how to use the internet appropriately is an essential skill which all children need to have in this current digital age.

Mr Anthony Buckley
**Individual Student Health Care Plans**

Accompanying today's newsletter are Individual Health Care Plan forms for families to complete for those students who have any health issues eg: asthma, allergies, anaphylaxis etc.

We ask parents to complete this form, which is required annually and return it to the school as soon as possible. The information on these forms assist the school better manage your child's health and school life.

To take the best care possible for our students can the completed form be returned to the school as soon as possible.

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**Voluntary Contributions**

The voluntary school contributions for 2016 are set out below.

- First child: $45
- Second child: $45
- Third child: $35
- Additional children are free.

The voluntary contributions help fund programs in the school like our great Kitchen Garden program and Cooking program as well as additional sporting equipment.

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**Chicken Pox**

We have been notified that there has been a case of Chickenpox within the school.

Symptoms include:
- Mild Fever
- Feeling tired and irritable
- RASH – at first the rash looks like small pimples which later become blisters full of fluid.

Chickenpox is a highly contagious viral disease and should your child exhibit any of the symptoms please contact your doctor and notify the school. If your child does contract chickenpox they will need to stay at home until the blisters have cleared.

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**Book Club**

Book Club Orders are due this Thursday 11th February. If paying by cheque please make payable to the Glen Innes Public School.

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**Notes Accompanying Newsletter**

- Student Banking
- Road Safety
- Cooking Note 3PG and 3/4LJ
- Health Care Plans
- Sporting Code of Conduct 8 years and above
Invitation!

Please join us for a Class Meet and Greet and BBQ

**Wednesday 10th February 2016**

Class meetings will be as follows:

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Meetings will be conducted in your child’s classroom. The BBQ will be running near the can-