

# Glen William Public School

*Learn to Live- Live to Learn*

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## Upcoming Events:

**Clarence Town Market**  
**27th November**

**Presentation Night**  
**2nd Dec**

**Mini Fete 3rd Dec**

**Year 6 Dinner 6th Dec**

**Reports Home 10th Dec**

**Class Picnic Day**  
**13th Dec**

**Volunteers Morning Tea**  
**14th Dec**

## Please return:

- **School Surveys**
- **Uniform Orders**
- **Market Roster**
- **AASA Permission**
- **K-2 excursion permission**

## Glen William Gallery





## Principal's Report

Welcome to Edition 2 of our Term 4 newsletters. The busy term is well underway with children working hard for their teachers in the classrooms. This week we were informed that the hard work and technology expertise of Year 6 and Mrs. Manning has been recognised with an award for the learning resource they created as part of the DET 2010 Learning Resource Awards. This competition showcases the abilities of students to use a variety of technologies to create a learning resource based on the syllabus studies they are currently engaged in. Year 6 students' entry was based on their studies of simple machines which is part of the Science and Technology curriculum. **Congratulations to all Year 6 students and their teachers!** Mrs. Gorton will inform parents and students of the arrangements for the presentation ceremony which is to be held at the Powerhouse Museum, Ultimo on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Year 6 students reported an excellent day at Dungog High on Tuesday as part of the **'Jumpstart' orientation program**. This will be followed with a further high school visit on 2nd December to fully familiarise our students with their new learning environment for 2011.

Our school leaders will be representing the school at the Remembrance Day service at Clarence Town next Thursday. We will also observe this at 11 o'clock at school.

Other school champions include **Harrison and Blake** who excelled in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition with Harrison achieving a distinction and Blake a merit award. This is a very challenging test and to achieve these results is a real credit to the students.

I have had communication with Bovis Lend Lease, the company contracted to erect our **new library home base building** and they have indicated that they are ready to commence work. They envisage the building being completed by Christmas. A new building for a new year!

Kathryn Flannery has again generously offered a beast for the school to **raffle to raise much needed funds for our children's learning**. We thank Kathryn and the Flannery family for their continued support of the school. We are seeking the support of parents with the selling of raffle tickets at the market. Please return the attached roster to school at your earliest convenience if you can help out. We would kindly ask that each family sell the attached book of tickets, as well as supply an unperishable item to be included our Christmas Hampers.

All donations will be graciously accepted.

K/1/2 children are looking forward to their excursion to the **Shortland Wetlands** on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. This forms an important part of our studies of wet and dry environments. We are asking for support from our parent body to transport children to and from the Wetlands. Parents play such an important part in the running of a small school and we are very grateful for their support.

We also thank you for your support of our annual school review process. Surveys have been sent home and these, together with student and staff surveys form an important evaluative tool for our 2011 planning. Children will receive a small "thank you" for being the bearers of these important documents.



## **Principals Report Cont.**

**Professional learning** for teachers this fortnight has focused on evaluating the school's NAPLAN data and planning strategies for the teaching of writing and maths in 2011. Further training in technology, particularly electronic student portfolios is also on the agenda.

Kind regards,  
Pauline

*"Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere."*

## ***Glen William Annual Christmas Raffle***

***We would like to ask all families to please donate an item (or items) for our hamper section of the annual raffle. All offers will be gratefully accepted and we thank you in advance for participating and making this raffle the success it has always been.***

***Please drop unperishable items at the school office any day suitable to you.***

*This raffle will be drawn on Presentation Night, Thursday 2nd December at the end of the evenings proceedings.*

*Tickets are \$2 each.*

*Prizes include a side of beef, a quarter of beef, Christmas Hamper and various extra prizes drawn tombola style.*

*Special thanks go to Kathryn Flannery for very generously donating the beast. Little Glen William School is graciously humble in accepting this extremely kind offer.*

*Tickets have been sent home with today's newsletter for families to sell. Please contact the school if you would like more books.*

*Glen William School will also be having a table to sell tickets at the next Clarence Town Markets held on Saturday 27th November. Please see the roster attached and add your name if you are available to help sell tickets for our school.*



## Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students for your great work over the last two weeks! These students were all awarded certificates at our weekly assembly.

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| Captains Award | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rowdi <i>for always being a good role model for the younger kids</i></li><li>- Heidi <i>for sitting up straight all the time</i></li><li>- <b>Charlie</b> <i>for playing nicely with others</i></li><li>- <b>Andrew</b> <i>for absolutely awesome work</i></li></ul>                    |
| Infants Award  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dane <i>for being a quiet, efficient worker all the time</i></li><li>- Brayden <i>for being a quiet worker who tries hard</i></li><li>- <b>Charlie</b> <i>for an enthusiastic attitude towards her class work</i></li><li>- <b>Matthew G</b> <i>for being a great thinker</i></li></ul> |
| Primary Award  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Brooke M <i>for effort in Maths</i></li><li>- Matthew S <i>for trying hard to do neat handwriting</i></li><li>- <b>Ashleigh</b> <i>for consistently giving a conscientious effort in all areas</i></li></ul>  |
| Eco Award      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dayne <i>for helping the environment by watering the school garden</i></li><li>- <b>Elsie</b> <i>for always picking up rubbish without being asked</i></li></ul>  |

Reported by your school captains Molly & Callan

## REMINDER

### Last School Uniform Order for 2010

This was attached to the last newsletter for you to complete and return with cash or chq (payable to the school) attached, by next **Friday 12th November** in order to have uniforms delivered to school before the end of the year.

Please see Robin if you need another form.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

**Dayne** for tomorrow the 6th of November, **Adam** for next Wednesday the 10th, and **Mrs Reeves** for next Friday the 12th of November.

**We hope you each spend your special days well!**

**Have a great birthday!**







## Annual School Surveys

Sent home earlier this week, these are required at the end of each school year for parent comments, which are then used in preparation of the school plan for the following year, as well as the current year's annual school report (ASR). We thank you for taking the time to complete these (sometimes tedious) forms and returning them to school at your earliest convenience. Mrs Mitchell has a token gift for each child of the family who returns their surveys to the school. Thank you again.

A Message from Allen Shrimpton

Community Road Safety Officer - Dungog Shire Council

*Taken from Federal and State Government Websites*

## **SPEEDING – IS IT WORTH THE RISK?**

In NSW speeding is a factor in about 40% of road deaths.

The risk of a crash when driving at 68km/h in a 40km/h school zone is the same as driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.12

Most people know the risk with drink driving and choose not to risk it, but they will take the same risk by choosing to speed.

Less than 5% of pedestrians hit at 30km/h are fatally injured.

Over 90% of pedestrians hit at 60km/h will die.

**SLOW DOWN** and protect our children in residential areas and near schools.

**THINK** about the consequences.

## **Family Diet Quality Study Newcastle University**

Researchers at the University of Newcastle are studying Family Diet Quality. They are looking for parents/care givers with a child between the ages of 8-12 to answer questions about their usual food intake and physical activity levels. The parent and child will be required to attend the University on two occasions over a 5 month period to have body composition and health measures taken.

Between visits you will be required to measure usual food intake, and parents only will then have a blood test at the end of the study. A small contribution for travel costs is provided.

For more information and to see if you are eligible, interested families should call: Ms Caitlin West on 49215405 or [Caitlin.West@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Caitlin.West@newcastle.edu.au)



## School Transport Scheme

- The Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy is available for eligible school students who are residents in NSW, where there is no public transport available for their journey to and from school.**
- This money is paid to families twice a year, and can often be enough to cover such costs as tyres or car registration etc.**
- It does not come automatically from the Ministry of Transport.**
- An application form MUST be lodged for EACH child of the family, by the parent.**
- Please see Robin in the office for a form.**

## A Message from the P&C

A special meeting will be held on Thursday 18th November at 6.30pm in the school library to discuss Glen William P&C By Laws and to set a date for the 2011 AGM. This meeting will be attended by Mary Lawson the Country Vice President of the Federation of Parents & Citizens Association of NSW.

All interested families are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October, Callan, Hunta, Mrs G and I made spinach omelettes with the spinach and parsley from our school vegie patch. Callan did most of the chopping, while Hunta wanted to crack the eggs and was a bit nervous, but when he learnt how to do it, he got very good at it. I was stirring all of the spinach and parsley in the frying pan, whilst Mrs G was supervising and helped cut up the omelettes. We then served the whole school for a taste test and the results turned out good. We all had great fun doing it.

By Ashleigh Moy  
Environment Leader





## Cool Canteen

**Please** return Cool Canteen orders by the Wednesday of each week if you can. Our parent volunteers have to shop for the needs and would appreciate orders in as early as possible and would like to be organised for the hectic Friday mornings. Thank you for your support with this request.

Over the coming newsletters we will be including:

### **Handy Hints for Creating Resilient Families**

'Help your child succeed at school 'by Andrew Fuller

### **Love Kids for their Differences**

When families function well, people are allowed to be different and to be loved for those differences.

We all know that children take on different roles. A father of three said "It's as if they have a planning meeting once a year and say 'you be the good kid, I'll be the sick kid and the other one can be the trouble-maker!' And then just when you think you've got it figured out they change roles again."

Having children who are strongly individual and have a sense of who they are is a sign of good parenting. The problem may, of course be that they will then express their independent spirit in ways that you don't like. The ideal is a mix between someone who preserves their own uniqueness and is able to work with others without becoming dictated to by them, that is someone who has their own independent nature but is comfortable enough with themselves to allow inter-dependence.

### **A Message from Mrs Gorton - Year 6 Mini Fete**

It has become tradition that Year 6 organise a mini- fete for the students each year with the funds raised being added to the Year 6 piggy bank for funding a farewell gift to the school. This year's mini-fete will be Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

One of the biggest attractions on this day is the Trash 'n Treasure Stall. At this stage, Year 6 would appreciate it if families could check through their belongings and sort out anything which is in good condition that is no longer needed or used, and which might be attractive for another student to purchase at a bargain price. Just remember, one child's trash might be another child's treasure! We do ask that books are not sent in please. Items can be brought to the Stage 2/3 classroom.



Tickets for our Christmas Raffle will be sold at the  
Clarence Town Markets  
Saturday, 27th November 2010.

Please complete and return to school at your earliest convenience.

☐ **No** I am not available on Saturday 27th November to help sell raffle tickets at Clarence Town Markets.

☐ **Yes** I can sell tickets at the Clarence Town Markets at the following time:

Please send home \_\_\_\_\_ extra books for me to sell.  
Number of books

**1 hour time slots**

**Name**

**Contact ph no.  
(mobile)**

8am — 9am & set up

9am — 10am

10am — 11am

11am — 12pm

12pm — 1pm & pack up

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_