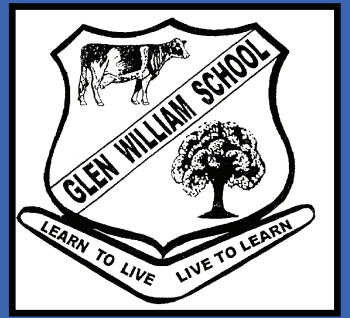


Glen William Public School

Learn to Live- Live to Learn

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Upcoming Events:

Year 6 Dinner 6th Dec

Reports Home 10th Dec

Class Picnic Day
13th Dec

Volunteers Morning Tea
11am 14th Dec

Please bring:

- Giving Tree Gift

Merry Christmas!

Safe New Year!





Principal's Report

Our busy year is drawing to a close with the Christmas spirit definitely in the air.

Our presentation night was testimony to this with the recognition of the year's achievements of our children and the festive entertainment provided.

Congratulations to all children for their excellent participation and to the hard work of the staff in the organisation. Of course the parent body was again strong in its support of the school through their attendance and support of the fund raiser. The lucky winners of the succulent beef & hampers will be contacted some time over the next few days.

We are indebted to the families who contributed to this major school fund raiser with close to \$900 being raised for school programs and resources.

Congratulations go to our new school captain, Harrison and sports captain, Liam for 2011.

All candidates presented confident, well prepared presentations to their peers and voting was very competitive. This all-boys team will confidently lead the school through effort and example next year.

Our senior students spent a second Orientation Day at Dungog High yesterday and were again familiarised with life after primary school. The responses were again positive with children looking forward to the next step in their educational lives. They have had a busy agenda with presentation night last night and the mini fete fundraiser today. Thank you to all families who have supported this yearly event. Year 6 are looking forward to their Farewell Night next

Monday, 6th December when they will have a night out with the teachers.

Staff wish to extend their gratitude to the many parents, family members and friends who work tirelessly throughout the year for the good of Glen William students. We hope to have the pleasure of the company of as many as possible to our Helpers Morning Tea on 7th December. Please RSVP to the office if you are able to join us for morning tea.

Our video conferencing facilities are being put to good use with teachers joining professional learning sessions last week and our infants children following up their Wetlands excursion with a link up with other schools who have been studying wetlands as we have. A Christmas science video conference has been booked for all students on 14th December.

Reports will be issued on 10th December and our Christmas Picnic Day will be held on Monday,



Principals Report Cont.

NSW Health advises that whooping cough infections are increasing again especially amongst school age children. Should you need further information the following website is recommended: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Infections/whoopingcough/index.asp>

Please note that our clothing pool is overflowing and any excess will be donated to charity at the close of the term. Please check out the uniforms which are generally in very good order. The clothing pool boxes are in the playground every morning for parents to access.

Enjoy the end of year celebrations.

Kind regards,

Pauline

"In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Our twins **Meg & Matthew** for next Thursday, 9th December and have a great time at your party kids. **Charlie** for Saturday the 11th of December. **Mr Frost** (our general assistant) for the 14th, & both **Royce & Katie Bagnall** (our music teacher) for the 19th.

Hannah, Ryan & Heidi will celebrate their birthdays during the school holidays on the 23rd, 27th & 30th December.

We also wish Happy Birthday to **Wesly & Andrew** whose birthdays fall on the 18th & 22nd of Jan, just before we come back for the new school year.

**We hope you each spend your special days well!
Have a great birthday!**



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 assemblies.

Captains Award - **Aaron** for being cheerful in the playground

Infants Award - **Royce & Adam** for improved focus in all areas

Primary Award - **Liam, Wesly & Ryan** for doing great work in a library activity using an atlas to locate information

Eco Award - **Charlie** for consistently cleaning up others rubbish without being asked to do so

Reported by your school captains Molly & Callan

More Handy Hints for Creating Resilient Families:

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No 9. Know How to Argue

Families that work well know how to argue. It seems strange to say this because we all have the sense that those families that work well don't have conflicts.

The family is really where we learn to resolve disputes fairly. The way that parents teach children to resolve differences of opinion with their brothers and sisters provides the basis for sharing, negotiating and problem solving in the world beyond the family.

While differences of opinion should be allowed to be expressed, children also need to learn they will not be able to win at all costs.



Glen William Year Six Students Receive 3rd Place Prize

As recently reported, our Yr Six students, Brooke, Ashleigh, Heidi, Molly & Callan, accompanied by Mrs Manning & Mrs Wallace, travelled to Sydney to the Power House Museum with Mrs Sanderson recently for an awards ceremony for the DET 2010 Learning Resource Awards.

We are very proud to announce, they received an Adobe Flick High Definition hand held Video Camera as their third place 'Achievement Award' . Well Done Year Six!

The competition was entered by schools from all over Australia, with Mrs Manning reporting that prize recipients were from as far as Brisbane and other interstate towns, with another small school from Scone NSW taking out a major prize. Go Small Schools!

Afterwards, they all partook in a very formal, delectable and elaborate morning tea comprising of cup cakes, pizza, savouries and sandwiches, washed down with their choice of hot chocolate or fresh juices, all served in glass no less! Very Swish!

A quick visit of the museum to walk off the fare before heading for the long trip back home saw them all through a good day. It was a great experience had by all!

GLEN WILLIAM GIVING TREE

Dungog Shire Community Centre have begun a Community Giving Tree Program where gifts will be given to local children who otherwise would not have had a gift to open on Christmas Day. We are happy to support them, and would like to invite all Glen William families to participate and share the true spirit of Christmas with others less fortunate in your community.

Gifts are welcome under the tree in the school foyer.

Please leave your **NEW** gift **UNWRAPPED** by next **Friday, 10th December**.

Gifts are required for ages from toddlers to teenagers.

Perhaps your child could select a gift for a child in need of their own age.

With warm regards, we thank you for your support.



Clothing Pool LAST CHANCE TO TAKE A LOOK!

Be sure to check out the clothing pool box that has been left out each morning and afternoon these last two weeks or so. It's the largest collection we've had in a long time and we can't store it all! Nothing a good soak overnight in something like nappy san won't do to freshen them up.

All items \$1 each.

As the year comes to an end, what is left will be bagged and sent to the Smith Family for recycling.



Want to catch up on Christmas Shopping?

Vacancies for after school care Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Between 3pm—6pm

\$15 per 3 hr session (casual booking)

\$13 (permanent booking)

Vacancies for next year also available

49964321 or 0429 964322

Jenny Bush



Gifted & Talented Mathematics & Science Workshop

Last Thursday afternoon, 25th November I travelled with Rowdi and Mr Saunders to Telarah Public School for a Science & maths workshop. We measured each others arms and worked out the averages for kids our age group.

Liam

I went with Blake & his mum as well, and we learnt about estimation and had to measure shins on a skeleton to figure out his overall height or whether the skeleton was a boy or a man. Our guess was really close, one centimetre off. We had our photos taken afterwards.

Harrison



NSW Cricket Camps

Ages 5 to 16

January 24th & 25th 2011

Maitland

FREECALL 1800 35 14 15 for a brochure

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No 7. Consistency

Consistency is the ideal. Having parents who agree on rules and standards and who convey the same sorts of messages and who value compassion over coercion, clearly has the best outcome in terms of children's wellbeing.

It is also important that parents not be open to manipulation and work together as a team.

A Parent Report— Our trip to Sydney last week!

Wow! What an achievement and a great day! Our Year Six students and computer whiz, Mrs Manning, entered a technology and resource competition with other, Australia wide, schools earlier this term.

An amazing 22,000 entrants all up!

They worked very hard on their PowerPoint presentation project, naming themselves the "Robotic Smiles'. Having won the Major Education Award, they rose at 4.30am last Friday, to drive 3 hrs to Sydney Power House Museum to attend the 2010 Learning Resource Award Ceremony.

When arriving, our five very smart, humble, well mannered children were surrounded by some really big private schools that brought an entourage of teachers with them. I was so impressed to be standing with our beautiful students on this day, watching them receive this Major Award. Not only did they portray wonderful manners, they also showed that small schools can be equally successful and are GREAT!

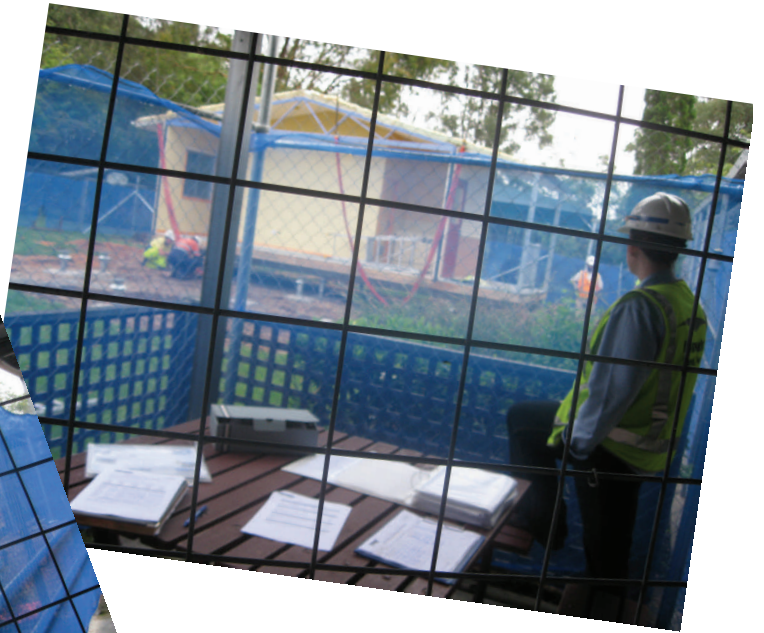
Congratulations Kiddos and a HUGE thank you to our wonderful Mrs Manning who made it possible!

Mrs Sanderson



This fortnight at Glen William School:

Our building finally arrived!



We've loved having Mrs Mitchell with us this term! Her leadership has kept the ship afloat.