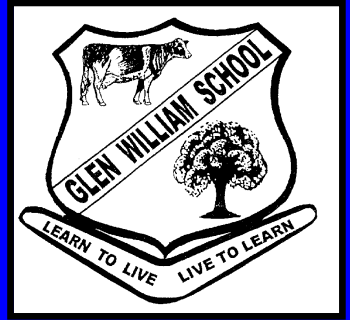


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As the school year draws to an end I would like to thank the amazing students, wonderful staff and dedicated parents of Glen William Primary School for another great year. There is plenty in store for 2014 and we are already very excited about what it will bring.

Although we have some new families joining us next year, which we are thrilled about, we also have a few families that we need to say goodbye to. The McKinna family, the Saunders family and the Sanderson family will all be leaving us next year as their children move on to High School. All three of these families have been very valued members of our school community and they will be greatly missed. We hope that they will keep in touch and let us know how they are going. We wish them all the best for the future.

As for me, I am really going to miss the students of Glen William. Teaching is my passion and the students at Glen William are honestly among the most polite, enthusiastic and driven that you will find. I know that the school community is in good hands with Sarah - Jane Hazell and I can't wait to here about the wonderful programs and initiatives that are taking place at Glen William in 2014.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and I hope that 2014 brings you all great successes.

Naomi Mrljak

Principal—Glen William Public School

Student Enrolments for 2014

At this stage our numbers for next year are hovering around the 26 student mark which is what we need to become two teachers again. As changes often take place over the holiday period, we cannot confirm numbers for next year at this stage.

To combat this dilemma, we have alternative plans in place. If we are a one teacher school Ms Hazell will teach K-6 and Mrs Hanrahan will be our RFF teacher working approximately two days per week.

If we are a two teacher school Ms Hazell will teach the Primary Class 3-6 and Mrs Hanrahan will teach the Infants Class K-2. Ms Hazell will then employ an additional staff member to take on the RRF role two days a week.

To help prepare for both situations, both Ms Hazell and Mrs Hanrahan will be at Glen William Public School for the first week back next year.

Upcoming Events

Monday 16th December— Surf Fun Day

Tuesday 17th December— Year Six Farewell

Wednesday 18th December— Last Day for Students

Fruit Boxes

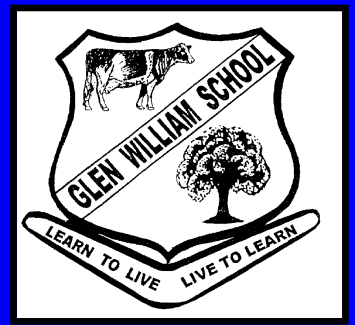
Please ensure all empty fruit boxes are returned to school by the end of this school year. The Fruit and Veggie Box Fundraiser will return in 2014.

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AASC

There will be changes made to the Active After School Communities program next year. This program will run of an afternoon two days a week from 3pm-4pm. Please note this time change as the program will now be running outside of school time. The sports for Term 1 are Ultimate Frisbee and Hockey. At this stage we are unsure which days the program will run as we have to fit in with coaches, however, we will let you know as soon as this information is available.

Slapped Cheek- Human Parvovirus- Fifth Disease

The school has been informed that there is currently one case of suspected but not confirmed Fifth Disease in the community. Fifth Disease, also known as Slapped Cheek or Human Parvovirus, is a viral infection common in school aged children. With Fifth Disease, children may get a runny nose, fever, aches and pains, and rash. At first the rash may be on the cheeks (slapped cheek appearance). After a few days a rash may be found on the arms, legs or trunk. It is pink, has a lacy appearance and may be itchy. It may fade easily, but re-appear after a bath or exercise. Older children and adults may sometimes get swollen joints which get better after a few days. If you believe that your child may be suffering from Fifth Disease please keep your child home from school and seek the necessary medical advice.

Presentation Day

Glen William Public School has received overwhelmingly, positive feedback regarding our Presentation Day. We have been praised for the professional nature of our Awards Ceremony as well as the wonderful conduct of our students. Both the change to a day ceremony and holding the event on the school grounds, were looked on positively. Great work Glen William!

Please Note:

The first day back for all students is Wednesday the 29th of January, 2014.

Hello everyone. Well the Christmas Raffle has been drawn. First prize of 1/2 beast was won by Mr Bob White of Newcastle, 2nd prize of 1/4 beast was one by Gillian Manning, 3rd prize of 1/4 beast was won by Nigel Boyton. Congratulations to the major prize winners and to all who won the many minor prizes on offer. We raised around \$1500 dollars which is a great effort. A big thank you to all who donated prizes and hamper items and for those that are not so lucky- better luck next year.

There are already a couple of ideas on the table for what to use the fundraising money for next year. Please consider coming to the P&C Meetings next year and have some input.

Last call for anyone wanting to order school uniforms before next term. See Kathryn Flannery before Tuesday 17th December.

On behalf of the P&C committee, I'd like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and safe travels over the holidays.

Helen Horn

AASC Golf Day- Thank you to all the volunteers who attended our Golf Day. The students haven't stopped talking about what a marvellous day they had. A big thank you to Liam Manning and Snowy Gorton for all their hard work and organisation. A special thank you to Snowy and the Dungog Golf Club who waived their greens fees and Snowy's instructional costs for the day. This was greatly appreciated.