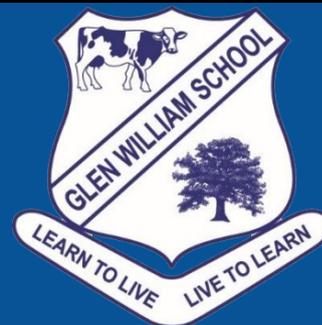


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Learn to Live- Live to Learn

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Upcoming Events:

Notes Due:

Attendance:

Week 9: 61%

Week 10: 79%

Return to School Term 3

Students return to school on

Monday 22nd of July.

Term 2 Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe Term 2; Semester 1 is over. As reports go out today, I would like to congratulate all our wonderful Glen William students on their efforts so far in 2024, both in and out of the classroom! From the bottom of my heart, I would also like to thank all our parents and community members for their support and contributions; you really do make this school very special.

We have had a lot of fun during the last week of school, with our PBL whole school reward day and STEM day. Our students have also enjoyed taking part in our NAIDOC celebrations, learning about our local Aboriginal culture. We have had a fabulous day with our Martins Creek Public School friends enjoying stories, activities, and culture.

A big shout out to Miss Parr and our fabulous Glen William PS Touch Football team who won against Awaba PS. Congratulations to Chayse who received player of the match. Well done to all our players.

A very special thank you to our student teacher Miss Murphy for her work during the last 4 weeks. I know the students and staff have appreciated all that you have done during your University Practicum. All the best in your teaching career and please come and visit us some time soon.

We also say farewell to the lovely Mrs Clarke and thank her for her dedication to our students this year. You will also be greatly missed and please don't forget to visit us. In other news, we welcome back Mrs Hurney in Term 3. I know students and staff are very excited to have her back at Glen William Public School.

A friendly reminder that we are a "Share Our Space" (SOS) school, where we open our school grounds to the public in the holidays. All children under the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult if they are using school grounds, as there will be no teachers on site. For more information, please see the below website.

<https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/we-support-communities/share-our-space.html>

We have an exciting Term 3 coming up with Athletics Carnival (Week 1), Education Week (Week 3), Parent Teacher interviews (Week 4 - information to come though Compass), Book Week Parade, School photos (August 23rd), Tour de Glen William (Saturday 25th August) and our exciting 175th School Anniversary (Friday 13th September), just to name a few. As the dates get closer more information will be released regarding these events.

Finally, please have a fabulous time during the holidays, make sure you stay warm, and I will see your beautiful faces next term!



Mrs Wilson & Staff



Days missed = years lost

If your child misses as little as

1 day per week

they will miss

8 weeks of school per year

which adds up to over

2.5 years missed over their school life



Staffing for Term 3:

Next term, Mrs Wilson will continue as Relieving Principal. Miss Parr will continue to teach Infants Mon-Fri. Mrs Forde will also continue in her role to teaching Primary Mon - Thur. Mrs Hurney will return to our beautiful school Wednesday to Friday, wearing a mixture of hats. She will be teaching our Primary class on Fridays, run small intervention groups, and will be our RFF and library teacher. Mrs Rains continues in her role Mon-Tues up to week 3 where she will then go on maternity leave. Mrs Reeves and Mrs Keller also continue their roles next term. Finally Miss Sophie will continue in her chaplaincy role on a Friday, supporting students where needed and running small group activities at lunch time for our students.

Parent—Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews will take place in Term 3 Week 4. Mrs Forde will be available to meet with Primary parents and carers on the 13th August and Miss Parr will be available to meet with Infants parents and carers on 14th August. Interview time slots will be open in Compass Week 1 Term 3.

NAIDOC Celebrations with Martins Creek Public School



CELEBRATE LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Validation Complete



Congratulations to GWPS K-2 students for completing their 2024 Challenge!



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A small school atmosphere in a quality learning environment

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2025

Is your child starting school next year?

Have you recently moved to the area? Come and join us!

Glen William Public School is accepting enrolments for all ages From Kindergarten to Year 6 for 2025.

For more information about the school or to enrol, please contact us on: 02 4996 5507 or glenwillia-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Before and After School Care available.





Crazy Hair and Pyjama Day

Last Tuesday, our students and staff took part in the Crazy Hair and Pyjama Day to raise money for the Year 6 gift. It was wonderful to see so many students participating in the day, with their wacky hairstyles and comfy pyjamas.



Jumpers and Jackets

Winter has definitely arrived at Glen William Public School. Please ensure your child packs a school jumper or jacket in their bag each day.

Dungog LMG Gathang Bingo

Each week, during school assembly we have been listening to the Gathang 'words of the week', and crossing off any that were found on our school's bingo card.

A massive thank you to Kara Clements for all her hard work and dedication in getting our LMG Gathang Bingo game set up. We are so lucky to have her expertise and will be forever grateful for her support. We were over the moon to tie with Martins Creek PS in getting all our words marked off first.



Touch Football Knock-Out Round 1

A huge congratulations to our school touch football team who versed Awaba Public School in Round 1 of the Small Schools Touch Football Knock-Out Competition last week. Coming from 4-0 down, the team triumphed in their best ever performance, to claim victory in a 10-8 win! We are so incredibly proud of every single one of you! A special mention to Chayse who was our player of the match. We look forward to our next match which will take place early next term - more information to come!

PBL Assembly Award Recipients

Congratulations to our Week 10 PBL Award recipients:

Infants Merit: Lucia, Onyx and Angus

Primary Merit: Dusty, Owen and Bella

Principal Award: Holly and Xavier

Assembly Award: Onyx

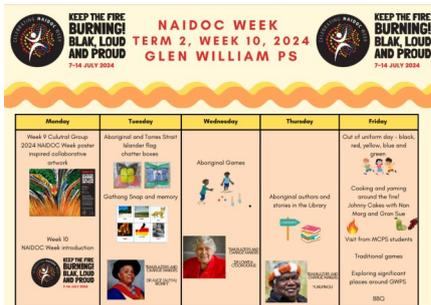
PBL Rewards Day

Congratulations to our wonderful students for demonstrating the school PBL values of respect, cooperation and excellence this term. It was fantastic to see your hard work rewarded with a whole school game of Hide and Seek on Tuesday.

The challenge was on! Staff members vs the students. Our staff members each had 5 minutes to seek the students from their creative hiding spots. Miss Murphy found a whopping 23 out of 25 students, but two evaded her. Then the teachers decided to work together to search as group, but three sneaky children could not be found. The teachers made the clever decision to hand over the seeking rights to the Year 6 leaders... and SUCCESS! All Glen William students were found!

A big well done to our incredible students for filling up the PBL token jar and allowing us take part in these reward days.

NAIDOC Week



What a week! We have had the most wonderful time celebrating NAIDOC at GWPS during Week 10. From a collaborative artwork, to learning about NAIDOC, Gathang snap and memory, NAIDOC themed chatterboxes, learning about trailblazers and change makers, games, books, cooking, yarnning and more, it's been an awesome way to end Term 2.

Don't forget to check out the community events on the Port Stephens Council Website for family NAIDOC activities happening from 4th—12th July.



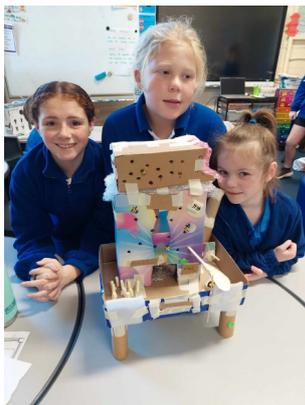


STEM Day

THE BEES ARE ON STRIKE!

On Thursday all GWPS students participated in our 2024 STEAM challenge as part of our Science Week activities. The theme for this year is Species Survival, which works in well with our work on bees. Our bees decided our hive was not comfortable enough and demanded to have a better hive or they were going to strike. Our students were challenged to create a hive that was not only useful but also comfortable. They also needed to create a shaker that could be used to determine the mite load of their hive. As you can see in the photos, the students did a great job, and it was a difficult choice to determine which hive was going to represent us at the Dungog Science Fair in Term Three. The voting was so tight it ended up in a tie between group 7; Jazzy, Vinnie and Xavier and group 8; Daisy, Priseis and Owen. Congratulations to not only those 6 students, but to everyone for working so well together and producing fantastic hives.

Mrs. Clark



Education Week Dance Costumes

This year's Education Week Assembly will be held on 8th August at Dungog High School. Students are asked to arrive at 4:45pm for a 5:00pm start. Our school is performing a dance to a Texas Hold 'Em / Cotton Eye Joe mash-up. Students are asked to dress in the following costume:

- Jeans
- Flannelette shirt
- Boots
- Belt (if possible)
- Cowboy / cowgirl hat (if possible)

Please contact the school if you require assistance with costume items, or if you have extra items you can lend another family.

Leader Reader Preschool Program

Our Stage 3 students will be participating in the Leader Reader program next term, where they will be visiting our local preschools to share a story book together. Our main focus is to build strong relationships with our surrounding preschools, build leadership skills in our school leaders, and to invite friendly faces into preschools to meet 2025 Kindergarten friends before orientation sessions in Term 4. Leaders will take turns visiting preschools with Miss Parr each Thursday morning. A schedule will be available in Week 1.

Jump Rope for Heart

Next term we are raising much needed funds for the Heart Foundation by skipping our hearts out! Register your child at <https://www.jumprope.org.au/parents>, and visit our page to keep up-to-date with the school's fundraising efforts using the link: <https://www.jumprope.org.au/.../Glen-William-Public-School>.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Our Small Schools Athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 25th July at Maitland Regional Athletics Centre. Both primary and infants students will be participating in track and field events across the day. The focus of the day will be on participation and selection of 8 years and older to the Port Stephens Zone Athletics Carnival later in the year. The canteen will be open, and food and drinks can be purchased throughout the day. Parents, carers and family members are welcome to attend, but must remain on the outside of the track at all times. The cost is \$5 per student, and payment and consent can be made online via the Compass portal.

Our PBL Focus

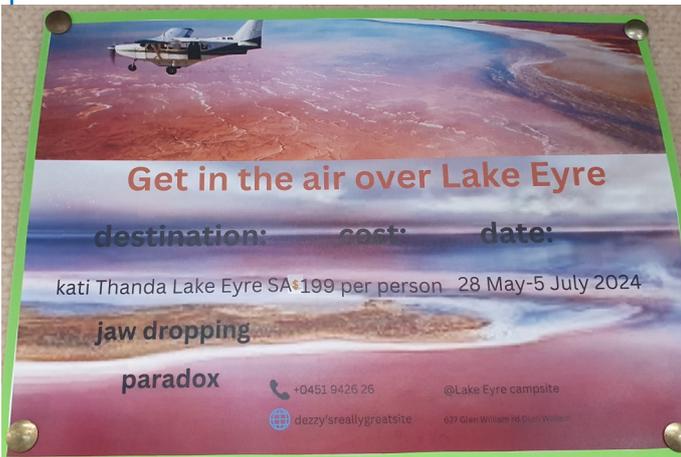
Our PBL focus for the first two weeks of Term 3 is: We Speak Appropriately to Others. Keep an eye out for the video on our Facebook page.



Peering into the Primary Classroom

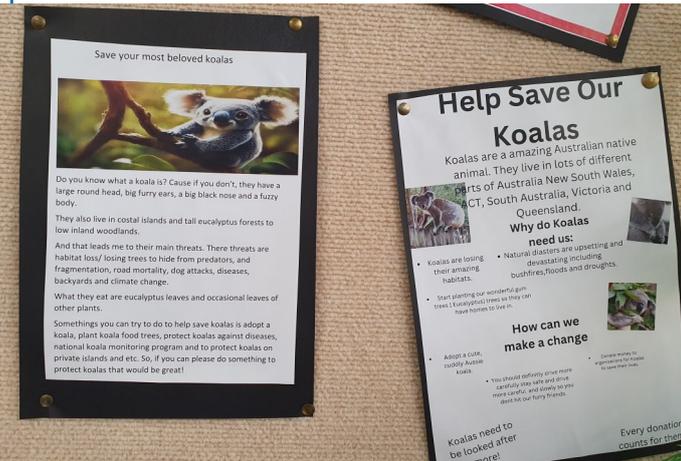
This term, Primary has embarked on an exciting journey into the world of persuasive writing! Our young authors have been exploring the key elements of persuasive writing. We learned how to identify the audience, structure arguments, and use evidence effectively to support our claims.

We have been researching Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre and creating our very own advertisements persuading people to visit!



We have been deeply engaged in learning about one of Australia's most iconic and beloved animals: the koala. Our students have immersed themselves in the world of koalas, exploring their habitats, behaviours, and the challenges these adorable marsupials face.

Our students have been working on raising awareness about koala conservation within the school community, and created persuasive posters to save our koalas.



In Technology, we have been developing our ideas for a film to enter into the Dungog Film Festival. Taking inspiration from our Term 2 PBL Rewards Day, we look forward to filming *Hide and Seek: How it All Went Wrong* and seeing it on the big screen at the James Theatre Dungog.

In Maths, we have been working on number, data collection and working with money.



In Creative Arts, we have been exploring the world of theatre. We have been developing our acting skills and building confidence in performance. We performed Jack and the Beanstalk and Little Red Riding hood at our PBL assembly this week.

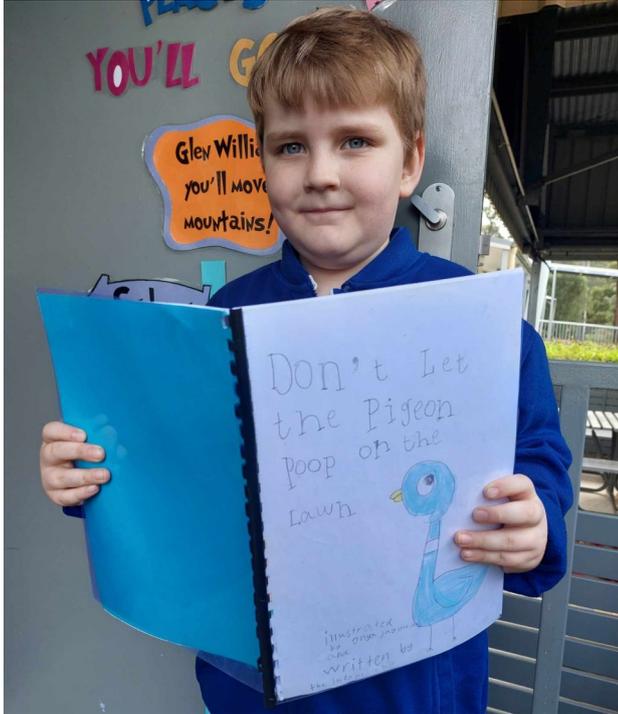


It's been a term filled with creativity, expression, and unforgettable moments. Some of our favourite moments have been; Dance with Miss Libby, Crazy Hair and PJ Day, STEM day, NAIDOC Celebrations and our PBL rewards day! We cannot wait to see what Term 3 will bring us!
From Ms Forde.



Keeping up with Kinder / One / Two

What a busy term we have had in the K/1/2 classroom this term! We began the term by diving into some of our favourite persuasive books in our English lessons. We read *Spoon*, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, and *Do Not Open This Book*, and explored the hilarious characters and the convincing ways the author tries to persuade us. We even created our own book titled *Don't Let the Pigeon Poop on the Lawn*. It is safe to say, this is our new favourite book.



Our reading has taken off, with our Kindergarten students reading their very first sentences this term, and our class working hard to improve their reading in Fluency Bootcamp. Our tricky word garden on the back wall has exploded with new tricky words to learn and practise, and we hope to know all of these words by sight.



In writing, we have been creating persuasive texts and narratives using quotation marks and speech bubbles to show that a character is speaking. Our class focus is to begin every sentence with a capital letter and to end a sentence with a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark.

In Mathematics this term, Kindergarten have learned new ways to count with speed. They have explored skip counting by twos, fives and tens, and are now practising how to count on and back from the big number. They have deepened their understanding of numbers to 30 and enjoy playing Buzz Off Hairy Legs.

Stage 1 have discovered how to split an object into equal parts such as halves, quarters and eighths. They have explored the relationship between addition and subtraction, and how a number can be classed as odd or even. We love using the equal arm balance to measure how heavy an object is.



In Technology this term, we have coded Bee Bots to follow our instructions. We built an obstacle course for our Bee Bots to move around and worked with a partner to avoid any obstacles along the way. We have also started filming our entry *I'm 175 and I Know It* for the Dungog Film Festival. We have explored how to use iPads, tripods, microphones and props to make a film, and we cannot wait to show you our finished product on the big screen!



Our highlights of the term include:

- Dance with Miss Libby
- Mother's Day High Tea and Bingo
- 1850's Dress Up Day
- Star Struck Excursion
- Crazy Hair and Pyjama Day
- PBL Rewards Day
- STEM Day
- NAIDOC Celebrations

We can't wait to see what wonderful things we will learn about in Term 3. From Miss Parr.

2024

CALENDAR

TERM 3

MONTH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
JULY 1	22 School Students Return	23	24	25 Small Schools Athletics Carnival	26	27
						28
JUL / AUG 2	29 Cultural Program	30	31	01	02	03
						04
AUGUST Education Week + Book Week 3	05 Parliament	06 Book Week Parade	07	08 Education Week Assembly 5-6pm @ DHS	09 Zone Athletics	10
						11
AUGUST National Science Wk 4	12 Cultural Program	13 Primary Parent / Teacher Interviews	14 Infants Parent / Teacher Interviews	15	16 Water Quality and Catchment Activities Stage 2 & 3	17
						18
AUGUST 5	19 PBL Assembly	20	21	22	23 SCHOOL PHOTOS	24
						25 Tour de Glen William
AUG / SEP 6	26	27 Transition Day Try a HIGH SCHOOL Yr6	28	29 Footy Colours Day & Father's Day Brekky	30	31
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SEPTEMBER 7	02 Parliament	03	04	05 RAW Art All Day	06 Hunter Athletics	07
						08
SEPTEMBER 8	09	10	11	12	13 GWPS 175 th Birthday Celebration	14 Community Celebration 175 th bday
						15
SEPTEMBER 9	16 Cultural Program	17	18	19	20	21
						22
SEPTEMBER 10	23 P&C Hot Breakfast Club PBL Assembly	24 Cultural Day on Country 10-2pm	25 State Touch Footy Finals in Sydney	26	27 Jump Rope for Heart Day	28
						29