Year 6 students enjoying their “Transition Activities” (Food Tech. And Woodwork)
Welcome to the 4th edition!
In this newsletter I look forward to informing students and parents about the many things going on at school or around our district that may involve our students at the High school. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need any assistance with career options on 67321322 or nicole.schafer@det.nsw.edu.au.

Up coming events.........

October:

Week 4 term 4

**Year 11 Change of subjects**
Those students wishing to withdraw from a subject must first sit an interview with Mrs Schafer to obtain a withdrawal sheet. No withdrawals will be made before this date.
*NOTE* any Maths and English students wishing to move classes will also need an interview and form

November/December:

**Year 10 Work Experience #2**
Year 10 have another opportunity for work experience. Any “out of town” placements will have to be handed in VERY QUICKLY so start thinking now about where you want to go. During this week there will be a school dance. Year 10 will be allowed to go to it and will be able to purchase their tickets at the door. This will only be done for year 10

**ANYTIME**

**School Based Traineeships (SBAT)**
Any Yr 10 student or business looking to be involved with a SBAT please feel free to contact me to discuss this fantastic opportunity. Students are able to gain nationally recognised qualifications whilst doing the HSC!

Until next issue keep dreaming and challenging yourself to be the best you can be! You are the only person who can change YOUR stars!!
Schafs.
**PRESENTATION DAY NOTICE**

**Presentation is on Thursday 11th of December from 10:00am at the Town Hall**

A list of all students in Years 7-11 who are receiving awards at this year’s Presentation Day will be posted in Week 10 around the Science Staffroom window and at the student’s notice board. Students are requested to check for their name before Thursday 11th December.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are to come to school on Thursday morning as normal in full school uniform. A roll-call will be held in normal classrooms, then students will assemble under the barn.

After the ceremony, students will walk back to school (under supervision) to receive their reports.

Students are not to leave from the Town Hall.

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**2014 Yearbook**

Orders for the 2014 Yearbook is still being taken. The price has remained at $30 for this wonderful memento of school life at GIHS. There are hundreds of great full colour photos and articles.

If you would like to see or purchase a copy of last year’s book, see Mr Malone.

Only those who have paid in full will have a 2014 Yearbook ordered for them.

Please pay at the Front Office. Thanks

**From the Deputy’s desk...**

**Student Grooming on the internet**

Parents are asked to ensure that their students know who they are speaking to on the internet. A small number of students have reported grooming conversations that have taken place with males from 18 years to 27 years plus with females in Year 7 & 8. Students are also advised not to share pictures on the internet as photos taken on iPads and phones contain a code that identifies their exact location that can be uncovered by any potential predators online.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

7th November Friday ——— Year 12 Formal
3rd - 7th November — — — Year 7– Year 10 Core Exams
10th - 14th November ——— Year 7– Year 10 Elective Exams
10th - 14th November ——— Year 12 2015 Work Placement
19th - 21st November ——— Year 7 Excursion
22nd—23rd November — — Yr11 & Yr12 RSA and RCG Course at GIHS
24th—28th November ——— Year 10 Work Experience
27th November Thursday — School Social
3rd December Wednesday — Year 10 Formal
3rd December Wednesday — Year 8 Excursion
11th December Thursday ——— Presentation Day
17th December Wednesday ——— LAST DAY OF SCHOOL for students

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The last Newsletter for the year will be released on Monday 1st of December 2014 (Week 9)
Cattle Showing and Judging
Instruction and Education Day

On the 22\textsuperscript{nd} and 23\textsuperscript{rd} of October, Glen Innes High School and Guyra Central School took part in an instruction day for cattle showing and judging held at the Glen Innes showgrounds. There were many activities such as judging cattle exercises, cattle washing and grooming before entering the ring for another lesson on parading cattle. The night was finished up with a great camp fire. The next morning was straight into hard work after breakfast. The cattle were washed and groomed again before the competitions started. First parading, then judging. After lunch everything got packed up and the cattle were walked back to school. Overall it was great day and it was all great fun.

Bundarra Horse Sport 24\textsuperscript{th} October 2014

Glen Innes High School
Winners of the ‘March Past’

Rachel Kiehne
Monique Duddy
Tahnee Conroy
Amy Baker
Emily Burton
Siddella Donnelly
Glen Innes Horse Sports 2014

This year’s horse sports was held at Glencoe Sports Ground due to ring lights upgrade at the showground. Even though this was a little twist in the events organisation the Glencoe Sportsground Committee produced an exceptional venue for this year’s event. With nominations of 90 riders the day’s program progressed well with all children having a great time. Twenty of those riders coming from Glen Innes High!

The day’s results include:

Various Categories:

Smartest on Parade
Inverell High

Smalls Schools
Gum Flat Public School

Large Schools
St Josephs School Glen Innes

Junior Champion Riders
Luke Kiehne St Josephs Glen Innes

Junior Reserve Champion Riders
Nick Cave St Josephs Glen Innes
Mollie Cave St Josephs Glen Innes

Senior Champion Riders
Bianca Grob Glen Innes High

Senior Reserve Champion Riders
Inverell High and PLC students

Points Scores:

8 Years Girls
St Josephs Tenterfield (Champ) &
St Mary’s Catholic Primary student (Res)

8 Years Boys
St Mary’s Catholic Primary (student Champ)

9 Years Girls
Mollie Cave St Joseph’s Glen Innes (Champ)
Brooke Klingner St Joseph’s GI (Res)

9 Years Boys
Sam Donnelly St Joseph’s GI, St Mary’s Catholic Primary and Sir Henry Parkes students (Res)

10 Years Girls
Kaitlyn Bennett GIPS (Champ) & NEGS student (Res)

10 Years Boys
Gum Flat student (Champ)

11 Years Girls
St Marys Catholic Primary student (Champ)
Montanna Newberry St Josephs GI (Res)

11 Years Boy
Tom Matthewson St Josephs GI (Champ on a count back) Luke Kiehne St Josephs GI (Res)

12 Years Girls
Kate Lynn St Josephs GI (Champ); Inverell Public student and Amy Baker GIHS (Res)

12 Years Boys
Nic Cave St Josephs GI (Champ)
Shannon Williamson GIPS (Res)

13 Years Girls
PLC (student (Champ); Hope McIntyre GiHS (Res)

14 Years Girls
Inverell High students (Champ) and (Res)

14 Years Boy
TAS student (Champ); Bryce Burey GiHS (Res)

15 Years Girls
McIntyre High (student (Champ)
Tenterfield High student (Res)

15 Years Boys
Inverell High student (Champ)

16+ Years Girls
Bianca Grob GIHS (Champ)
Kirsten Roberts GIHS (Res)

16+ Years Boy
Armidale High student (Champ)

A special thank you needs to be extended to the following (if it wasn’t for these people the day would not have happened).

Glencoe Sports Ground Committee
Glen Innes Pony Club Committee and Members
Our judges for the day: Barbara Hollis,
Kelly Fletcher and Emma Pettit
Pencilors – Trent Dunn, Adam Kerr and Deb Burton
Graham Pagden and Jenneke Matthewson
Participating schools and parents

Event Organiser
Jacki Kiehne
From Monsters, to Boats, Paintings, Drama games, Milkshakes and Fingerprinting, Year 6 have done it all. They have just completed their four week transition workshops at the High School. Students from Glen Innes Public, St Joseph’s and Red Range have been visiting the school and completed a small project as part of the School’s Transition Program. Students were actively involved in different activities including art, woodwork, ceramics, science and drama.

Many thanks to all staff and students who have been involved in the transition.

Year Advisor Mrs Jill Malone has also been busy conducting Parent Interviews with Year 6 Parents.

The Year 6 Orientation Day will be on Wednesday 19th of November. This is a whole day activity for students only.

The Year 6 Parents Information Night will be on Wednesday 26th November 2014 at 6pm in the school Gym. It is about an hour information night. We would like to invite all Year 6 Parents to come and be informed. Thank you.
Principal’s Message
Welcome once again to our Newsletter. This is the first newsletter for Term 4 2014. How fast the year has gone.

Accidents and Injuries to Students
From time to time I receive inquiries about whether students are insured for injuries they sustain during school related activities either at school or at events organised by the school but which are outside school hours.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) does not provide nor has ever provided accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools. DEC is insured for the financial impact of any legal obligations arising from its activities. For example, if the DEC is found negligent in any legal action then a student will be able to legally recover damages from the Department and the Department’s insurance will cover this. However if an accident occurs and is not caused by any wrongdoing or omissions from the Department then DEC insurance DOES NOT cover the student.

A student or parent may make a claim by writing to myself, the school Principal in the first instance stating what they wish to claim and attaching a copy of invoices or receipts. I will then forward a copy of that material together with a copy of the accident report and any related documents to the Legal Services Unit, Level 5, 35 Bridge Street, Sydney if the sum claimed is over $300. This is then dealt with by DEC solicitors in direct negotiation with you the parents. If the claim is under $300 then the claim will be considered and if appropriate, paid for by the school. Schools do have student assistance funds and these are sometimes used to assist families in financial difficulties with small medical expenses. Each claim will be considered individually and payment of a claim constitutes no admission of any liability, but reflects the merits of the individual circumstances being presented to me.

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL)
The focus for PBL this term will be wearing the correct uniform.

Parents and Citizens Association Membership
Another meeting of this important group will be held on Tuesday 4th November at 7pm at the New England Club. I urge all parents to think carefully about joining this organisation. The organisation for Glen Innes High School is not about fundraising activities but about providing a parent voice for school development. All parents and interested citizens are eligible to join and also take up leadership positions within the P&C. We need new members URGENTLY. If you are interested then please phone the school and talk to me or attend the meeting on the first Tuesday in November at the New England Club (7pm).

Without your participation the Parents and Citizens Association for this school might have to go into recess.

For more information phone the front office at the school on 67321322.

New School Plan
Preparation is under way for a new school plan to be developed for the period 2015-2017. All parents should have received a survey asking about what is working; what is not working and what suggested programs parents feel should be part of the school. We are also interested in your opinions on what the school should look like in three years’ time. If you have views on various programs being run in the school either positively or negatively then your opinion will be valued.

Some parents will be directly surveyed but if you want to directly participate you can contact the front office for a copy of the survey or just drop in your thoughts on paper to the front office.

Please return surveys to the front office.

Year 12 Formal
The final examinations of the HSC have ended or are about to end. The Year 12 Formal is on Friday 7th November at the Services Club – tickets are on sale at the club. I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 12 students all the very best in their future lives.

Standards of Behaviour and Uniform
I have the highest expectations of students of this school not only in what they achieve and can achieve through our curriculum opportunities but also in terms of their behaviour and uniform. I remind all students that if you do not make efforts to meet the school’s standards of behaviour and uniform then you should not have an expectation that you will be allowed to attend non compulsory events such as the recent football game or school socials or represent the school outside of school. The rules and expectations are clear - follow them. Blame yourself if YOU are found wanting. The Deputy Mrs Way has been implementing a rigorous system of following up uniform infringements and this appears to be working. We have also, unfortunately, had to redirect some students whose behaviour has been found wanting away from our school into alternative education programs. This is to ensure that our core purpose of providing successful engagement of students in our educational programs is not sacrificed because a small number of students cannot do the right thing. We will continue this process.

School Website
The school’s website is now being updated regularly and is a rich source of information about the school and the school’s activities and subjects being taught. It supplements what is being communicated in the newsletters. Please have a look at the site and give us feedback on what you would like to see on further updates. The link is: http://www.gleninnes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e mail can you please drop in your e mail address to the school’s front office. This will ensure that you are always up to date and not reliant on your student bringing it home.

Attendance and the Change to the School Leaving Age
All parents need to be aware that the school leaving age is 17. This means that students must remain at school until they turn 17 unless they are in full time education elsewhere such as TAFE or they have moved into full time work (at least 25 hours per week) or a full-time apprenticeship. Students at the end of year 9 may be exempted from school for the purpose of a full time apprenticeship. This legislated change applies to all students.

I would ask all parents to send a note explaining absences as soon as possible after the absence to the school. Please note that parents cannot sign students out of school unless there is a legitimate reason. For example, you cannot give your student a note that says please excuse her/him on Wednesday afternoons because they do not want to do sport.

It has also been legislated that parents are contacted about absences as soon as practicable after that absence. We also have to contact parents when attendance falls below 85%. Even if absences have been explained it is still possible that you may receive a letter. Please be patient with these procedures.

The Legislation clearly states that students are to be in attendance at school five days a week unless given an exemption by the Principal. Students cannot sign out to work on Wednesday afternoons, for example. This is in breach of the Legislation.

Issues
I always welcome suggestions or concerns from parents – if you have any then please contact me directly at the school.

Mike Gray
Year 9 students participated in a wonderful motivational day during the first week back this term.

**Guests on the day were:**
- Grahame Muldoon — Study Skills
- Wayne Williams — Getting the best out of school
- Stacey Arandale — Healthy Mind - Healthy Body
- Krystal Mather, Lachlan Nagy-Friend and Cody Davis — Succeeding at HSC.

**Workshops were provided by:**
- Ms Timbs — Looking after mental health.
- Ms Rossington and Mr Taylor — Diversity Walk.
- Ms Fuller and Mr Ireland — Team building skills.

We hope that Year 9 students were motivated by this event and look forward to seeing them succeed in their exams this term and beyond.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Thomas and all the guests who presented on the day.

Year advisers
Ms Byrne
Ms Sparks.

“Best Cinematography”!
and the Winner is……

Glen Innes High School
Japanese class

The Year 9 Japanese elective class are delighted to be winners of The Japan Foundation’s Best Cinematography award for the 2014 Video Matsuri (festival) contest. This year saw a record number of entries from schools all over Australia, so there was some hot competition, but our Glen Innes High School students won through.

Special thanks to Mr Lachlan Nagy-Friend, Glen Innes’ very own up-and-coming film director, for his contributions to the project as Director and Editor. His skills came to the fore and helped us to win the prize!

**Expressions of Interest:**

**Japan 2015 School Tour**

Following the success of the tours in 2011 and 2013, Years 9-11 students and families are now invited to express their interest in a possible tour to Japan planned for late 2015.

Please see Mr Goldstein for details.

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**Parents and Citizens**

**Meeting will be held on Tuesday**

4th November

at 7pm

at the New England Club.

All parents and interested citizens are eligible to join and may also take up leadership positions within the P&C.

**We need new members URGENTLY.**

2015 Year 7 parents are welcome to join.
An amazing exhibition of GIHS visual arts student work

**Featuring HSC 2014**

Opening Night  Friday 12th Dec 6pm
Open Saturday 13th 10-4pm
at Glen Innes Art Gallery (Library)
Junior School Uniforms
(Year 7, 8, 9 & 10)
Senior School Uniforms

(Year 11 & Year 12)

Good Luck Year 12
Target 5:
WEARING CORRECT UNIFORM

RESPECT
Show respect for yourself by wearing uniform with pride
Show respect for the school by following the uniform policy
BE PART OF TEAM GIHS!

RESPONSIBILITY
Show you are organised by having the correct uniform for the occasion
When you are not in uniform show responsibility by having a note from home explaining your valid reasons.
GET YOURSELF ORGANISED!

DILIGENCE
UNIFORM
Wear it with pride
AT
ALL
TIMES!