

Glen Innes West Infants School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4
Wednesday 21 May 2025

Principal's Report

What a Start to the Term!

Term 2 has kicked off with an incredible burst of energy and connection across our school and wider community! We began with a **Highlands Small Schools Alliance** gathering, hosted here at Glen Innes West Infants School, where staff collaborated around High Potential and Gifted Education. This **valuable opportunity** allowed us to plan future events and share ideas as a collective.

Soon after, our students shone brightly at the Australian Celtic Festival performance, held at the Town Hall. It was a **proud** moment for our small school as we showcased our students' amazing singing and dancing talents to the wider community. Our visit to Glenwood was another **heart warming highlight**. Sharing books and songs with the residents brought smiles to many faces. Moments like these help us all top up our emotional buckets and connect with others through **kindness and joy**.

Our ANZAC Day commemorations were **truly exceptional** this year. Mr and Mrs Newberry returned with their incredible Light Horse display featuring Tilly the horse. Mrs Cheryl Muldoon captivated the students with stories of animals in wartime, and Mrs Judy Fraser spoke about the important roles of service animals. Mrs De Jong and Mrs Ennis created an impressive living museum, giving students a hands-on look at wartime life. The service itself was reverent and respectful, and we were **deeply proud of the maturity and honour** shown by our students. This term also brought exciting **playground upgrades**, with fresh soft fall, new edging, and most noticeably, the installation of a new back fence that has truly lifted the appearance of our school grounds as we continue to **grow and thrive**.

Our students have now started their Moveology sessions with Ellen, generously funded by our **wonderful P&C**. These sessions—running through **Terms 2 and 3**—focus on strength, balance, and pilates-style movement, giving our students a great physical and mental boost each week.

Another exciting addition is the arrival of our new **"Possum Shirts"** in the clothing pool. They look absolutely fantastic! Our students wear their uniforms with pride, and we've received many compliments from the community about how smart and united they look.

Finally, we are already turning our attention to **Kindergarten 2026**, and we're thrilled to see enrolments already coming in. It's shaping up to be another fantastic year ahead, and we're so excited to welcome the next generation of learners to our school.

As always, **thank you**. I feel incredibly grateful to be part of such a caring, committed, and supportive school community. The way our families rally behind our students and school is truly remarkable—and **very much appreciated**.

Mrs Nicole McKean Principal



2026 Kindergarten Enrolments Now Open

Kindergarten to Year 2 specialists

Building strong foundations for brighter futures

If your child is 5 years old at the beginning of the **2026 school year**, or they turn 5 before the 31 July 2026, you can start the enrolment process now!



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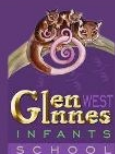
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Moveology

Moveology is an innovative program designed to engage students in physical activity while also **promoting a deeper understanding** of movement and its impact on overall well-being. By participating in Moveology, students have the opportunity to explore a variety of dance and movement styles, enhancing their physical fitness and coordination. Additionally, Moveology emphasizes the importance of physical literacy, helping students develop confidence in their ability to move. This holistic approach not only encourages a lifelong love of movement but also fosters a sense of community and teamwork among participants, making it an enriching experience for students of all ages.

We are excited to have this program delivered to students fortnightly over the next 2 terms.



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ANZAC Memorial



Thursday 1 May 2025, Glen Innes West Infants School proudly hosted another memorable Highlands Small Schools Alliance Day, with nearly 100 students and staff from Deepwater, Red Range, and Wyaliba in attendance.

The school community came together to provide students with a wide range of rich and engaging learning opportunities. A standout highlight of the day was the Light Horse display led by Mr and Mrs Newberry. With "Tilly," his trusted steed, Mr Newberry thrilled students by leaping hay bales, hoisting flags, and popping balloons.



Judy Fraser also attended with her service dog to explain the important roles that service and assistance dogs play in supporting people with different needs. Mrs Cheryl Muldoon gave an insightful presentation about the various animals that served alongside our armed forces in times of war.

Mrs Judy Ennis and Mrs Shannon De Jong provided a 'living history' experience, sharing an extensive collection of wartime artefacts for students to examine and explore. Meanwhile, Mrs Lesley Clibborn delighted everyone by baking traditional ANZAC biscuits.



The event concluded with a moving ANZAC service officiated by returned servicemen Rod, James, and Victor. Their presence and words gave students a deeper understanding of the **meaning and significance of ANZAC Day**. As wreaths were laid, students stood in respectful silence, their behaviour reflecting a reverence that connected them to generations past.

Lest we forget.

Australian Celtic Festival Performances

Friday 2 May 2025, GIWIS students participated in the opening ceremony of the 2025 Australian Celtic Festival. The Celtic performance by students was truly an enchanting experience. The dedication and passion these young performers brought to the stage was evident in every step and note, making the performance not just a display of talent but also a heartfelt tribute to Celtic heritage.

Follow their street performance students accompanied Ben Lomond to Glenwood for a delightful afternoon of reading with the residents.



Attendance Matters

Parents or carers of children of compulsory school age are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. Children must commence school by age 6. A day missed can amount to years of missed education.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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Breakfast Club



It's wonderful to have Breakfast Club being offered every Tuesday and Thursday for students. Providing a nutritious start to the day can significantly impact students' concentration, energy levels, and overall well-being, setting them up for success in their academic and extracurricular activities. Such initiatives not only address immediate needs but also foster a sense of community and support within the school. If you would like to donate to breakfast Club you are ensuring that no student starts their day hungry. It's heartening to see how collective efforts can make a real difference in our little peoples lives.



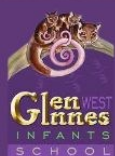
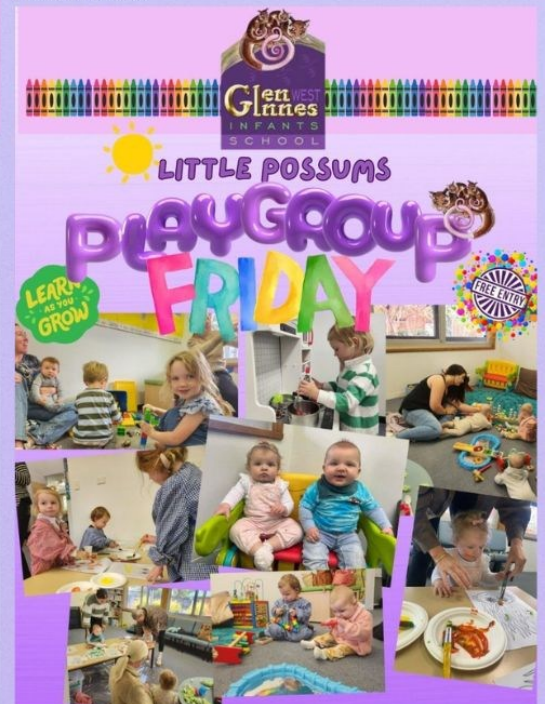
Playgroup

Friday's

during the school term

9:30am - 11:00am

Playgroup is a wonderful opportunity for both children and parents to socialize, learn, and have fun. GIWI Playgroup provides a supportive environment where kids can engage in interactive play, develop their social skills, and explore creativity through various activities. Playgroup is free for all children aged 0 -5 years of age and is now held on a Friday during the school term.



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