

Principal's Report

What an amazing term we have had already! We began the term with great energy and excitement, kicking off with the Highlands Small Schools Athletics Carnival held in the very first week. This event brought together students from our neighbouring small schools, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie.

Our students demonstrated impressive athletic skills, sportsmanship, and determination, making the day a memorable success for all involved.

Following this energetic start, we celebrated literacy and creativity with our Book Fair and Book Week Parade. The Book Fair provided an excellent opportunity for students and families to explore new books and encourage a love of reading. The Book Week Parade was a vibrant and joyful event where students showcased their favourite book characters through creative costumes, highlighting the importance of storytelling and imagination in learning. Our school community has been wonderful in supporting the development of our kitchen garden project. This initiative aims to teach students about sustainable living, nutrition, and the science of growing food. We were excited to receive our very first chickens, which are already becoming a popular part of daily school life. A special thank you goes to NORCO for generously donating the "chicken palace," providing a safe and comfortable home for our chickens. We also extend our gratitude to Cluck It for supplying the chickens, and to CRT for donating fresh vegetables to support our garden's growth. This project not only enhances our curriculum but also strengthens community involvement and hands-on learning experiences for our students.

Education Week was another highlight of the term and truly showcased what small schools can achieve when working together. We hosted the Highlands Small Schools Disco, which was a fantastic evening filled with music, dancing, and fun, bringing together students, families, and staff in a lively community celebration. Following this, our highly successful Open Day, supported by Coles, welcomed parents and community members to visit the school, engage with teachers, and learn about the exciting programs and achievements happening here. The Open Day also featured student presentations, interactive displays, and opportunities for families to connect with the school community. I cannot express enough gratitude to our amazingly supportive community. Your ongoing involvement, encouragement, and generosity provide the foundation for our students to thrive. Every day, our children shine brighter because of the care and support they receive from you. Whether through volunteering, donations, or simply being present at school events, your contributions make a significant difference.

As we continue through the year, we look forward to building on this momentum, delivering quality education, and nurturing the growth and wellbeing of every student. Thank you once again for an amazing return to school and for being such an integral part of our school community.

Transition Sessions

We are excited to announce that the transition program will commence on Thursday, 4 September 2025. We believe this program will be highly beneficial for all participants and look forward to welcoming children to these engaging and educational sessions. To ensure a smooth experience, please note a full enrolment is required prior to attending these sessions. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact our office on 6732 2459.





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Glen Innes West Infants School





NAIDOC Day Celebrations

Despite the challenging weather on July 2, 2025, the NAIDOC Day celebrations were a testament to the resilience and spirit of our Highlands Small School Alliance. Undeterred by the rain, we came together to honor the rich history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The day was filled with vibrant activities, from cooking traditional johnny cakes, enjoying the art of weaving, which highlighted traditional skills passed down through generations. Painting sessions offered a creative outlet for expression, allowing participants to connect with cultural stories and symbols. The sense of camaraderie and joy, proved that even the stormiest weather couldn't dampen the celebration of heritage and unity.







Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival at King George Oval on Thursday 24 July was a fantastic event, bringing together our Highlands Small Schools Alliance friends for a day filled with excitement and camaraderie. It was heartwarming to see our little ones participating with enthusiasm, giving their best in every race. Their efforts were commendable, with some even securing victories, showcasing their budding athletic skills. This experience was not only about competition but also about fostering friendships and sportsmanship. As they continue to grow and hone their abilities, we look forward to witnessing their progress and achievements in the coming years. Overall, it was a memorable day that celebrated both individual and collective accomplishments.









It's fantastic to hear that the lunch specials

Lunch Specials

have been so well received by our students and families! Providing students with tasty and affordable meal options can really enhance their day and contributes to a positive school

During term 3 we will have 2 special meals on planned for student, Wednesday 27 August

Wednesday 24 September.





Year 2 Transition

As our Year 2 students prepare to transition into Year 3, we want to ensure a smooth and successful move for each child. To assist us in this process, we kindly ask that you inform us of the new school your child will be attending. This information is crucial for coordinating records in your child's education. If you have any questions or need further assistance, do not hesitate to reach out to our administration office. We are here to support you and your child during this exciting new chapter.













Book Fair and Parade

Friday 1 August 2025 our Book Fair Parade was a vibrant celebration of creativity and community spirit, with participants wearing an array of imaginative outfits. This event was more than just a parade; it was a testament to the **power of storytelling** and the joy of reading. Your support for the book fair and fundraiser plays a **crucial role in enriching our school environment**, fostering a love for literature among students, and providing valuable resources for educational growth. Together, we are building a brighter future, one page at a time. Thank you for being an integral part of this journey and helping make our school a better place for everyone.















We Have Chickens



What exciting news! We have chickens, the chickens will live at GIWIS and be a useful education tool as they teach students a range of skills including kindness and responsibility.

A big thank you goes out to Chris and his team from Norco AgriSolutions in Glen Innes, as well as Hailey from River Gum Free Range Eggs, for their generous support and efforts in making this project a reality. Their contribution not only enriches the students' learning experience but also fosters a deeper connection to sustainable practices and animal care.

Ten Pin Bowling

Caitlyn and Isaiah had a fantastic time at the Ten Pin Bowling Inclusive Sport Competition in Armidale on Wednesday, 13 August 2025. The event offered a **welcoming and supportive environment for participants of all abilities**, and both Caitlyn and Isaiah were thrilled to be a part of it. Isaiah, in particular, took full advantage of the opportunity, honing new bowling techniques and connecting with fellow enthusiasts. The competition provided a perfect blend of fun, learning, and camaraderie, leaving them with cherished memories.













Education Week 2025

Thursday, 7 August, we had a **wonderful celebration** of education at Glen Innes West Infants School past, present and future. The day showcased memorabilia, interactive classrooms and outdoor games including traditional Maypole dance, which added a nostalgic touch to the day's event.

The community's involvement only enriched the experience creating a heartfelt sense of history and love of our school. We would like to thank our local Coles team for sponsorship of the BBQ, demonstrating their support and commitment to education initiatives.

Thank you to everyone who participated in today's festivities, you all helped make this an unforgettable celebration.



































