

Glen Innes West Infants School



**Week 5 Term 3 2018
Wednesday 22th August**

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School Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8.45am-3.00pm
Office closed on Friday



Library Day every Friday
*Please remember to send
library bags to school
with students.*

**Book Week Celebrations
Glen Innes Library
Tuesday 28th August 10:00am**

**Fathers Day Stall
Thursday 30th August
\$5 per Gift Money to be in
before or on the day**

**Visiting Performance
Dinosaur Science
Tuesday 14th September**

**Transition Program
Starts Term 3 week 6
Concludes Term 4 week 5
1 day a week (Mon-Thurs) as
nominated by parents.**

Attendance Tips

Parents can influence attendance and poor attendance can be prevented. Build an expectation of school attendance for your child



**Year 2
Icecream Sundaes**



From the Principal's Pen

Another week has passed us by and we are fast approaching the halfway mark for term 3. Next week transition starts for Kindergarten 2019 students. We are looking forward to welcoming our newest school members. If you know anyone who has a child starting school next year and lives in our area, please encourage them to come in and enrol their child. We are unable to accept children into our transition program unless we have a completed enrolment form.

The kindergarten room remains out of action while we await new carpet after our flood. The carpet has been ordered and we are expecting an installation date soon. Kindergarten will continue to work in the library until further notice.

Next Tuesday, 28th August, we will be travelling to Glen Innes Library to celebrate Book Week. Students will participate in a tour of the library, storytelling and other activities. We will also have a picnic lunch in the library grounds if the weather is suitable. Accompanying this newsletter is a Membership Application for your child so they can join the library. Please return the form to the school before next Monday If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

Have a relaxing week and keep warm,
Lynn Starkey
Principal

Happiness Tip.
Random acts of kindness have been scientifically proven to increase happiness. Here are some free ways to show kindness;
Show appreciation for your co-workers, family or friends. Invite someone to lunch.
Give a compliment. Remember other people's birthdays or other important events. Give someone a surprise treat.



My child was absent from school on
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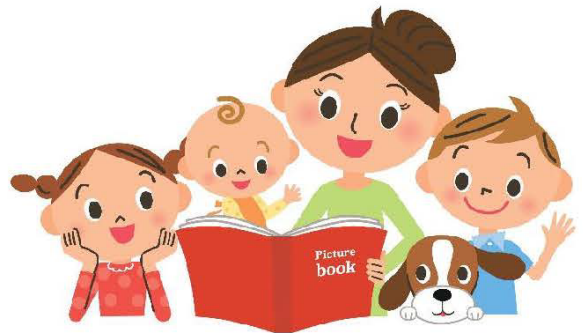
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Signature of Parent/Guardian:Date:

10 Benefits of Reading with Young Children

*We all know that reading to our children is important. Not only does reading enhance a child's vocabulary, and to help them understand how to read and write, but reading aloud to children also helps them to understand different topics about the world and every day life. **The importance of reading** cannot be emphasised enough in young children and we as parents need to make reading a priority.*

- 1. Reading to young children sets them up to succeed** - The more you read to your children, the more knowledge they absorb. Reading with your children gives them the skills needed to read themselves. It is important that children learn to follow words across the page from left to right, look at the pictures and make up of words and turn pages which are pre-reading skills that benefit children and help them to become better readers later on. Children who enjoy reading not only do better in literacy subjects, but also across other subject areas as well.
- 2. Reading develops language skills** - While you may speak with your children every day, the vocabulary you use is often limited and repetitive. Reading books ensures that your child is exposed to vocabulary on different topics, which means they hear words or phrases which they may not hear otherwise in their day to day lives. The more words they know, the better.
- 3. Exposure to reading exercises the brain** - Reading to young children affects their brain activity and may just give them that boost they need to support and promote their early reading skills. Research shows that specific areas of the brain are affected when young children have reading exposure at home from an early age. These areas are critical for a child's language development.
- 4. Reading enhances a child's concentration** - While you may think it is useless reading to a toddler who wants to constantly turn pages, swap books, or throw them around altogether, reading even with little ones is extremely important. By consistently reading to your child every day, your child will learn to concentrate and sit still for longer periods of time.
- 5. Reading together encourages a thirst for knowledge** - Reading to your children leads to questions about the book and the information within. It gives you a chance to speak about what is happening and use this as a learning experience. It may also develop an interest in different cultures or languages. There is nothing better seeing a child who loves to learn.



6. A range of books teaches children about different topics - Providing your child with different types of books on different topics, or even in different languages, gives them a wide range of information for them to learn. There are informative books on topics such as different animals, places or objects and there are also different books to help teach children about important life skills such as sharing, being kind, and diversity. Books also make great gifts!

7. Reading develops a child's imagination and creativity - One of the great benefits of reading with children is watching their growing imagination. When we really engage in a book we imagine what the characters are doing. We imagine the setting as reality. Seeing the excitement on a child's eyes when they know what is going to be on the next page, or having them guess what is going to happen is one of the most amazing things to experience.

8. Reading books with children helps to develop empathy - When a child can put themselves into the story it helps them to develop empathy. They relate to characters, and they experience what they are feeling. Children begin to understand and relate to emotions.

9. Books are a form of entertainment - With so much technology these days, it is difficult not to get caught up in all the hype of it all. TV, Video games, smart phones and apps are popular among children. However, reading a good book that your child is interested in can be just as entertaining.



Choosing a book that interests your child, and either reading it together, or letting them flick through pages alone can be fun. One of the main benefits that highlights the importance of reading with children is that they are more likely to choose a book to read for pleasure over another activity when they are bored.

10. Reading together helps create a bond – There is nothing better than cuddling up to your little one and reading a book or a bedtime story together. Spending time with one another, reading, and talking, can bring parents closer to children. For parents who work, or have a busy lifestyle, relaxing with your child and simply enjoying each other's company while reading can be a great way for you both to wind down, relax, and bond.

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."

— Emilie Buchwald