

# Red Range Public School Newsletter



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## Upper Division News

Students have been busy working on the Ned Kelly production. Upper Division students have been busy learning the words to the songs: 'Bail Up', 'Stop' and 'Edward My Son'. Next week some students from Upper Division will be away on the Leadership Excursion. Just a reminder to these students that the bus will be departing from Peter and Pauls at 8am on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009. School will continue as normal for the students not attending the excursion. As some of our class will be away there will be no homework next week.

## Mathletics

During the year students have used Mathletics to support their learning in Maths. Congratulations to Gage Marshall, Darcy Barnes, Jacob Shannon, Emily Shannon and Tristan Latham who received a 'Special Achievement Award' from Mathletics for their outstanding results this year. These students all scored 85% or above on the maths concepts attempted. Gage attempted 107 concepts and achieved this result in 99% of these.



## New School Signs



Our new school signs have been installed and look great. The sign on the left is situated on the wall at the entrance to the school. The sign out the front has a message board which will be used to display important information regarding school events. Thank you to Ric Hutchinson and Lachlan Wirth for all the hard work they have done installing the signs. As you can see from the previous picture they wanted to be the first to use the message board.

## AWARDS

*Cody Andrews, Harmony Cotten, Hamish Hayes, Emily Shannon & Tristan Latham* – Super effort and participation in Ned Kelly practice.

*Bailey Ratliff, Braiden Crawford, Lili Andrews, Hope McIntyre, James Williamson, Jacob Cotten, Jordan Heinz, Nicholas Ratliff & Joshua Hall* – Great effort in writing.

*Lochlan Casson* – Working hard in Maths. Keep it up.

*Tristan Latham* – Amazing 'Amazing Masks' artwork.

*Lochlan Casson* – Groovy 'Rock & Roll Glasses' artwork.

*Joshua Hall* – Groovy 'Rock & Roll Glasses' artwork.

*Gage Marshall* – Amazing 'Amazing Masks' artwork.

*Bryce Chard* – Amazing 'Amazing Masks' artwork.

*Darcy Barnes, Cody Andrews, Katie Feeney-Smith & Bryce Chard* – 'Super Spellers'.

### Open Day

This Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009 we will be having an 'Open Day'. All parents and interested community members are invited to come along. Activities for students as pre-schoolers start at 10.00am and will be followed by a lunch time sausage sizzle. Parents with preschoolers who would like to see what Red Range Public School can offer are also welcome. If you know anyone who may be interested please feel free to invite them along.

### Starting Kindy

If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year, these ten tips for parents can make planning for this event easier. [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/primary/tentips.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/primary/tentips.php) For general information on starting kindergarten, including, starting school, a ready for school checklist and information on the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment go to: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/primary/primaryindex.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/primary/primaryindex.php)

### Community Notices

#### Be SunSmart this summer

Australia has one of the highest skin cancer rates in the world and most of the damage is done in the first 15 years of life. Fortunately, being SunSmart is a simple and effective way to reduce the risk of developing skin cancer. The Cancer Council has a website devoted to information that can help you be SunSmart all year round. Check it out at: [www.cancer.org.au/cancersmartlifestyle/sunsmart.htm](http://www.cancer.org.au/cancersmartlifestyle/sunsmart.htm)

Swimsafe classes starting soon. Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe. Swimsafe classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes. The intensive 9 day programs give wonderful results and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make swimsafe affordable for all the children in the family. Prices for 9 lessons are \$57.30 for

school-aged children and \$43 for preschoolers. (Prices exclude pool entry fee).

### Dates to Remember

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| 28 <sup>th</sup> October                   | Red Range Public School Open Day   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> October | PSSA Athletics Carnival Homebush   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> October                   | Glen Innes High School Horse Sports  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> October                   | Anglican Church Fete   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> November | Senior Leadership Excursion (leaving from Peter and Pauls at 8.00am Sunday and returning approx 9.00pm Friday) |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Telstra Beach to Bush Program  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Return book club orders  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Closing date for NW PSSA Junior Golf Classic – entry forms available from the school office                    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November                  | Upper Division Science Activity Day  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November                  | North West PSSA Junior Golf Classic – Armidale   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> November                  | School Photos  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> November                  | Lower Division Excursion   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December                  | Ned Kelly Performance and Presentation Night at Red Range Hall   |

### Thought for the day

He has the right to criticise, who has the heart to help.

*Abraham Lincoln*