

# Red Range Public School Newsletter



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## Rotary Annual Youth Citizen Award

Glen Innes Rotary Club has once again sponsored the Youth Citizen Award. Two students from Year 6 have been selected to receive the award based on the following criteria:

- Willingness to participate in voluntary activities
- Demonstrate fellowship, based on mutual respect, for all members of the school community.
- Display qualities of ambition and leadership.
- By industrious application of study, develop talents which are an example to fellow students.
- Show a caring attitude towards junior pupils whether inside or outside the classroom.

This year's recipients are:

### **Darcy Barnes & BJ Hutchinson**

The awardees and their families are invited to attend the presentation evening at the Glen Innes District Services Club on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 commencing at 6.00pm. Rotary will award a book prize to each student. These students are to select their book from Kanga Langa Books or Schafers Newsagency between 16<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009. For catering purposes please advise the names of guests accompanying each student by 20/11/09. Guests will be required to pay for their meals and drinks.

# AWARDS

*Lili Andrews* – Great Improvement in Guided Reading.

*Nicholas Ratliff* – Improvement in Guided Reading.

*Martin Williamson* – Outstanding leadership and communication

## Relay For Life Pink Day

To support the Cancer Council and the Glen Innes Relay for Life we will have a casual clothes day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Students are asked to wear something 'pink'



and make a gold coin donation. As well as funding cancer research, the Cancer Council provides vital services for people with cancer and their families.

Red Range Public School will be entering a team in the Glen Innes Relay for Life to be held at the Glen Innes Showground on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Parents and students are welcome to join the team by registering on-line at [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au)

## Senior Leadership Excursion

I would like to thank our wonderful teachers who were prepared to leave their families for six days to accompany students on their leadership excursion. This excursion was a great learning experience and students were given the opportunity to develop their leadership and communication skills. Miss James did a fantastic job organising and coordinating the activities for students, our days were always full of fun and excitement. Special congratulations to Martin Williamson who continually demonstrated outstanding leadership, responsibility and maturity. All students have been provided with a DVD of photos taken on the excursion. **Mrs Parnell**

## New General Assistant

Congratulations to Ric Hutchinson who has been successful in his application for the General Assistant position. Ric will be working 1 day per week. We welcome Ric to the staff and hope he enjoys his work at the school.

## Beach to Bush

Last Wednesday students took part in the 'Telstra Beach to Bush' program. The purpose of this program is to educate rural school aged children about water safety.

Students learnt about rips and sun safety, sharks and stingers, and the meanings of the various flags used on the beach. They also took part in a rescue demonstration and learnt what steps to take in an emergency.



## Asthma Friendly School

The Asthma Friendly Schools (AFS) program is a national initiative aimed at all primary and secondary schools across Australia. Staff have recently attended an Asthma Training Session and the Asthma Foundation has renewed our recognition as an Asthma Friendly School. For a school to gain Asthma Friendly status they need to fulfil the program's 8 essential criteria. The aim of the AFS program is to improve the quality of life, health outcomes and well being for school children with asthma.

## Community Notices

The Australia Day Committee has invited students to take part in a colouring-in and/or writing competition. The topic is 'Being an Aussie'. Entry forms have been handed out to the children and may be returned to school, left at the Town Hall or posted to M Halloran PO Box 606, Glen Innes before 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Judging will be completed by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and winners will be notified before 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

**Get your child's eyes checked** - Along with allergies and asthma, eye disorders are the most common long-term health problems experienced by children. Good vision is important for your child's educational, physical and social development. Optometrists Association Australia recommends that children have a full eye examination with an optometrist before starting school and regularly as they progress through primary and secondary school. Examinations at the optometrist, which take about 30 minutes, are free and covered by Medicare.

**Human Swine Influenza Vaccine** – The pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza vaccine is now available through General Practitioners in NSW. The vaccine is available to everyone who wished to protect themselves against pandemic influenza. The vaccination is free, although your doctor might charge a consultation fee.

## Dates to Remember

10 <sup>th</sup> November	Upper Division Science Activity Day
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Accelerated Literacy Workshop
16 <sup>th</sup> November	North West PSSA Junior Golf Classic – Armidale
17 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photos
20 <sup>th</sup> November	'Relay for Life Pink Day' – Gold Coin Donation
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Rotary Annual Youth Citizen Award Presentation Evening – Glen Innes District Services Club 6.00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Lower Division Excursion
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Visit from Jim White – Regional Director
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Ned Kelly Performance and Presentation Night at Red Range Hall

## Thought for the day

The reason a lot of people do not recognise opportunity is because it usually goes around wearing overalls looking like hard work.

*Thomas A Edison*