

# Red Range Public School Newsletter



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## Garden Court Visit

Tomorrow, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 members of the Garden Court Centre in Glen Innes will visit our school. Students will have the opportunity to perform a musical item and share some of their work with our visitors. Staff from the Garden Court Centre have kindly offered to provide a Sausage Sizzle lunch for all the children. If you do not want your child to have this lunch for any reason please provide their food as normal.

## Good for kids Good for life

### Reducing small screen recreation tips

Turn off the box! A major influence on how much activity kids do is the amount of time they spend 'in front of the screen'. Non-educational small screen recreation includes television, video, DVD's, computers, computer games and electronic games. Australian recommendations say that kids should not spend more than two hours a day in small screen recreation. Some tips to reduce small screen recreation (SSR) usage

1. Set some rules: Negotiate with your child when they watch TV eg only when their favourite shows are on, no TV during daylight hours, children need to ask permission to watch TV or use the computer.
2. Set some limits: Restrict the time they spend watching TV, playing computer games and surfing the internet to no more than 2 hours/day.
3. Avoid TV's and computers in the bedroom: Keep these in a common room in your house so that you can monitor your child's use.
4. Look for fun alternatives to replace some of the time usually spent in SSR.

## Mathletics

During 2009 25 students have used Mathletics to support learning in maths. The scores for each student are recorded after their first attempt completing an activity and measured against subsequent scores achieved after completing that same activity. Each time an activity is attempted a different set of questions is presented to students. Overall our students have shown an average improvement of 60% between their first and final attempts. Gage Marshall, Tristan Latham and Emily Shannon have each received a 'Gold Class Award' from Mathletics for achieving exceptional levels of concept mastery. These students have achieved 85% or above on any pre test, activity or post test on different maths concepts. Gage achieved this result having mastered 80 concepts, Tristan 48 and Emily 42. Congratulations Gage, Tristan and Emily.



## Upper Division News

Students have been working on writing to influence readers. Students have written short stories based on the characters from our book "Fantastic Mr Fox". We focused on portraying these characters as nice or mean. This week students will participate in the "Annual Australian Maths Challenge" for 2009 National Literacy and Numeracy Week. All students who have a Mathletics license are automatically included into the challenge, running from 1<sup>st</sup> –

3<sup>rd</sup> of September. This event is open to all school students across Australia. Students may also access the Mathletics website from home.

## Super Spellers

### Week 5

Lochlan Braiden Josh Hope  
Lili James

## AWARDS

*Rex Scott* – Improving in his reading.

*Hope McIntyre* – Improving in her reading.

*Lili Andrews* – Improving in her reading.

*Braiden Crawford* – Improving in his reading.

*Hamish Hayes* – Great “Fantastic Mr Fox” writing

*Bryce Chard* – Great “Fantastic Mr Fox” writing

*Brandon Dawson* – Working hard to settle into our school

*Chloe Arandale* – Working well on fractions

## HOME BAKE

The ‘Home Bake’ special this Friday will be:-

Mini Hot Dogs \$1.00  
Hot Milo .50c

### Lower Division News

The children have been enjoying reading the book ‘Alexander’s Outing’ by Pamela Allen. During craft time they have been making ducks.



### Dates to Remember

31 <sup>st</sup> August- 6 <sup>th</sup> September	National Literacy & Numeracy Week 2009
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Athletics Squad Training at Wilson Park 3.45pm
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Garden Court Centre visit 11am Sausage Sizzle lunch
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	National Flag Day
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Closing date for Bendemeer Horse Sports Day entries
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Athletics Squad Training at Wilson Park 3.45pm
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Asthma Education Inservice
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Bendemeer & District School Horse Sports Day
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Athletics Squad training at Wilson Park 3.45pm
18 <sup>th</sup> September	NW Regional Athletics Carnival – Tamworth
21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> September	CAP/PSP Development Day
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Dana Parkhurst – Accelerated Literacy
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Last day of Term 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Newton Boyd Family Fun Day
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Day Public Holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of Term 4
28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> October	PSSA Athletics Carnival Homebush
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Anglican Church Fete
1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Senior Leadership Excursion

### Thought for the day

Between saying and doing many a pair of shoes is worn out.

*Italian Proverb*