

Red Range Public School Newsletter



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Science News

Parents may have noticed some 'budding' parachute designers emerging in their backyards lately. Well Done!!! We are working on a unit this term that involved the designing, making and testing of a number of parachute models. At the end of our unit children will work in groups to design a parachute to 'safely' carry an egg to the ground. Children have been encouraged to experiment with parachute designs etc at home. They have also been invited to start bringing in any materials from home that may be handy ie egg cartons, fishing line, garbage bags, bubble wrap, strawberry baskets, balloons, old umbrellas etc. A variety of materials will also be available from the school. This week we designed parachutes using tissue paper, paper clips, sticky tape and cotton. Some great flights were seen with a few 'crashing and burning' due to some design malfunctions. Hopefully children took their parachutes home to show you. Stayed tuned for next week's flight update.

P & C News

The Annual General Meeting for the Red Range Public School P & C Committee will be held on Thursday 25th March 2010 in the school library at 3.00pm. An invitation is extended to all interested parents and community members to show their support for the school by becoming an active member of the P & C. Throughout the year the P & C hold various fundraising events to help provide funding for additional resources for the children. In the past they have held very successful Trivia Nights, Family Dances and catered for many school and other local events. As well as looking for parents to fill the usual executive and committee positions we

will also need a new Canteen Coordinator this year. Donna Barnes has held this position for a number of years but she will not be on the committee this year as her youngest child has now gone on to High School. The canteen provides a valuable service and is well supported by all the children. Anyone who can spare some time to support the school and their children by becoming involved with the P & C is encouraged to attend the AGM.

AWARDS

Hamish Hayes – Successful parachute design.

Chloe Arandale – Successful parachute design.

Bryce Chard – Successful parachute design.

Jeremiah Boney – Successful parachute design.

Harmony Cotten – Athletics Top 100 result.

Lili Andrews, Katie Feeney-Smith & James Williamson – Super effort with homework

Mathletics Awards

Silver Awards – Tristan Latham (1549 points) and Bryce Chard (1150 points).

Bronze Awards – Harmony Cotten (3210 points), James Williamson (1976 points), Cody Andrews – (1882 points), Emily Shannon (1848 points), Martin Williamson (1848 points), Jerry Boney (1131 points) and Chloe Arandale (1010 points)

SUPER SPELLERS

Week 5

Martin	Chloe	Emily	Jerry
Katie	Hope	Cody	James
Hamish	Lili	Bryce	Jacob
Harmony			

Get involved

Research shows the more parents are involved in their child's schooling, the better the outcomes for their children. If you have the time to be more involved in your child's school, and would like to know more about how you make this work – from helping in the school canteen to maths and English homework – the latest issue of *School Parents* ezine contains a great vodcast in several community languages to help you make the first step. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine

Glen Severn Council Guest Speaker

Today David Nixon from the Glen Innes Severn Council visited the school and spoke to the children about weeds in our district and how they can be controlled. He talked about different types of weeds, how to identify these weeds and methods to control the spread of these weeds. Each child was given a ruler and a bookmark showing different weed species.

Building the Education Revolution (BER)

BER is a \$14.7 billion national investment from the Commonwealth Government to improve the quality of facilities in Australian schools. The Commonwealth aims to build learning environments to help children, families and communities participate in activities that will support achievement, develop learning potential and bring communities together. Red Range Public School has been fortunate to receive \$250,000 for a Multipurpose Hall under this project. The Multipurpose Hall will be completed this week and officially handed over on Wednesday 3rd March 2010.

Did you know?

1 in 7 children is either someone who bully's or is a victim of bullying.

Year 6 to Year 7 2011

Year 6 students were given on Expression of Interest form and information sheets regarding year 7 enrolment procedures last week. The expression of interest should be completed and returned to school by Friday 19th March 2010.

Community Notices

Cyberbullying website - The Department of Education and Training hosted a Cyberbullying forum late last year, bringing together national experts on the subject. If you would like to know more about cyberbullying and what can be done about it, or if you'd like to contribute your opinion or experience to the online blog, you'll find it at www.cyberbullyingforum.org

Dates to Remember

1 st March	Visit from David Nixon, Glen Severn Council Weeds Inspector
2 nd March	PSSA Regional Swimming Carnival – Armidale
3 rd March	BER Multi-purpose Hall officially completed and handed over
9 th March	Healthy Ears Program for K – Year 2
12 th March	Closing date for Manilla Central School Horse Sports entries
12 th – 13 th March	Relay for Life
18 th – 19 th March	Tenterfield High School Horse Sports
19 th March	Return Year 7 2011 Expression of Interest form
25 th March	P & C AGM
26 th March	Manilla Central School Horse Sports
29 th March	Life Education Van
31 st March – 1 st April	NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival – Homebush
1 st April	Last day of Term 1
2 nd April	Good Friday
4 th April	Easter Sunday
5 th April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
19 th April	Pupil Free Day
20 th April	First day of Term 2

Thought for the day

A moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience.

Oliver Wendell Holmes