

# Red Range Public School Newsletter



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## NAPLAN

In May 2010 the National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in years 3,5,7 & 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all state and territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be recorded against the national minimum standard. The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010. A catch-up day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

## Harmony Day

Harmony Day is part of the Diverse Australia Program, an Australian Government initiative managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). Harmony Day is celebrated on 21 March each year and allows schools to celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promote the benefits of cultural diversity. Harmony Day coincides with the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The continuing message of Harmony Day is *Everyone Belongs*. It is about dealing with cultural, racial and religious intolerance by promoting respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for everyone.

## AWARDS

**Hamish Hayes** – Being a great helper.

**Jeremiah Boney, Harmoney Cotten & Lili Andrews** – Improvement in reading.

**Chloe Arandale, Harmoney Cotten & Bryce Chard** – Super effort with reading.

## SUPER SPELLERS

### Week 7

Hope	Chloe	James	Harmony
Lili	Charlie	Cody	Katie
Martin	Bryce		

## CRAZY HAIR DAY FOR KIDS

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010 all the children came to school with *very crazy hair*. We raised \$30 for the Leukaemia Foundation. The money raise from donations will provide regional leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma patients with practical assistance and emotional support, free of charge. The money will also go towards research into better treatments and cures. Crazy Hair Day For Kids – a fun day for a serious cause.



### Trivia Night

Kelby Hutchinson, a part student of this school, has been selected to represent Australia at the AQHA Youth World Cup in the USA. To support Kelby a Trivia Night will be held at the Imperial Hotel on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010 commencing at 7.00pm. For more information or to book a table please phone Donna on 67342230.

### Time to get organised!

Are school notes taking up too much space on your fridge? Do you need some help to get organised? How about one place to store all school related information? Help is here! You can now download for free a do-it-yourself school organiser – all you need to add is your own folder. Go to <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/schooldays/index.php> and start getting organised with your child's paper work.

### Community Notices

**Earth Hour** - 8:30pm Sat 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010 - Aiming to reach more than one billion people in 1000 cities around the world, Earth Hour is asking communities, business and governments to switch off the lights for one hour at 8.30 pm on Saturday 27 March. We are getting involved at school on Friday 26 March, find out what you can do at home by visiting [www.earthhour.org.au](http://www.earthhour.org.au)

**Youth Week 2010 'Live It Now'** – You are invited to join in the Youth Week celebrations by joining in the 'Oldies Vs Young Guns' Touch Footy match. Please put your hand up to have a game on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010, 2pm at Wilson Park. To register yourself, your group or even a team, phone the Glen Innes Severn Council Youth Worker, Amber Doney, on 0447914000 or email [adoney@gisc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:adoney@gisc.nsw.gov.au)

### Avoiding cyberbullying

Researchers at Griffith University (Qld) found kids who do extracurricular activities (such as sport or voluntary work) tend to be safer online, encounter less cyberbullying, and are more resilient to harassment if it occurs. For more

information, see the newest edition of Click magazine: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click)

### Dates to Remember

12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Relay for Life
18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Tenterfield High School Horse Sports
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Return Year 7 2011 Expression of Interest form
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Harmony Day
25 <sup>th</sup> March	P & C AGM – 3pm in the School Library
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Manilla Central School Horse Sports
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Earth Hour
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Trivia Night – Fundraiser for Kelby Hutchinson
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Life Education Van
31 <sup>st</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April	NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival – Homebush
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of Term 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Good Friday
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Daylight Saving ends
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupil Free Day
20 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Term 2
11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN Testing for students in Years 3 & 5
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Taronga Zoo's Zoomobile
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Leaping Loonies

### Thought for the day

The only place that success comes before work is in the alphabet.

Anon