

Red Range Public School Newsletter

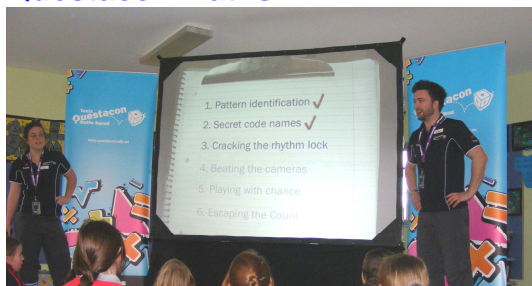


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Questacon Maths



Last Friday students took part in a Questacon Maths presentation and workshop. The students enjoyed a slideshow based on mathematical concepts and participated in problem solving activities. The children had great fun using mathematics to outsmart Count Dracula and succeed in their quest.

NAIDOC Week celebrations between the 4th and 11th of July

NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the significant contributions of Indigenous Australians. Find out more at www.naidoc.org.au

Internet safety tip

Get a filter! Internet filters can help block inappropriate sites for children. You can download a free filter at www.netalert.gov.au. These aren't completely reliable and it's best if you talk about what websites are appropriate with your child so they understand and make the right choice on their own. More tips at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

"What did you do at school today?"

If your child answers this question by saying "nothing", try asking a different question: "What words did you learn today?", "Who did you play with at lunch time?", "What did you enjoy most about school today?"

AWARDS

Laytone Donaldson-James, Brandon Dawson, James Williamson & Chloe Arandale – Having a fantastic time at Questacon.

Mathletics Awards

Gold Awards

Emily Shannon (1410 points)

Silver Awards

Katie Feeney-Smith (1148 points)

Bronze Awards

Lochlan Casson (1024 points), Joshua Hall (2857 points), James Williamson (1187 points), Cody Andrews (1097 points) & Martin Williamson (1085 points)

Green Up Clean Up



The Green Up Clean Up fundraiser has been a huge success. Through your efforts we have raised \$842.70. The highest fundraising students were Emily Shannon and James Williamson. Congratulations Emily and James on a great personal effort. Children who raised more than \$10 were able to choose their own prize. These prizes arrived at school last week and the children were very excited to take them home. Thank you to everyone who supported the children with their fundraising.

Attendance at School

The Education Act 1990 requires parents to explain your child's absences within 7 days of their occurrence. Failure to provide a satisfactory reason within this time will result in an unjustified absence being recorded.

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair for nits/lice tonight. If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment. Further information on head lice is attached and additional information is available on the NSW Health website <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/index.asp> or through the Department's website at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php>.

Homework

Homework will now go home each Monday and is to be returned for marking the following Monday.

Home Bake

The 'Home Bake' special for this Friday will be
Pluto Pups \$2.00
Hot Milo 50c



PLAYGROUP

This week's playgroup activity will be planting grass seed and making an 'egg head'. Next week the children will collect items from the school grounds to create a 'Garden Collage'.

Term 2 finishes on Friday 2 July. Students return on Tuesday 20 July for Term 3.

Community Notices

For Sale – Silky chickens \$5 each. Phone 67334655

Parents needed for online survey!

Researchers from the Queensland University of Technology are investigating parenting in the 21st Century and the relationship between parenting and children's and parent's wellbeing. We are looking for parents of primary school children in Australia to complete a 15 minute survey anonymously. Participants will go into the draw to win one of six \$100 Westfield or Coles gift certificates. To participate go to: <http://survey.qut.edu.au/survey/169580/1ae7/>

For more information please contact Dr Jeneva Ohan on 07 3138 4544

Dates to Remember

17 th June	Red Range Playgroup
18 th June	Regional Cross Country – Coolah
22 nd – 23 rd June	Accelerated Literacy Workshop
24 th June	Red Range Playgroup
24 th June	Closing date for Gunnedah Horse Sports entries
25 th June	Book Club orders due
2 nd July	Crazy Hair Day
2 nd July	Gunnedah South Public School Horse Sports Day
2 nd July	Last day of Term 2
4 th – 11 th July	NAIDOC Week
19 th July	Pupil Free Day
20 th July	First day of Term 3
23 rd July	NSW PSSA Cross Country – Eastern Creek
13 th August	District Athletics Carnival – Emmaville
3 rd September	Regional Athletics Carnival – Tamworth
6 th September	Visiting Performance – What can I do?
20 th – 21 st October	NSW PSSA Athletics – Homebush

Thought for the day

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...it's about learning to dance in the rain.
Anon