

Red Range Public School Newsletter



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Peru Art Project



During Term 2 the students have been working on an art project with Clare Toms. Pictured above is the finished project which looks great. The canvas will be sent to Peru along with other items the children have completed including postcards and photos.

Excursion Expression of Interest

This year, due to smaller student numbers, we will not be having a 'Leadership excursion' for our senior students but have decided to open the end of year excursion up to all students from K – Year 6. At this stage we are planning a 4 day intensive swimming school at Coffs Harbour. We have tentatively booked accommodation for 15th – 17th November 2010. Approximate cost for this excursion would be \$150 per child. If you would like your child to participate in this excursion please return the tear-off slip attached to this newsletter to school by Friday **30th July 2010** so the bookings can be confirmed and other arrangements made. Please make sure you send in your reply by the due date as once the bookings are confirmed it may not be possible to take extra children.

Crazy Hair Day

On the last day of term children came to school looking great with their crazy hair styles. We raised \$11.65 in support of Cystic Fibrosis NSW.

Be alert: Phone scam

Concerns have been raised by parents about phone calls from cold callers, pretending to represent Microsoft, who attempt to scare people into believing that their computer has been infected by a virus. This type of call is a scam. These scammers have nothing to do with the Department or Microsoft. The best thing to do is to hang up on these callers. See this Sydney Morning Herald article for more information about these scams:

<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/security/pa-y-up-or-your-pcs-toast-20100630-zm8i.html>

Avoid danger when using heaters this winter

The Children's Hospital at Westmead recommends these top tips to help your children avoid burns, falls and electrocution:

- Make sure your heater meets Australian standards
- Use a guard
- Keep your heater on a level floor surface
- Ensure your heater isn't blocking any exits or high traffic areas
- Do not dry clothing items by placing them over an electric heater.
- Ensure you install and maintain at least one smoke detector on each floor of your home.

More information at www.chw.edu.au/parents/kidshealth/safety_facsheets/pdf/heaters_and_fireplaces.pdf

Home Bake

The 'Home Bake' special for this Friday will be
Spaghetti Bolognaise \$1.50
Hot Milo 50c

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will resume this Thursday and this week's activity will be 'Garden Collage'. Next week we will be making a musical instrument using paper plates and pasta. All children aged 0 – 5 are welcome to come along to our Playgroup. If you know of anyone who would be interested please let them know.

Community Notices

The StEPS program is an initiative of NSW Health and offers all 4 year old children free vision screening. Children rarely complain of eye problems and they may not realise they can't see well. Some children can see well with one eye but have very poor vision in the other eye. The only way to tell if a child has a vision problem is to have the child's vision tested. Did you know?

- If a child has a lazy eye it may lead to severe vision loss and blindness in that eye if not treated.
- If a child has a vision problem the earlier the problem is detected and treated the better the vision outcome.
- If parents wear glasses or had vision problems as a child their children are more likely to have vision problems too.
- After 8 years of age some childhood vision problems cannot be treated and the child will have poor vision for the rest of their life.
- Low birth weight babies and children with neurological problems are at a greater risk of developing eye problems.

NSW Health advises that all children should have their vision screened before school and strongly recommends that all 4 year old children participate in the vision screening program. Contact Glen Innes Community Health for more information and to arrange a free vision screening.

Dates to Remember

19 th July	Pupil Free Day
20 th July	First day of Term 3
23 rd July	NSW PSSA Cross Country – Eastern Creek
26 th July	Return pie orders to school
30 th July	Return excursion expression of interest
2 nd – 6 th August	Education Week
3 rd August	Education Week Awards
5 th August	Maths Activity Day
5 th August	Pie orders to be picked up from school between 2.00pm – 3.00pm or from Peter and Pauls 3.45pm – 4.30pm
6 th August	Small Schools Athletics Carnival
13 th August	District Athletics Carnival – Emmaville
20 th August	Carinya Christian School Horse Sports Day
3 rd September	Regional Athletics Carnival – Tamworth
10 th September	Visiting Performance – What can I do?
20 th – 21 st October	NSW PSSA Athletics - Homebush

Thought for the day

Commonsense is the basis of true happiness.
Sara Henderson

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – END OF YEAR EXCURSION

I would like my child to participate in the Swimming School at Coffs Harbour and agree to pay \$150 towards this excursion.

Child's Name Signed