

Red Range Public School Newsletter



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Welcome Back

We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and that all the children are very ready for another busy school year. This year we have 13 new students. In Kindergarten we have Chloe Johnson and Sarah-Jane Casson. In Year 1 we have Izarha Fields, Taneekwa Patterson and Mervyn Nicholls. In Year 2 we have Jada Fields, Samara Nicholls, Marika Patterson and Maleika Speedy. In Year 3 we have Elierha Fields, Sophiea Speedy and Kody Nicholls and in Year 6 we have Jacinta Donaldson-James. We welcome all these students to Red Range Public School and are sure they will enjoy their time with us.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

On Monday 14th February 2011 we will be holding the Annual Small School's Swimming Carnival. Wytaliba and Ben Lomond will be joining in the fun. All swimming ability levels will be catered for on the day and the more competitive swimmers will then have the opportunity to trial for the District Swimming Carnival on 25th February 2011. Permission notes will be sent home tomorrow and must be returned to school by Friday.

Just a few reminders

For the benefit of our new students as well as a reminder to all

- The School Canteen operates on Monday and Thursday for lunch orders. A Price List is attached. Snack items are available each day for lunch and afternoon tea.
- Uniform items are available from the school. Price list also attached.
- School Banking Day is Tuesday. If your child has an account with the

Commonwealth Bank they can deposit money through the school. Please contact the office if you would like to find out more about this.

- Scripture will be on Thursday and Sport on Friday.
- The school has a "No hat – no play" policy. Please send a hat to school with your child each day.
- All students are to bring their own pencil cases with lead and coloured pencils, rubber, sharpener, textas and a plastic ruler. Students in Years 5 & 6 will also need black, blue and red pens. All workbooks will be provided by the school.

Label Everything!!!

Your child's belongings can get easily misplaced at school. Please label all of your child's belongings with their name. Don't forget books, pencil cases, clothing and school bags. You can:

- use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels
- go through your child's bag with them each night
- check that labels haven't faded with washing
- if something doesn't come home, ask at the office where your school's lost property area is.

Education Tax Refund

Buying new school-related equipment? Don't forget to keep your receipts; you might be eligible for an Education Tax Refund. More information at www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au



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We acknowledge the Ngorabul people as the traditional custodians of this land.

Staffing for 2011

Mrs Parnell will be teaching Maths this year for all students K – 6. Miss James will be teaching Literacy, Miss Gunther HSIE/Science and Mrs Stapleton Creative Arts and PD/Health/PE. Mr Hutchinson will provide additional support in the classroom as required.

Encouraging literacy skills at home Let your child help you write shopping lists

This is a great way to get them reading words that don't always come from a storybook. Children can help you read recipes and then write out lists of items you need and link names to products that you point out in the refrigerator or the pantry cupboard. More ideas at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue01/shopping/index.php>

Tips for packing their lunch boxes

- Pack food that is easy to open, easy to eat and not messy.
- Write their name on their lunch box, water bottle and any other containers.
- Include a frozen drink bottle to keep food cold. Wrap it in a tea towel in case it leaks.
- Use insulated lunch boxes or cooler bags.
- Avoid using plastic wrap because children find it hard to pull apart, paper bags are better for the environment too.
- Pack tissues or paper around fruit so it won't bruise.
- Remind your child to wash their hands before eating and use the toilet at recess and lunch.
- Pack a water bottle for your child each day and remind them that they can also get water from the taps or bubblers throughout the day.

Homework

Homework will be sent home with the children every Monday and must be returned to school each Thursday and handed to Mrs Stapleton. K and Year 1 will not have Homework this week. Guided Reading will begin next Monday and this is also to be returned each Thursday.

Happy Birthday

7/2/11 Maleika Speedy

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup commences again this year on Thursday from 9:00 - 11:00 at our school. Parents are reminded that they are responsible for the safety and discipline of their own children when attending playgroup to ensure accidents do not happen. Children should be supervised at all times. Child minding is not a part of playgroup. Anyone with young children aged 0 – 5 years are invited to come along and join in with lots of fun activities. This week's craft activity is 'mask making'. Please remember to bring a hat each week as outdoor activities are also planned.

Dates to Remember

31 st January	First day Term 1 for 2011
11 th February	Visit from Peter Pickett, School Education Director
11 th February	Return permission note for Small School's Swimming Carnival
14 th February	Small School's Swimming Carnival
25 th February	District Swimming Carnival
25 th February	Visiting Performance
8 th March	Regional Swimming Carnival – Armidale
16 th March	Life Education Van
21 st March	Questacon Science Show

Thought for the day

The purpose of education is to create in a person the ability to look at the world for himself, to make his own decisions.

James Baldwin