

# Red Range Public School Newsletter



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## Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival that was to be held yesterday had to be postponed due to the weather. This carnival will now be held next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011. All details remain the same and it is not necessary to send in another permission note. The bus will be leaving from school at 9.30am to take children to the pool. Town children can meet us at the pool at 10.00am. If the weather is again unfavourable and the carnival has to be cancelled we will arrange for the bus to pick these children up from the pool and bring them back to school.

## Insurance for Children

From time to time there are media stories about the issue of whether children are insured for injuries while at school. The Department of Education and Training does not provide, nor has ever provided, accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools. Should parents wish to cover their children there are various forms of insurance available through commercial insurance suppliers and private health funds.

## Are your details up to date?

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises. **Reminder:** If your child has any allergy, medical condition or special needs, talk to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

## If your child is absent from school

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please tell your child's teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence within seven days.

## AWARDS

**Dominic Holt** – Helping with entries for the show. Thank you.

**Lochlan Casson** – Great work in spelling test.

**Jacinta Donaldson-James** – Being a great helper. Thank you.

**Samara Nicholls** – Wonderful 'Kite' artwork.

**Chloe Johnson** – Being a 'Big Sister'.

**Jada Fields** – Lovely manners. Thank you.

Taneekwa Patterson – Super 'Rainbow Fish' colouring.

**Emily Shannon** – Receiving 100% in her High Frequency Spelling Test.

**Chloe Johnson & Sarah-Jane Casson** – For a fantastic start to Kindergarten.

## Reading with children is fun and one of the best ways to help prepare them for school.

**Tip:** Try not to let television intrude on reading time - set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.

## Selective high schools placement test

The selective high schools test is held annually for Year 6 students wishing to enter a selective government high school. For key dates, online applications and more information for parents, see [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php)

## School Uniforms

All children are expected to wear school uniform to school each day. New school hats have been ordered recently and we will advise parents when they become available. The school has supplies of both red and grey school shirts, red jumpers and blue jackets. Children are able to wear any navy pants or shorts with their uniforms.



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

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### P & C Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011

P & C Day is a day for schools and communities to officially recognise and celebrate the contribution made by their local P&C association. Our P & C committee works throughout the year to raise funds to purchase library bags and book prizes for the children as well as much larger projects such as the outdoor seating, covered walkways etc. To show our appreciation we invite all parents and interested community members to Afternoon Tea at the school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 from 2.30pm. Following the afternoon tea we will have the P & C AGM where committee members will be elected for this year. As we only have a small committee any support parents can offer would be greatly appreciated.

### Whooping Cough

Whooping cough (pertussis) continues to be a serious infectious disease in NSW. The NSW Department of Health is keen to educate and inform the community about whooping cough, especially parents of young children.

**Identify** – The infection can be deadly in babies but anyone can get whooping cough.

\*Babies and young children can stop breathing or develop severe coughing bouts that end with vomiting or gasping for breath.

\* People of all ages can get whooping cough and can spread it to babies.

\* Adults often just have a mild cough that lingers.

**Protect** – Immunise your baby on time to get the best protection.

\* Keep anyone with a cough away from your newborn especially until your baby has had 3 whooping cough vaccines.

\* Booster vaccines for children and adults stop whooping cough spreading to babies.

\* Immunity fades. You can still get whooping cough, even if you've been immunised.

**Prevent** – Whooping cough spreads quickly when people cough in the early stages of the infection.

\* If you have symptoms, see a doctor fast and get tested.

\* Early detection and early treatment prevents spread to others.

\* Stay home until no longer infectious. Ask your doctor when it's safe to return to work, school or childcare.

## PLAYGROUP

This week we are doing a cooking activity. Children will be icing cupcakes and decorating them. Yum Yum. Hope to see everyone there. Playgroup is from 9-11am every Thursday. Please remember to bring a hat each week as outdoor activities are also planned.

### Dates to Remember

22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Small School's Swimming Carnival
25 <sup>th</sup> February	District Swimming Carnival
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Visiting Performance
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	P & C Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	P & C AGM commencing at 3.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Regional Swimming Carnival – Armidale
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Life Education Van
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Questacon Science Show

### Thought for the day

Change is not made without inconvenience,  
even from worse to better.

*Richard Hooker*