

# Red Range Public School Newsletter



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## School Captains 2011

The election of School Captains for 2011 was held last Wednesday. Congratulations to Emily Shannon and Bryce Chard who will be our student leaders this year.



## Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The bus will be leaving from school at 9.30am tomorrow 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 to take children to the pool for the Small School's Swimming Carnival. 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.

## Education tax refund

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to keep their receipts from education related expenses to take advantage of a federal government tax initiative. The Education Tax Refund (ETR) gives you refunds of 50% on a range of primary and secondary school education expenses. You can receive refunds up to a maximum of \$397 per primary school student and \$794 per secondary school student. To see if you are eligible to apply for the education tax refund, see [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

## AWARDS

**Dominic Holt** – Fantastic 'Frisbee Tennis'.

**Lochlan Casson** – Fantastic 'Frisbee Tennis'.

**Jeremiah Boney** – Great peer behaviour in the playground.

**Sophiea Speedy** – Lovely manners. Thank you!

**Maleika Speedy** – Gorgeous 'Rainbow Fish' in Art.

**Bryce Chard** – Great game of "S.C.A.T."

**Emily Shannon** – Great game of "S.C.A.T."

**Jacinta Donaldson-James** – Great game of "S.C.A.T."

**Jada Fields** – Great work in Literacy.

**Lochlan Casson** – Great work in Literacy.

## SUPER SPELLERS

### Week 3

Lochlan	Jada	Chloe	Samara
Marika	Dominic	Emily	Laytone
Elierha	Jacinta		

### Week 4

Jada	Marika	Dominic	Emily
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## Visiting Performance

The Bremen Town Musicians is a story about getting old but refusing to become 'useless' in the process, finding new friends and working as a team to solve problems. Based on the Brothers Grimm fairytale, this production by Purple Capsicum Puppets incorporates puppetry, slapstick comedy, audience participation and a tricycle to tell this age old tale. As in previous years we will not charge families the normal entry fee for this performance. Each family will be invoiced this term for a contribution towards all performances held throughout the year.



Education  
& Training

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

### Five ways to a healthy lifestyle

Encourage your child to:

1. Get active every day
2. Choose water as a drink
3. Eat more fruit and vegetables
4. Switch off the screen and get active
5. Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives

More tips at:

[www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/home/fact-sheets/5-ways-to-a-healthy-lifestyle.aspx](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/home/fact-sheets/5-ways-to-a-healthy-lifestyle.aspx)

### Lunch box safety

Tips to reduce the risk of food poisoning

- Use insulated lunch boxes or cooler bags.
- Keep a frozen drink or freezer brick inside the lunch box or bag.
- If you're making lunches the night before, store them in the fridge until leaving for school.
- Ask your child to store their lunch in a cool, dark place like a locker - not in direct sunlight
- It is particularly important to keep meat or chicken sandwiches cool.

More advice at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/announcements/yr2011/feb/lunchboxsafety.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/announcements/yr2011/feb/lunchboxsafety.php)

### 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** only for lunch orders. Snack items are available each day for lunch and afternoon tea.
- The school has a "No hat – no play" policy. Please send a hat to school with your child each day. Friday is Sports day so a hat is essential for the outdoor activities. New school hats have been ordered any should arrive before the end of term.
- 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.

## PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is from 9-11am every Thursday. Each week the children do a different craft activity and weather permitting get a chance to play outside on the equipment. Please remember to bring a hat each week.

### 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.

### 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 – The Bremen Town Musicians
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	P & C Day Afternoon Tea – All parents and community members welcome.
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

People's minds are like parachutes. To function properly they must first be open.

W.G.P