

Red Range Public School Newsletter



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P & C AGM

Last Wednesday the Red Range P & C Committee held their Annual General Meeting. All positions were declared vacant and the election of new office bearers was held. Ric Hutchinson was elected President for 2011. Rowena Elkington will be Vice President and Samantha Casson Secretary/Treasurer. The committee made a donation of \$1440 to the school to cover the cost of the children's book prizes last year, jackets for Year 6 students and a contribution towards the school's new phone system. The date of the next meeting will be advised in the newsletter once confirmed and all parents are welcome to attend.

Tips for parenting tweens

Tweens are aged from 9-14 years. They are in the middle years — no longer children and not yet teenagers but somewhere between, hence the term 'tweens' or 'tweenagers'. During these years there is a rush of hormones, peers become more important and tweens become more independent. Simple things you can do for your tween:

- eat meals together - there is a lot of evidence that shows this is powerfully protective for kids in modelling good behaviour and giving them a sense of belonging.
- know what kids are up to with their friends and online.
- encourage activities outside of school run by trusted adults.
- keep the connection with school and attend significant events.
- provide clear and consistent ground rules for behaviour.
- undertake a parenting program or read books on parenting this age group.



Last year we took part in the Coles Sports for Schools program. Parents who shopped at any Coles or Bi Lo Supermarket were given vouchers that the school could redeem for sporting equipment. Vouchers collected total 8675 points. We have ordered a set of starting blocks for athletics, equipment for novelty events and an outdoor first aid kit. The new equipment should arrive before the end of Term 1. Thank you to the many parents who have helped the school qualify for this new equipment by sending in their vouchers.

Student Contribution

Invoices have been sent home today for the Student Contribution. This contribution helps to cover the cost of learning materials, performances and other activities that the children take part in throughout the year. This eliminates the times that children are required to bring small amounts of money to school to pay for each activity separately and provides families with quite a saving over the year. It would be appreciated if the contribution could be paid before the end of Term 1. Please contact the school to make alternative arrangements if this is not possible. If payment arrangements have not been made children will be required to pay for each activity at the time if they wish to attend.

Happy Birthday

4/3/11 Samara Nicholls
23/3/11 Dominic Holt



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& Training

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

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AWARDS

Dominic Holt – Growing some beaut beans. Well Done!!

James Williamson – Always listening. Thank you!

Chloe Arandale – Great 'Jack and the Beanstalk' artwork.

Laytone Donaldson-James – Great 'bubble writing' for homework.

Bryce Chard – Fantastic homework. Thank you!

Chloe Arandale – Super effort with homework.

Chloe Johnson – Super effort with homework.

SUPER SPELLERS

Week 6

Marika	Jada	Samara	Taneekwa
Izarha	Dominic	Emily	Chloe
Bryce			

Mathletics Awards

Silver Awards

Emily Shannon (1599 points)

Bronze Awards

Jada Fields (2380 points), Samara Nicholls (2120 points), Sophiea Speedy (2580 points), Jerry Boney (1210 points).

Super Readers

Izarha	Mervyn	Kody	Taneekwa
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PLAYGROUP

Last week our playgroup visitors enjoyed our beaded bracelets craft activity. A reminder that playgroup is on Thursdays from 9-11 and all preschool children are welcome to come along and join in the fun. This week's activities are singing and finger painting. Look forward to seeing you there
Miss Gunther :-)

Questacon Science Show

Shell Questacon Science Circus presenters will visit our school to perform a highly motivational demonstration style science show on Monday 21st March 2011. The show explores the relevance of science and technology in everyday life using familiar everyday items and a touch of theatre to inspire and enthuse. There will also be a public exhibition at the Glen Innes showground from 5 – 8 pm.

Community Notices

Local women invited to International Women's Day forum – To celebrate International Women's Day, Glen Innes Severn Council and the Glen Innes Domestic Violence Committee will be holding a forum at the Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre on Tuesday 8th March 2011 from 2pm to 5pm. This will be followed by 'A Natter with Nibbles' at Cuisine Café from 5.30pm to 7pm. Both events are free. For further information please contact Council's Manager of Community Services, Robyn Condon on 67302306 or email rcondon@gisc.nsw.gov.au

Dates to Remember

8 th March	Regional Swimming Carnival – Armidale
16 th March	Life Education Van
18 th March	Return Year 6 into Year 7 2012 'Expression of Interest'
21 st March	Questacon Science Show
25 th March	Last day for Bookclub orders
8 th April	Student contribution due for payment
8 th April	Last day of Term 1
22 nd April	Good Friday
24 th April	Easter Sunday
25 th April	Easter Monday/Anzac Day
26 th April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
27 th April	Pupil Free Day
28 th April	First day of Term 2

Thought for the day

First impressions are the most lasting.

Proverb