

Red Range Public School Newsletter



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Science in the Bush

The University of New England will host 'Science in the Bush' a part of the 'Far out Science' program during National Science Week 2011. This will be a day of hands-on workshops, with students taking on experimental challenges and coming face-to-face with cutting edge research. This year students from Years 5 and 6 have been invited to attend. Activities will include making hand creams, using chemical techniques to develop invisible fingerprints, measuring heart rate, blood pressure and temperature, measuring angles and heights, testing the strength and flexibility of different materials and exploring different chemical reactions. Permission notes have been sent home and must be returned to school by **Wednesday 17th August 2011**.

Smart foods to boost learning

- Children with good diets perform better at school.
- Breakfast is vital to set kids up for learning.
- Foods rich in proteins and omega-3 fatty acids help children concentrate and learn.
- Iron deficiency can leave kids tired and unable to concentrate.
- If you want your child to think more clearly, give them a breakfast high in protein such as eggs and milk.
- Avoid white squishy things like chips, white bread and cakes.

ATSI Children's Day

On Thursday children will have the opportunity to participate in activities organised by members of the Aboriginal community. They will learn how to make damper, listen to the didgeridoo and learn some traditional dances. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Program

Year 6 students will attend workshops at the Glen Innes High School to help prepare them for Year 7. These workshops will be held on Wednesday afternoons over a 4 week period. Students will have received a letter from the High School containing all the details. If parents require any further information please contact the school.

SUPER SPELLERS

Rachel	Jada	Sophiea	Lochlan
Laytone	Dominic	Jesse	Chloe A
Jeremiah	Jacinta	Bryce	

AWARDS

Izarha Fields – Super effort with her recount writing.

Rachel Jones – Being a friendly classroom member.

Eleirha Fields – Good classroom participation.

Nathan Jones – Being a great helper in Art.

Trinity McLennan – Settling in well at Red Range Public School.

Mathletics Awards

Silver Award

Marika Patterson (1090 points)

Bronze Award

Jaimie Loeb (2372 points), Maleika Speedy (1084 points), Taneekwa Patterson (1710 points), Emily Shannon (1311 points), Amy Beal (1885 points) and Jada Fields (2077 points)

Shopping Vouchers/Dockets

Don't forget to collect your Woolworths shopping dockets and Bi-Lo vouchers. Bring them to school and put them in the special collection boxes at the front office. Collect extra



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

vouchers from family and friends if you can. The school is given points for these vouchers which can be redeemed for extra educational resources and sports equipment for the children.

School life covered from A to Z

Practical help for parents and carers to assist their child's learning and development is now available as part School A to Z – a new online school community. School A to Z, developed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities, includes a website (www.schoolatoz.com.au), free mobile apps and social networking through Facebook and Twitter. The site is a go-to resource for parents looking for homework/study support and resources for their children, and includes hundreds of plain English definitions on classroom terminology, printable help sheets, 'how to' videos and advice from teachers and other experts. School A to Z also includes:

- Helpful advice and information to support children's wellbeing, emotional and physical development, including healthy lunch box recipes.
- Resource and tips that encourage and promote safe and appropriate use of technology.
- Opportunities for parents and the community to contribute content, share ideas and join in discussions, including the School A to Z Facebook and Twitter channels.
- A translation aid for users from non-English speaking backgrounds.

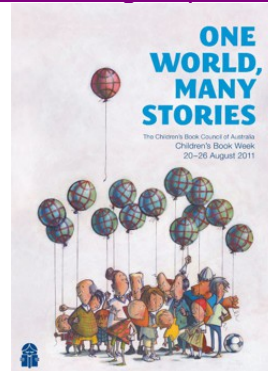
The free mobile apps, developed for smartphones and iPad, will enable even the busiest of parents to have access to these resources. Check out the School A to Z website (www.schoolatoz.com.au), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/schoolatoz) and Twitter account (www.twitter.com/schoolatoz)

Community Notices

Children's Book Week

Now in its 65th year, Children's Book Week from 20-26 August celebrates Australian authors and illustrators with activities at

libraries and schools around Australia. This year's theme is: One World, Many Stories. The benefits of reading to children from a young age are indisputable. If you'd like some inspiration, check out the Children's Book Council of Australia website which has some great reading and website resources for parents: <http://cbca.org.au/parents.htm>.



Dates to Remember

17 th August	Visiting Performance – Australian Folklore
17 th August	Years 5/6 – return permission note for 'Science in the Bush'
18 th August	Kindergarten Orientation
18 th August	ATSI Children's Day coordinated by Sarah Molles
19 th August	Science in the Bush – Year 5/6 students UNE Armidale
20 th – 26 th August	Children's Book Week
18 th September	Closing date for Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion
25 th August	Regional Athletics Carnival – Tamworth
29 th August-4 th September	National Literacy and Numeracy Week
18 th October	Closing date for Coles Sports for Schools promotion
19 th -20 th October	NSW PSSA Athletics – Homebush

Thought for the day

Knowledge advances by steps, not by leaps.
Lord Macaulay

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STUDENT'S NAMEDATE OF ABSENCE.....

REASON FOR ABSENCE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT.....