**Red Range Public School**

**Term 1 Week 4**  Week ending  21st February 2014

**Principals Message**

I’d like to welcome our students and families back for 2014 and hope you all had an enjoyable break during the school holidays. This year we have also welcomed some new students into our school. Dainaihya and Izabel are our new Kindergartens this year, Liam is in Year 2, Ava, Dorothy and Chelsea are in Year 3, Dakota is in Year 4 and Mitchell has joined our Year 5 students. I’m sure these students will enjoy their time here at Red Range Public School.

I would also like to welcome our staff back this year. Mrs Lynda Newberry has returned as our Administration Manager, Miss Kerrie McCarthy as the Infants teacher, Mrs Melissa Ward who will be doing the teacher release on both classes, Mr Ric Hutchinson who is our General Assistant and also one of our School Learning Support Officers and Mrs Barbara Baker who is also one of our School Learning Support Officers. I will be continuing my role as the Primary teacher and the Relieving Principal. This week the students voted for our 2014 School Leaders and Sports Captain. Congratulations to Marika Patterson and Robby Peell who were selected as our 2014 School Leaders and to Nathan Philp who was selected as our Sports Captain. I’m sure these students will be great ambassadors for our school.

Looking forward to another great year!

Shanelle Gunther
Relieving Principal

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**CALENDAR**

- **26th February 2014**
  Life Education Van

- **5th March 2014**
  STEPS Vision Screening for Kindergarten students

**Our 2014 Sports Captain Nathan Philp, and School leaders Marika Patterson and Robbie Peell.**
**Primary News**

The Primary Class has made a great start to the year. Well done to all the students who entered their artworks in the Glen Innes Show and congratulations to Jordanne, Ava and Jaimie who received a judge’s certificate. This Term in our class the students are enjoying researching and completing activities on “Antarctica”. So far the students have found aspects of climate and living conditions very interesting. Students have also been engaged in some enjoyable interactive literacy and numeracy lessons. Just a reminder that Homework is due back on Friday’s and Home Readers as frequently as possible.

**Infants News**

So far this year the Infants class has been very busy! In HSIE we are studying the unit ‘Transport’. The children have looked at different types of transport on land, in the air and on water. We have created a wonderful transport mural at the back of our classroom to display different modes of transport. In Art students spent their first few weeks at school creating a master piece to enter into the Glen Innes Show. We looked at the colour wheel and created a colour wheel animal using opposite colours. The students loved seeing their artwork hung up in the pavilions on our excursion to the Show. Well done to all those students who have been bringing their home readers and homework in! Just a reminder that home readers are due in on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS and homework is due in on FRIDAYS.

**Glen Innes Show**

On Friday our students had a great day out at the Glen Innes Show. The children enjoyed looking at the wide variety of exhibits and displays around the show and watching the ring events. Our students especially enjoyed looking at their artworks that were displayed in the pavilion, looking through the National Parks display, visiting the Animal Nursery, listened to a presentation made on the farming of bees and production of honey and watching the duck races. This was a great opportunity for our students who thoroughly enjoyed their day out.
AWARDS
Week 2

Class Awards

Izabel Callister—Always listening and following instructions

Liam Byrne—Listening well and following instructions

Amy Beale—Great attitude and effort in class

Haylie Reynolds, Ava Smedley, Dotty Coulter, Lilly Cruickshank, Chloe Johnson, Mason Peell, Jordanne Nanson and Dakota Callister—Great transition into the Primary class.

Robbie Peell—Mathletics (Bronze Certificate)

Super Spellers

Liam Byrne
Sarah-Jane Casson
Alex Loeb

Haylie Reynolds
Ava Smedley
Lilly Cruickshank
Amy Beale
Marika Patterson
Dakota Callister
Nathan Philp
Jaimie Loeb

Sports Awards

Haylie Reynolds—Excellent participation in whole school sport

DOJO Winners

Dakota Callister
Kailey Peell

There were no awards presented for Week 3 as we were at the Show.
School's back
Life seems to go from zero to 100 during the first few weeks of school. These parents have pooled their years of experience to bring you some suggestions to make the rest of the year run more smoothly. Good luck!

Homework and study planning
Most children find planning easier to understand when they have a visual representation of their day or week in front of them. Help your child learn to manage their daily tasks and responsibilities with this weekly schedule template.

Helping with homework
How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

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On Tuesday 18th February Mr Michael Stamp (store manager) of our local Woolworths visited our School to present the children with the educational resources they received after participating in the 2013 Earn & Learn Program. The resources that were received will assist and support students in Mathematics, Science and Creative Arts. Red Range Public School was one of the 13,148 schools that participated in the program and we would like to thank our school community and local community for helping support our school.