Term 1 has been an extremely busy and exciting term in our classrooms. All students have learnt new concepts and built on their previous knowledge in all subject areas. Our students have also enjoyed a number of extra-curricular activities such as the SMASH program, excursion to the local Glen Innes Show, a visit to the Life Education Van, a day of Science Experiments, our school Sleep Over Night and our recent Small Schools Disco.

Next Friday 11th April our school is holding an Easter Hat Parade as well as a Great BIG Red Range School Easter Egg Hunt. Students are currently designing and decorating their hats in their classes with lots of uniqueness and colour. Parents, family and friends are invited to attend our afternoon of fun activities starting at 1pm. A light afternoon tea will be provided.

Just a reminder that our P&C Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 17th May at the Glen Innes RSL. I encourage you all to get a table together for a fun night out whilst supporting our school. Thank you to the members of our P&C who are currently out and about seeking donations and sponsorship from the local businesses in Glen Innes. This type of event could not happen without the support and commitment of these volunteers.

This is our last newsletter for the term. I’d like to thank you all for the support you have given our school this term and wish you all a safe and happy holiday. P.S I hope the Easter Bunny finds you all.

Shanelle Gunther
Relieving Principal
LOST PROPERTY
There are a number of un-named items at school. Please ensure that all your child’s clothing is clearly labelled. If you are missing anything let us know and we will have a look in the lost property.

Infants News
Over the past two weeks the students have been focusing on learning more sight words and the kindergarten students have been practising their sounds. We have developed a great set of activities and games that the students enjoy playing to assist their learning. In Maths we have been learning the 2 x tables. I am very impressed with how fast the students have learnt them and how quickly they can recite them! In Art last week we had fun creating a picture of an underground ant tunnel. The students used oil pastels to draw the tunnels and used their finger prints to make the ants. They look wonderful! This week we are busy getting our hands dirty with paper mache Easter egg baskets! 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.

Primary News
Well done to the Primary Class who completed Easter Craft to be displayed in our Shop Window. The display has been put up and I encourage you all to check it out. This week students have been working on their Paper Mache Easter Egg Baskets. We are also preparing to begin our creations for the Easter Hat Parade. Congratulations to all those students who have made an effort to complete their Homework and Home Readers each week. I’d also like to thank parents and guardians for helping support your child’s learning by encouraging and supporting your child with their Homework and taking the time to listen to them read. REMINDER: This week will be the last week to borrow Library Books from the Library this term. Students are encouraged to return their borrowed books next week but there won’t be borrowing due to the holidays.

P & C News
The Red Range P & C held their AGM on Wednesday 26th March 2014. The office bearers for 2014 were elected with Brigitte Burridge being the new President, Lynda Dawson Vice President, Rhiannon Nanson Secretary and Lynda Newberry Treasurer. At the general meeting plans for the Trivia Night to be held at the RSL Club on Saturday 17th May 2014 were discussed. Flyers will be sent home with the children and others will be distributed around town. It would be great if all families were able to come along either on their own or with friends. Parents can organised their own teams of 8 or will be placed in a team. Please phone the school to reserve you place for a great night out. There will also be an Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April 2014. This is the last day of Term 1. Parents are invited to come along for the parade and afternoon tea.
**AWARDS Week 8**

**Class Awards**
Dainaihya Speedy—Being more confident and involved in school activities.
Kailey Peell—Excellent participation in our science lesson with Mr Fleming.

Taneekwa Patterson—Great effort in Grammar.
Jaimie Loeb—Extra effort in class.

**Super Spellers**
Liam Byrne
Alex Loeb

**Sports Awards**
Maleika Patterson—A great team effort in T-Ball.
Mitchell Darlington—Being a great role model for the younger students.

**AWARDS Week 9**

**Class Awards**
Travis Patterson—Trying hard to learn the 2x tables in Maths.
Izabel Callister—Wonderful effort with her sounds.
Chelsea Darlington—Extra effort in set tasks.
Jaimie Loeb—Excellent effort in dance.

**Super Spellers**
Alex Loeb
Emily Cruickshank

**DOJO Winners**
Dainaihya Speedy
Dakota Callister
Nathan Philp

**Jaimie Loeb**
Ava Smedley
Chelsea Darlington
Taneekwa Patterson
Haylie Reynolds
Nathan Philp
Marika Patterson
Mitchell Darlington
"GREEN THUMBS"

We have been working hard planting our winter veges in the school garden bed. We have planted broccoli, cabbage, beetroot, spinach, strawberries and spring onions. We are following a companion planting guide and will keep you informed of our results.

Article by Jaimie
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Community Notices
Glen Innes Junior Basketball will kick off their 2014 season on Wednesday 7th May. Registration nights will take place at the Showground basketball pavilion from 5pm to 6pm on Monday 7th April and Tuesday 8th April 2014.

Registration costs are as follows:-
* Miniball (4-6yo) $25  
* Juniors (6-9yo) $35  
* Seniors (10-12yo) $35  
* High School $40

Weekly player game fees—miniball $2 each and all other players $3 each. Registration forms and payment to be completed on registration nights to ensure your child’s placement in a team. For any further enquiries please contact Karen McAlister on 0428569220.

DEQ NEWS

Dad and son time
A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and building a healthier relationship. Find out more: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars

Motivating lazy children
All kids are born active. Some just learn lazybones habits and need a nudge. Find out ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical.

Helping your child to become a good speller
What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.

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