Principals Message

I’d like to welcome everyone back after our Easter break to the beginning of Term 2.

During the holidays we celebrated Anzac Day where we paid respect and remembered all those who fought for our country. I’d like to acknowledge the following staff and students who were able to join me on the day to represent Red Range Public School. Miss McCarthy, Mrs Ward, Mr Ric Hutchinson, Nathan Philp, Sarah Casson, Ava Smedley, Dorothy Coulter, Mitchell Darlington, Chelsea Darlington & Haylie Reynolds.

This Term kicked off with a very busy beginning because of our participation in the local annual Celtic Festival. During the festival our students performed in the opening ceremony on Friday 2nd May where they entertained the crowds with their Cornish Square Dance and Combined Choir. We also had a group of students who participated in the Celtic Schools Concerts that were held on Wednesday night, Thursday afternoon & Thursday night. Those students were Haylie Reynolds, Ava Smedley, Marika Patterson, Taneekwa Patterson, Dorothy Coulter, Amy Beale, Lilly Cruickshank & Sarah Casson. A special thanks to all the parents/grandparents for the time and effort this required.

Due to the increased student enrolments in our school this year we have been given additional staffing to cater for our students. I’d like to welcome Mrs Ward & Miss Murphy to our teaching staff this term.

Just a reminder that our Trivia Night will be held next Saturday 17th May 2014. I encourage you all to get a table together and enjoy an evening of trivia and prizes all the while supporting our school P & C.

Shanelle Gunther
Relieving Principal
Infants News

Welcome back to term 2! This term has started off busy with the introduction of several new topics. In Writing we are studying Poetry. We have had fun learning some nursery rhymes and reading some interesting poems. In the up-coming weeks students will have the opportunity to create their own poems. In Science we are studying the unit Spot the Difference. We will be exploring how things can change through the context of food. This week we looked at why an icypole melted when we left it out of the freezer. In H.S.I.E we are looking at the changes that have occurred to us and our environment over the years. We will explore how people lived many years ago and how technology has changed the way we live. Just a reminder that home readers are due in on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS and homework is due in on FRIDAYS. Our Library day is FRIDAY so children will need to return their book in order to borrow a new one.

Primary News

Welcome back to Term 2. Due to the increase in staffing this term the Primary Class will be divided into Stage classes on Wednesday & Thursday. Mrs Ward will be teaching the Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) and Miss Gunther will be teaching Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4). These two days will give your child the opportunity to work and learn in small focussed groups. In week 3 our Year 3 & 5 students will sit their NAPLAN tests. The NAPLAN tests are a National Assessment Program in Literacy & Numeracy. Already this term our class have been looking at Expositions and how we can use persuasive language to get our point of view across and persuade the reader. Students have enjoyed having class debates arguing their opinions. REMINDER: Homework goes home every Monday & is returned every Friday (please ensure your child is returning their Homework Books on a regular weekly basis). Home Readers are sent home daily.

EASTER HAT PARADE
AWARDS
Week 10

Class Awards
Dakota Callister—Excellent effort with Homework.
Dainaihya Speedy—Trying hard to learn the 2x tables.
Elizabeth Reynolds—A great start to Kindy at Red Range

DOJO Winners
Zara Beale
Sarah-Jane Casson
Taneekwa Patterson

AWARDS
Week 11

Class Awards
Kailey Peell—Putting more effort into her writing.
Sarah-Jane Casson—Excellent effort with her Cornwall Art.
Nathan Philp—Amazing effort and attitude.

Mathletics
Awards
Bronze Award
Chelsea Darlington
Sarah-Jane Casson

Super Spellers
Nathan Philp
Marika Patterson
Taneekwa Patterson
Dakota Callister
Sarah-Jane Casson
Izac Speedy
Kailey Peell

Special Award
Izac Speedy—Excellent work on 'Statements'.

Sports Awards
Chelsea Darlington—Great participation in whole school sport.

Super Spellers
Sarah-Jane Casson
Alex Loeb
Liam Byrne
Izac Speedy
Kailey Peell

Congratulations to Zara who was the winner of the Celtic Art Competition!
"GREEN THUMBS"

We have been looking at a book on Companion Planting in Australia. Nathan has discovered that leeks and carrots grown in alternate rows will give each other protection from insect attacks and Marika discovered that tomatoes grow well near asparagus, celery, parsley, basil, carrots and chives.

Community Notices
The Family Relationship Centre from Armidale will be presenting the following programs in Glen Innes over the coming months.

Exploring Challenging Children—Free help for frustrated parents—Wednesday 21st May 2014 from 9.30am - 12.30pm—Joblink Plus Suite 2, 271 Grey Street, Glen Innes. This program provides an understanding of children with ADD, ADHD, ODD, OCD and Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Building Connections—Free help for Separated Parents—Wednesday 28th May 2014 from 1pm - 4pm—Joblink Plus Suite 2, 271 Grey Street, Glen Innes. This is a program to help separated parents have healthy and strong relationships with their children.

For more information or to book please call 1800372826 or 6738 7200.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.
Change is not made without inconvenience, even from worse to better.
Richard Hooker

Mitchell Darlington 01/5/2014
Ava Smedley 30/5/2014

Managing screen-time
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screentime limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBlfmk

Books to boost brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

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