Principal's Message

I’d like to begin by thanking all the members of our P & C and staff for their efforts and support of our Trivia Night last Saturday Night. It was a huge success and was attended by more than 100 people. A special thank you must go to Lindsay Gunther who coordinated the evening with an interesting and enjoyable array of questions and games. I’d also like to thank all the local businesses for their generous donations and the people who attended and supported the evening. Our total profit for the evening was a whopping $1,600.00.

This week we have seen some renovations being carried out at our school. This work has been made possible through the two grants we received last year. The first grant was to repaint the verandah railings around our buildings and also resurface the non-slip surface on our verandah walkways. Our second grant will see 4 rooms recarpeted and window blinds installed in some of our rooms. These improvements should be completed in the next few weeks.

Next week our school is participating in Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to contribute to building a reconciled Australia. Throughout the week students will participate in cultural activities and cooking.

Lastly I’d like to congratulate Mitchell Darlington who was selected to represent Red Range Public School at our Northern New England District Cross Country to be held in Tenterfield. Well done Mitchell!

Shanelle Gunther
Relieving Principal
INFANTS NEWS

Over the last two weeks students have been exploring many different poems as part of our poetry appreciation unit in Literacy. This week we read a poem about autumn leaves and the students created wonderful autumn leaves artworks. We have been learning about rhyming words and how to use these to write a short poem of our own. In Science the students have enjoyed looking at the physical and chemical changes of foods. Last week we explored the properties of spaghetti and how it changes after it has been cooked. In Art we have been looking at the works of Wassily Kadinsky. We had a go at creating our own concentric circles artwork just like him. The students were impressed with their own efforts!

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

Last week saw our Year 3 & 5 students participate in the NAPLAN testing. Congratulations to all those students for their positive attitude and effort during these assessments. Some of you may have noticed a slight change to our Homework this week. Due to a lack of completion I have modified it a little to make it more structured for the students to follow. Please encourage and support your child to complete this regularly.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MITCHELL DARLINGTON WHO FINISHED IN 6TH PLACE IN HIS AGE GROUP AT THE NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CROSS COUNTRY AT TENTERFIELD TODAY. MITCHELL HAS QUALIFIED TO COMPETE IN THE REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY TO BE HELD AT COOLAH
AWARDS Week 2

Class Awards
Dainaihya Speedy & Alex Loeb
Excellent teamwork in Science

DOJO Winners
Kailey Peell
Mitchell Darlington
Marika Patterson

Special Awards
Representing Red Range Public School at the ANZAC March
Haylie Reynolds
Nathan Philp
Sarah-Jane Casson
Ava Smedley
Dorothy Coulter
Mitchell Darlington
Chelsea Darlington

Representing Red Range Public School at the School Celtic Concerts
Ava Smedley
Amy Beale
Sarah-Jane Casson
Haylie Reynolds
Marika Patterson
Lilly Cruickshank
Taneekwa Patterson
Dorothy Coulter

Super Spellers
Alex Loeb
Sarah-Jane Casson
Emily Cruickshank
Iszac Speedy
Chelsea Darlington
Marika Patterson
Ava Smedley
Jaimie Loeb

AWARDS Week 3

No awards presented for Week 3 as all students at Ben Lomond for the Small Schools Cross Country

Small School's Cross Country
On Wednesday Mrs Halloran visited our school and inspected our ‘Herb Hoist’. She was very happy with how our herbs were growing especially because she had donated many of them to our school. Herbs are very important in our garden.

Not only do herbs like Basil, Oregano and Parsley make food taste much nicer they also help keep some insect pests from eating our vegetable garden.

Community Notices
Northcott Skill Development Program - The Impact of Sensory Processing Disorder on children’s learning.
Wednesday 18th June 2014 10am—3pm
William Gardner Room, Glen Innes TAFE and Public Library, 71 Grey Street, Glen Innes
This is a free workshop. RSVP Wednesday 11th June 2014 to wayne.nagle@northcott.com.au or phone 67526953.

Thought for the Day.
People will always forget what you do, and they will always forget what you say, but they will never ever forget the way you make them feel.
Amelia Stanelle

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Too sick for school? As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E