CALENDAR

25th August, 1st, 8th & 15th September
Kindergarten transition

27th August, 3rd, 10th & 17th September
Year 6 Transition at Glen Innes High School

29th August
NW Regional Athletics Carnival Tamworth

2nd September
Dental Screening

9th September
Goldilocks Rocks Chapel Theatre

10th September
P & C Meeting

19th September
End of Term 3

15th-16th October
NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival

RED RANGE
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 6 Week ending 22 August 2014

Principals Message

Recently we had Woolworths come out to our school and provide the students with fruit, bottled water and a delicious home cooked soup for lunch. It was run as part of the Woolworths ‘Soup Day’ initiative where representatives from local stores visit local schools and offer students and staff a warm lunch. The children all enjoyed their soup on what was a very cold day. Our school leaders then presented the Woolworths representatives with a certificate of appreciation for the continued support Woolworths provides our school.

Our recent Coffs Harbour excursion was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. Congratulations to all the students on their participation in all activities and their outstanding behaviour. We are currently in the process of putting all of our excursion pictures into a slide show for the students to view.

This week we held our Book Fair and our costume parade. I thank everyone who supported our Book Fair by purchasing books, attending our afternoon tea and watching our parade.

Shanelle Gunther
Relieving Principal

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Book Fair. We sold over $1000 worth of books. The school will be able to purchase new books for our Library from the commission we have earned.

Shanelle Gunther
Relieving Principal

Book Fair Garden

Catch the reading bug!
Primary News
This week in conjunction with National Book Week, our class have enjoyed looking at different book authors. We are also looking forward to next week listening to Eric Carle read his famous book “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” and discuss what inspired him to write the book. We have continued writing Procedures this week and in Science we made our own Lava Lamps from our written procedures. These were a huge success and the students enjoyed seeing how different liquids react with one another. Just a reminder that Home Readers go home daily and Homework is due on Friday’s. Our Library Day is WEDNESDAY.

Kane from the Heart Foundation visited the school on Tuesday to talk to the children about the Jump Rope for Heart program and teach them some skipping skills. Jump Rope for Heart is all about teaching Aussie kids how to keep fit and healthy. It improves their strength and confidence in physical activities and builds healthy bones and muscles. Students can have lots of fun with their classmates and play lots of skipping rope games too. We plan on holding a Jump Rope for Heart Day later in the year where the children can show off their skipping skills.

Infants News
Welcome to our new transition students who had their first day on Monday. We enjoyed having you here and look forward to seeing you all again next week! This term in Literacy students have been exploring the text type Discussions. We have had fun discussing all sorts of topics such as 'Should children have homework?' and 'Should junk food be banned at school'. The students have come up with some great arguments both for and against. We have also spent the week reading some great new books from the book fair. Students have been looking at the features of a good book and used their imagination to design their own book covers. In Science this term we have been exploring the changes in our environment. We have taken pictures of our school environment and used them to monitor changes over the term. We have identified day and night changes and the changes that occur each season. In H.S.I.E we have been learning about Wet and Dry Environments. Students have located some environments on a map and learnt about the flora and fauna that exists in deserts and rainforests. Just a reminder that home readers are due in on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS. Homework is due in on FRIDAYS. Our Library day is also FRIDAY so children will need to return their books in order to borrow new ones.
Excursion Awards
Cleanest dorm at camp - Nathan, Travis, Alex, Jaimie, Declan and Thomas.
Best table manners - Maleika
Hitting the bulls-eye in archery - Declan
Bravest kayaker - Travis
Most organised - Thomas
Bravest on the giant swing - Taneekwa
All round excellent behaviour - Ava

Mathletics Awards
Sarah Jane Casson - BRONZE AWARD

Class Awards
Zara Beale - Improved handwriting effort
Kaylea Law - Excellent work in Maths
Taneekwa Patterson - Improved effort in handwriting
Stanley Coulter - Great work in Maths
Declan Andrews - Responsible behaviour at school
Haylie Reynolds - Great effort in division

Super Spellers
Sarah - Jane Casson
Kaylea Law
Alex loeb
Elizabeth Reynolds
Marika Patterson
Nathan Philp
Dorothy Coulter
Lilly Cruickshank
Jordanne Nanson
Haylie Reynolds
Chelsea Darlington
Ava Smedley
Kindergarten Transition

On Monday our new 2015 Kindy students started their orientation. They will be coming to school every Monday for the rest of Term 3 and every Monday and Friday during Term 4.

Student Contribution

Some families have not paid the student contribution for this year. This fee is charged at the beginning of each year to help cover the cost of classroom resources, excursions and other activities. We have found this to be easier for both parents and the school as it eliminates children having to bring money to school on various occasions. Those who have not paid this fee will be required to pay separately for all activities they participate in for the remainder of the year. These will include Goldilocks Rock excursion, Emmaville Mining Museum, Swim School and Christmas craft activities.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.
When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don’t throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.” Corrie Ten Boom

DEC NEWS

LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD READ

As your child learns to read, it is very important to listen to him or her read aloud. Reading to you will give your child a chance to improve his or her reading skills with practice. By doing this, he or she will build confidence. As you listen to your child, remember that your reactions are very important. Above all, listen without interrupting. Be enthusiastic and praise your child as often as you can. If possible, be specific with your praise so that your child will know what he or she is doing well. Finally, don’t forget to encourage your child to read on his or her own. Here are some tips: Show your child that you are enjoying the book by showing interest and asking questions. Be patient. Allow your child time to figure out tricky words. Show your child how he or she can learn from mistakes. Pick a time for reading when there will not be any interruptions. Make sure that your child selects books that aren’t too difficult. Don’t worry if your child chooses books that are a little easier than the ones he or she reads at school. On the other hand, if your child chooses a book that is slightly above his or her grade level, praise your child for choosing it and be prepared to help where necessary. Your child will see that it is good to challenge oneself. Encourage your child to “listen” to his or her own reading. Listening will help him or her to hear mistakes and try to fix them. When your child is just beginning to read, you may want to “share” the reading. You can take turns, or try reading together. After reading, talk about the story to make sure that your child understood it.

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