Congratulations to our new school leaders for 2015 who were elected last Friday. Amy Beale & Stanley Coulter are our Captains, Marika Patterson & Mitchell Darlington are our Vice Captains and Sharni Bond is the Sports Captain. We are sure they will represent our school with pride.

Are your details up to date?

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises. **Reminder:** If your child has any allergy, medical condition or special needs, talk to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.
Principal’s Message

Red Range Public School continues to be an innovative school of opportunity, with great facilities, dedicated staff, quality teaching and learning programs and a range of exemplary learning support programs and extra-curricular opportunities. These are just some of the attributes that make a great school.

Key actions for this year include continuing to build upon our work implementing the curriculum changes in English, Mathematics and Science along with the introduction of segments of the new History syllabus. To further enhance our teaching practices and programs we have two teachers’ aides working closely with classroom teachers and students. These roles will support quality teaching practice and programs across the school. In addition, literacy support programs including MultiLit and Jolly Phonics will operate across the whole school.

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to come along and join us on Monday afternoon for our 2015 school information session. It was a great way for parents and teachers to meet and discuss issues and priorities for our school in 2015. We understand that many families could not attend due to other commitments. Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher, if you would like to speak with them.

Pam Murphy

Electronic Devices in Schools

A reminder to all students and families that electronic devices such as mobile phones, iPads, iPods, tablets etc. are not to be brought to school. If there are times when children absolutely need to have them, they are to handed into the office first thing in the morning, for safe keeping until the end of the day. We will always contact home if students need assistance throughout the day, therefore there is no need for students to have these electronic devices with them at school. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Community Notices

Glen Innes and District Football Association - Junior soccer fees have been set for 2015 and are as follows
5-7 yrs $90.00  8-11yrs $100.00  12-18yrs $115.00
Online registration is available at www.myfootballclub.com.au
Registration days will be held at Wilson Park on 14/3/2015 and 21/3/2015 from 11am-2pm. All juniors must be registered before competition starts on 2/5/2015. For Enquires contact Amy 0409233552 or Robert 0429323730

Come and support James Williamson with his ‘Clean up Australia’ project from 8.00am—12 noon on Sunday 1st March 2015 starting at the Pinkett Sports Ground. For more details contact Site supervisor Pauline Williamson on 6734 2343 or 0427704552.

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**AWARDS**

**Week 3**

**Super Spellers**
- Elizabeth Reynolds
- Dainaihya Speedy
- Shaquila Connor
- Brodie Taylor
- Marika Patterson
- Liam Byrne
- Taneekwa Patterson
- Haylie Reynolds
- Alex Loeb
- Aidan McLennan
- Kaylea Law

**Class Awards**
- Justin Roberts—Always listening and following instructions.
- Christian Loeb—Settling into our class routine.
- Daniel McLoughlin—Improvement in all areas.
- Marika Patterson—Always trying her very best.
- Shae-Lee Bond—Consistently doing her best work.
- Haylie Reynolds—Demonstrating excellent work habits.
- Kaylea Law—Great work in Spelling.
- Sarah-Jane Casson—Great work in maths groups.
- Sophrya Donald—Great hand artwork.
- Isabelle Zaccagnino—Great hand artwork.

**AWARDS**

**Week 4**

**Super Spellers**
- Elizabeth Reynolds
- Aidan McLennan
- Isabelle Zaccagnino
- Liam Byrne
- Austin White
- Kaylea Law
- Lilly Cruickshank
- Stanley Coulter
- Jaimie Loeb
- Bear Bond

**Class Awards**
- Huntah Duley—Excellent Celery experiment.
- Dainaihya Speedy—Being a great role model for others.
- Georgette Loeb—Being a polite and caring class member.
- Iszac Speedy—Great behaviour in Library.
- Austin White—Great effort in Science.
- Shimmer Cameron—Great work with colours.
- Austin White—Great effort in Spelling and Spelling groups.
- Alex Loeb—Working hard in class.
- Jessica McLoughlin—Great questions in class.
- Amy Beale—Reading quietly and tidying shelves.
- Stanley Coulter—Great effort in Science.

**Mathletics Awards**
- Isabelle Zaccagnino
- Aidan McLennan
- Jordyn White
- Sarah-Jane Casson
- Austin White
- Sophrya Donald
**FANTASTIC K/1J**
This week our class has been busy learning some new sounds. We have had fun moving and singing songs to help us remember them. We have even started to blend the sounds we know to make new words. In maths our focus has been on number and 2D shapes. In Science we have been doing lots of experiments. This week we made 'grassy heads'. We will watch them grow in the upcoming weeks! We are also looking forward to our pet talk with Mr Warner’s class. Just a reminder that home readers are due in on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS. Our Library day is FRIDAY so children will need to return their books in order to borrow a new one.

**AMAZING 2/3S**
We are learning about “AUSTRALIA”. We looked at some of the flags that we have around Australia. We also walked around the school and looked at a range of plants, trees and flowers. We brought them back to the classroom and researched to find out if they were native to Australia or if they were brought here from another country. In Maths we have looked at “Subtraction” with a particular focus on subtracting two and three digit numbers and giving change with “money”. At home we would love to encourage the students to read every night and use MATHLETICS.

**MAGNIFICENT 4/5/6M**
WOW!!! What a great week. In HSIE the students are studying a unit on settlement in Early Australia. We are really enjoying learning about Captain Cook, the Endeavour and his journeys. In Numeracy our focus is on whole numbers, subtraction and time tables. In Literacy we are continuing to examine the features and structure of narrative texts. This week we are learning about similes. I think our best simile for the week was ”He was as hairy as my dad’s armpits!”... soooo funny. Our Science unit “What’s the Matter?” continues. We are exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases, and planning and conducting an investigation of how the properties of materials change with temperature. In Visual Arts we have completed individual artworks inspired by Jackson Pollock. These artworks have been generated by a fabulous computer based art program.

**LIBRARY ZONE**
Well done to all those students who returned and borrowed books last week. Our new Library is currently being re decorated with colourful displays and comfortable cushions for students to enjoy. Our Library is now open on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays during lunch time play for those students who wish to read quietly.

Students have enjoyed their introduction to their Science units so far. All classes have begun carrying out investigations and experiments. K/1J have been looking at what plants need to grow, 2/3S have been mixing different types of ingredients to see how they react with each other and 4/5/6M have been identifying solids, liquids & gases.