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25th March
P & C Meeting

28th March
NSW State Election

30th March
Small Schools Disco

31st March
Rewards Day

2nd April
Last day of Term 1

3rd April
Good Friday

5th April
Easter Sunday

20th April
Pupil Free Day

21st April
First day of Term 2

The Red Range P & C Committee held their AGM last Wednesday 4th March 2015. A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. Your support shows us that you value your school and your child’s education. Congratulations to our 2015 office bearers: President - Ms Brigitte Burridge, Vice President - Miss Catherine Green, Secretary - Mrs Tracey Darlington and Treasurer - Miss Julie Teal. At the general meeting following the AGM ideas for this years fundraising were discussed. The committee are hoping to be able to make a contribution to the school to go towards an excursion later in the year. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th March 2015 at the Glen Innes Services Club. All parents, caregivers and community members are welcome to attend.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

2015-17 SCHOOL PLANNING

In the last few weeks the school has started working on the next three year School Planning document. This provides a great opportunity to consider what Red Range Public School stands for and how we can work together to identify our high priorities for providing a well-rounded education for every student. As part of this process the school has been developing a statement that will underpin decision making, program design and resource allocation. This will ensure that choices are made from a consistent platform and will align with definite goals for our graduates. I have been working with staff to try and develop a clear vision of our priorities for our students. There has been detailed consideration of the wording of the statement and about the message the statement is sending. In its draft form, it reads like this…..

School Vision and Mission Statement:
As a community we will inspire students to develop a passion for learning, assist students to achieve personal success in all endeavours and enable them to become engaged citizens who act with integrity. We are committed to the provision of effective learning in a caring, safe, supportive, and co-operative environment. We value and respect the individuality and talents of each student. We have high expectations and are committed to academic excellence. We seek to develop self-esteem and positive attitudes to ensure that each student is empowered to reach their potential. We encourage tolerance and harmony through the development and understanding of belonging, community and diverse cultures. We are inclusive of the whole school community in the preparation of our students for responsible, active citizenship.

This statement is still in a draft form. Please don’t hesitate to make suggestions. Your input will be appreciated and carefully considered as part of the planning process.

A comprehensive process is being undertaken across the school and community to review current practices and collect evidence, including student results, attendance, behaviour and participation. This evidence is being used to share ideas and to identify the priorities for the 2015-2017 school plan. This process includes a review of the strengths, opportunities and areas for development across the school. As a result, three key strategic directions have been identified so far. These are:

Student Learning - Students will be successful learners, leaders and active global citizens
Staff and Leader Learning - Staff will be high performing, collaborative and dynamic
School Learning - A high performing school and a community that is inclusive, informed and engaged

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Pam Murphy

Community Notices

Head Lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. Please check your child’s hair regularly for signs of Head Lice and commence treatment immediately. Children with head lice are to be excluded from school until all live lice and eggs have been removed.

Thanks to James Williamson and Pauline Williamson the Pinkett Road is now a much tidier road. 28 people participated in the clean up on Sunday 1st March collecting 677kg of recyclable rubbish over the 15km stretch from the Henry River to the Yarrow Creek bridge. Blaire, Kirsty and Tristan along with their parents and family helped on the day. Congratulations to these students for their support of the local community.
**AWARDS Week 5**

There were no awards presented in Week 5 due to Life Education Van and NRL Development Day.

**Super Spellers**
- Lilly Cruickshank
- Shayla Pevy
- Haylie Reynolds
- Jaimie Loeb
- Travis Beattie
- Shaquila Connor
- Chelsea Darlington
- Marika Patterson
- Shae-Lee Bond
- Mitchell Darlington
- Brodie Taylor
- Haylie Reynolds
- Nathaniel Bond
- Travis Patterson
- Kaylea Law
- Austin White
- Liam Byrne
- Shania Pevy
- Alex Loeb
- Sophyra Donald
- Elizabeth Reynolds

**Mathletics Awards**

**Bronze Awards**
- Aidan McLennan
- Lilly Cruickshank
- Daniel McLaughlin
- Taneekwa Patterson

**AWARDS Week 6**

**Class Awards**
- Jaimie Loeb - Spelling
- Haylie Reynolds - Spelling
- Chelsea Darlington - Spelling
- Dorothy Coulter - Persuasive writing.
- Sharni Bond - School Sports Captain
- Marika Patterson - School Vice Captain
- Mitchell Darlington - School Vice Captain
- Stanley Coulter - School Captain
- Amy Beale - School Captain
- Dainaihya Speedy - Improved reading efforts.
- Lilli Harris - Great effort with her sounds.
- Kirsty Bicknell - Trying hard in all areas.
- Huntah Duley - Great effort with his sounds.
- Emily Cruickshank - Great work and effort in English and Writing.
- Tanika Treasure - Awesome homework.
- Travis Patterson - Amazing butterfly artwork.

**Canteen Reminders**

The canteen is open on Monday and Friday each week and is staffed by P & C volunteers. Parents please note that staff are unable to heat food for students on other days due to our increased number of students. We would also request that children bring their own spoons and their fruit already cut or peeled if necessary. We are looking at the option of opening the canteen on other days but this is completely dependent on volunteer helpers. If you would like to offer to help in the canteen please contact Mrs Murphy or Ms Brigitte Burridge on 6732 2349.

**Uniforms**

New supplies of uniforms items have recently arrived at school. Prices are as follows:-
- Polo Shirts $10
- Polar Fleece Jumpers $20
- Jackets $30
- Hats $10

Due to increased costs the price of some uniform items will be increased from the beginning of Term 2. Parents are reminded that students are to wear full school uniform to school each day. The correct uniform consists of navy shorts, skirt, skort or track pants, red and navy polo shirt, red jumper, navy and red school jacket, navy bucket hat and black shoes with white socks for girls and grey socks for boys. Coloured joggers are only permitted on sports day which is Friday.
FABULOUS K/1J

This week in maths the students explored the topic Volume and Capacity. They had fun filling up different containers to see which ones would hold the most. In Art the students created wonderful pigs in mud using paper plates. They used paint to colour them bright pink and added mud using a sponging technique. In HSIE we are learning about different types of groups. We have looked at the groups students belong to at school and in their local community. 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.

INCREDBLE 2/3S

We are learning about “AUSTRALIA”. We have made a large map of Australia and labelled the states and territories. We also looked at some native animals around Australia. In Maths we have looked at “Measurement” with a particular focus on formal and informal units and measuring with a range of items. At home we would love to encourage the students to read every night and use MATHLETICS (1000 points is required to earn a Bronze Certificate).

TREMENDOUS 4/5/6M

WOW!!! What a fabulous time we are having. In HSIE the students are studying a unit on settlement in Early Australia. We are really enjoying learning about the first European settlement in New South Wales. In Numeracy our focus has been on Multiplication and Fractions and Decimals. In our Literacy we are examining the features and structure of persuasive texts with the students writing wonderful advertisements with alliteration. 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.

LIBRARY ZONE

Due to the NRL football clinic and The Life Education Van visit students didn’t return and borrow books last week. Returning and borrowing will resume this week. Just a reminder that our Library is now open on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays during lunch time play for those students who wish to read quietly.

SCIENCE LAB

K/1J are excited watching their 'Grassy Heads' grow hair. Last week 2/3S enjoyed their experiment making their very own lava lamp. The aim of this experiment was to see if water and oil mix together. 4/5/6M made their own 'Goop' last week. They were intrigued to find that without pressure it was a liquid, and with pressure it became a solid.