RED RANGE
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 1        Week ending 24th April 2015

End of term activities

CALENDAR

25th April
ANZAC Day

29th April
Celtic Festival Rehearsal
10am
Celtic Festival Evening Performance
6pm

30th April
Celtic Festival Matinee Performance
1.30pm
Celtic Festival Evening Performance
6pm

1st May
Celtic Festival Street Performance
12.15pm

6th May
P & C Meeting

15th May
Small School’s Cross Country Ben Lomond

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We already have a term full of fabulous learning opportunities organised for this term. Please keep a close eye on the calendar of events.

Coming up this week is the Glen Innes Celtic Festival. Red Range Public School will be participating in all events. Notes went home last week to inform parents of our participation times.

At Red Range Public School we believe that wellbeing is fundamental to successful learning. Children and young people who are happy, confident and able to establish meaningful relationships are better placed to achieve positive learning outcomes. With this in mind we endeavour to provide a safe and effective school environment that contributes to positive learning outcomes and the wellbeing of students, staff and the broader community. Our teachers strive to establish partnerships with parents to support student learning. Strong communication is fundamental to this partnership and to building a sense of community between home and school. Our Red Range Parents and Citizens Committee have approved this communication.

In order to maximize effective communication between parents and students we have established a 5 Star Weekly Rating Slip. Star charts are a powerful way of:
- encouraging positive behaviours and work habits
- discouraging negative behaviours and work habits
- rewarding students for practising and implementing new skills, behaviours and work habits

The 5 star rating slip will be completed and sent home every Friday afternoon. Each child’s classroom teacher will place a circle around the number of stars they have earned for behaviour and work habits during that particular week.

What the star system means:
- 5 stars, indicates that the student’s behaviour and work habits have been outstanding.
- 4 stars, indicates that the student’s behaviour and work habits have been of a high standard.
- 3 stars, indicates that the student’s behaviour and work habits have been of a sound standard, and requires some modifying and improvement.
- 2 stars, indicates that the student’s behaviour and work habits have been of a basic standard, and requires significant modifying and improvement.
- 1 star, indicates that the student’s behaviour and work habits have been of a limited standard and requires major modifying and improvement.

A copy of the 5 star rating slip is below:

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Weekly Star Rating Slip

_________________________ earned ★★★★★
for behaviour and work habits in week _____

Congratulations on...
* Great choices all week!
* A big improvement in work habits/behaviour

Needs to work on...
* Following directions
* Listening attentively
* On task time
* Calling out / interrupting
* Being kind to others
* Being respectful
* Being organised
* Self control
* Playing safely in the playground
* Improving bus behaviour
* Other _______________________________________________________

Parent / Caregiver Comment (optional):
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AWARDS
Week 9

Super Spellers
Elizabeth
Alex
Thomas
Blaire
Travis B
Mitchell
Nathaniel
Lilly C
Aidan
Stanley
Dotty
Marika
Sharni
Shae-Lee
Chelsea
Jaimie
Daniel
Haylie
Travis

Mathletics Awards
Brodie
Shimmer
Thomas

Class Awards
Dominik - Great reading.
Dainaihya - Great monster artwork.
Zara - Great classroom helper.
Tristan - Listening well in class.
Kaylea - Great work and effort in Maths groups.
Shimmer - Great reading
Sophyra - Great artwork with dots.
Alex - Star Student.
Lilly - Being a polite class member.
Amy - Being an outstanding School Captain.
Stanley - Outstanding classroom work in all activities.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Mother’s Day will be celebrated on Sunday 10th May, 2015. This year the P & C committee will again be holding a Mother’s Day Stall. We will have a selection of small gifts available for purchase. All funds raised from the sale of these gifts will go to the P & C Committee who then use these funds to subsidise the cost of excursions and other activities. The stall will be running on Monday 4th May, Tuesday 5th May and Wednesday 6th May 2015 during lunch time. If anyone wishes to purchase items, please send money to school with your child on these days. The P & C will also be conducting a raffle. A separate note with details of the raffle and a small book of tickets have been sent home to each family. The raffle will be drawn at school on Friday 8th May 2015.

The P & C would also like to request donations of milo, milk and tomato sauce for the canteen. This would help greatly with our fundraising by reducing costs which in turn increases the funds we are able to contribute to the school. Any parents who are able to offer assistance in the canteen, your help would be greatly appreciated.

The next meeting of the P & C Committee will be held on Wednesday 6th May 2015. All parents and interested community members are invited to attend.

Community Notices

The Evening Branch of the Glen Innes Country Women's Association would like to invite women in the community to attend either our branch meetings or social mornings to introduce them to the benefits of being members of the largest women’s organisation in NSW. Meetings are held at the Uniting Church Hall on the 2nd Monday of the month at 1.30pm and our social mornings the 4th Monday at 10.30am. For further information please contact President Betty Strong 6732 2437 or Secretary Iris Willoughby-Reynolds 6732 2872.
Welcome back to term 2! I would like to welcome Maddison who has joined our class this term. We are looking forward to getting to know you better. This week the students have been busy settling back into our class routine. We had fun reading a story about a pirate called Pongo who never washed. We created our own pirate portraits and the students loved imagining what they would do if they found treasure just like Pongo. We have had a focus on writing this week and the students have started constructing their own sentences. We are learning to use spaces, capital letters and full stops. Our HOME READERS have changed this term. Due to a change in our literacy program we will now be changing readers DAILY. Students are encouraged to bring their readers to school everyday so they can be changed. Our Library day is still FRIDAY so children will need to return their books in order to borrow a new one.

Welcome back! We have lots of exciting things to explore this term. At the moment we are learning about “ANZAC's”. We have been looking at significant sites around Australia and the world. In Maths we have continued looked at “Numbers and Measurement” with a particular focus on making and creating. 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).

Years 4/5/6 have finished their HSIE unit of work on Early Colonisation of Australia and are now commencing a study on different cultures including those of Wales and Bali. We will incorporate the Celtic Festival and all tis fabulous opportunities into our unit on Wales. Our Literacy focus is punctuation, which is an extremely important part of English language and our Numeracy focus is 2D and 3D shapes. Homework recommences this week.

It is very important that parents send a note to school with their child if there is to be any change of afternoon bus routine. This will ensure there is no confusion and children are safe.