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NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 2    Week ending 5th February 2016

Kindergarten 2016

2016 Classes
K/1/2  Mrs Kerrie Johnson
3/4    Mr Scott Warner
4/5/6  Mrs Pam Murphy, Ms Shanelle Gunther
Office Mrs Lynda Newberry

We welcome back Mrs Barb Baker, Mr Ric Hutchinson and Mrs Lesley Burch. We also welcome Mrs Tanya Siddell and Mr David Renn to our staff this year.

LIBRARY NEWS
Borrowing from the library has begun.
K/1/2: Wednesday
3/4: Friday
4/5/6: Wednesday

RED RANGE P & C COMMITTEE
The first meeting of the Red Range P & C Committee will be held on Thursday 18th February 2016 commencing at 4.00pm at the Glen Innes Services Club. All parents and interested community members are invited to attend. Notice is hereby given that the Red Range P & C Committee will hold their 2016 Annual General Meeting, on Thursday 10th March 2016 commencing at 4.00pm at the Glen Innes Services Club. All Office Bearer positions will be declared vacant. The Positions are as follows:- President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. A General Meeting of the P & C will be held directly after the close of the AGM.
**Principals Message**

Welcome to the 2016 school year. Our continuing students have settled well into their new classes and a warm welcome has been extended to our new students and their families. Students are happily engaged in the wide range of learning that is all a part of being at school. Thank you to parents and carers for the thoughtful preparation that ensured children are well equipped and ready to go....

Early Birds (Kindergarten) transition to school program conducted during 2015 was very successful again and has helped immensely to familiarise the kindergarten students and make the transition to school as exciting and easy as possible. I extend a warm welcome back to all members of staff and would like to thank them, for their enthusiasm and provision of interesting challenging learning opportunities which has ensured a very smooth start to the year at Red Range Public School.

Wishing you well for the New Year.

Pam Murphy

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**INFORMATION FOR OUR NEW PARENTS AND A REMINDER FOR OUR EXISTING PARENTS**

**When Visiting our school:** Due to Occupational Health and Safety and Child Protection laws all people visiting the school grounds during school hours will be required to sign a visitors book, in the front office when arriving and departing. This is required so all people on the site can be accounted for if there should be an emergency. It also allows teachers to adequately follow through with their duty of care to the students and ensure that the school is a safe environment. Parents collecting students at the end of the day are not required to sign in.

**Absences:** Parents need to inform their child’s teacher of the reason for their child’s absence. This can be done with a note, you can talk to the teacher and give them an explanation or you can call the school and leave a message with the office staff.

**Early Pick Up:** There are occasions when students need to be collected from their class earlier than normal. When this is the case please come to the office and inform the front office staff who will notify the class teacher of the early departure.

**Car Pick up:** A reminder that students being collected by parents who are driving cars should be done outside the school gate, down the laneway. This is the safest and least congested area for this activity to occur.

**Short absences for Appointments:** If your child is required to leave the school grounds during the day to attend medical appointments or for family reasons, etc. please send a note on the day stating this. The class teacher can then send your child to the office to be collected by their parent at the appropriate time.

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**HOGS FOR THE HOMELESS**

This year the Glen Innes Minor League CClub is excited to announce they have been chosen to help raise money for the "Hogs For the Homeless". In 2012 Brad "Freddy" Fittler was told there was a shocking 47000 homeless people under the age of 25 in Australia. Wanting to help he established the "Hogs for the Homeless" with an aim to raise funds and awareness for the Father Chris Riley's Youth of the Street. Since the first tour nearly $300000 has been raised. Now it's Glen Innes's. Mark the date **Tuesday 23rd February** at Kerry Mead Park from 4.30-5.30 there will be a clinic followed by a Meet and Greet BBQ at the New England Club. This Year Brad Fittler, Matt Cooper, Steve Roach, Ian Schubert and Josh Perry all well known former NRL first grade players will ride their Harley Davidson motorbikes to Glen Innes and take part in raising awareness and funds for the homeless youth. Come and rub shoulders with these NRL legends and support this great cause by buying a sausage sizzle with money going to the homeless youth.

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**Happy Birthday**

3/1/16 Ella Love
8/1/16 Madison Dryden
12/1/16 Tristan Hidden
4/2/16 Yousef Alkhatab
7/2/16 Maleika Speedy
8/2/16 Chelsea Darlington
10/2/16 Blaire Rooke
18/2/16 Daniel McLoughlin
22/2/16 Shimmer Cameron
**Awards**

**Week 1 & 2**

**Super Spellers**
- Christian
- Dainaihya
- Lilli
- Justin
- Taylor
- Sarah-Jane
- Daniel
- Chelsea
- Aidan
- Lilly
- Blaire
- Shae-Lee
- Taneekwa
- Jaimie
- Sharni

**Class Awards**
- Braelon - Great effort in daily fitness.
- Johnathan - Great attitude.
- Erin - Always listening and following instructions.
- Emma & Bryce - Settling in well.
- Thomas & Iszac - Great start to the year.
- Jessica - Great work in Spelling.
- Madison & Jazmyn - Leading by example.
- Maleika - Effort in Maths.
- Sharni - Effort in Visual Arts and Science.
- Jordyn - Effort in Visual Arts.

**K/1/2 J**

Welcome back to a brand new year in K/1/2 J! I would like to welcome all our new students who have joined our class this year. I look forward to getting to know you all some more in the upcoming weeks. The students in our class have started the year with great enthusiasm and are settling in well. We have spent these two weeks getting to know each other, making new friends and learning about our new school routines. Mrs Siddell has joined us on Thursdays for Music. The students love learning new songs and playing instruments. We have been busy creating our artworks for this year show with the theme of fireworks and clowns. This year our home readers are due in on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS. Kindergarten will begin homework and readers in term 2. Our Library day is now WEDNESDAY so children will need to return their books in order to borrow a new one.

**The Incredible Voyages of 3/4S!**

Welcome to 3/4S – Our class teacher is Mr Warner. We are also very lucky to have the incredibly awesome Mr Ric Hutchinson as our teaching assistant. We have Mrs Burch in on Wednesday for HSIE and Mrs Siddell for Music on Thursday. This week we have been settling into our new class routines. In Maths we have looked at “whole numbers” with a particular focus on placing numbers in correct order sequence and place values. During Science we are having a bit of a Space theme with the topic “Day and Night”. We have also been learning about each other and how to make friends and build stronger friendships. The students have also been working hard on their individual artworks for the Glen Innes Show.

**Important 3/4S class information:**
- Homework will be handed out be handed out on a Monday and should be returned to school on the Friday of the same week. (The students will get a homework folder to keep their homework in.)
- Sports day is on Friday
- Library day will also be on Fridays
- Please have your child bring in an old paint shirt ASAP, so we can keep our uniforms clean.
- We will be using ClassDojo as an easy and quick form of communication

**4/5/6M with Mrs Pam Murphy & Ms Shanelle Gunther**

Welcome back to fantastic 4/5/6.

In Science the students are studying ‘Plants In Action’ and are presenting looking at the like cycle of plants. For Art our students are finishing their amazing pieces of art for the Glen Innes Show. Their work is titled ‘Pretty Peacocks’ and ‘Up, Up and Away.’ Homework is as last year and due back on Fridays. Library borrowing day is Wednesday.
RRPS - Is A Sun Safe School

Just a reminder that Red Range Public School is a “sun safe school”. We endorse the no hat play in the shade only policy and do not allow caps to be worn to school. Broad brimmed hats are a part of our uniform and give better sun protection for your child’s face. Please have your hat clearly marked with your name. Always remember to bring your water bottle as well, especially during the summer months.

GLEN INNES MINOR LEAGUE

Are you children interested in playing minor league???

Registrations are open NOW until February 14th online, cost per player is $85, please follow the link below to register your child. Players must have registered and paid before being permitted to train. Further information please go to the Glen Innes Minor League Facebook page or contact Adrian Bruce 0407260759 or A/H 67325460

Glen Innes Show

Children singing the National Anthem are to meet Mrs Murphy at the Grandstand at 5.30pm

P & C Meeting

4.00pm

Glen Innes Services Club

District Swimming School