

Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment

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Term 4 Week 8

27th November, 2012

26 Nov-7 Dec Special Swimming Scheme, K-6
3 Dec Titans Visit, 2pm
12 Dec Christmas Craft Half Day
12 Dec Sunset BBQ, 5.30pm, Awards Presentation
13 Dec Urunga Community Carols on the Green
14 Dec Rewards Day
18 Dec Year 6 Farewell
19 Dec KiK 3-6B, Sausage Sizzle and dessert \$3
19 Dec Last day of Term 4 for students

2013

29 Jan Staff return to school
30 Jan Years 1-6 commence Term 1, 2013
31 Jan-1 Feb Best Start Testing
4 Feb Kinder 2013 start Term 1

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Another busy week ahead of us! Swimming Scheme started well. We had beautiful weather and hope it stays this way for the next two weeks. Thank you to parents for getting all students to the pool and congratulations to the students for their wonderful behaviour. Keep up the great work over the next two weeks and rest up.

We are very happy to have Heather Butler with us again at Raleigh Public School for the two weeks while Mrs Meenahan is running the Swimming Scheme at Bellingen Pool.

Year 6 students who are going to Bellingen High School next year are presently at their orientation camp. I hope they are meeting lots of new friends and taking this opportunity to demonstrate their excellent leadership skills. We will hear all about their adventures when they return.

The school grounds are looking beautiful. Amanda our General Assistant has been kept very busy making new gardens, mowing and of course general repairs.

Thank you to Vicki McBaron who transported our year 5 and 6 girls to the Coffs Botanic Gardens on Friday for the Youth Environmental Council. Eight schools were involved and each gave a presentation. Our girls did a wonderful presentation demonstrating the great initiatives at Raleigh PS in gardening, recycling and Kids in the Kitchen. They each had the opportunity to plant a eucalypt tree to support the koalas that have been rescued from the wild. Well done girls!



Dawn our School Cleaner

Dawn has not been well but we are hoping she will be back next week. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Welcome to Our New Family

We would like to welcome Finton and his family to Raleigh Public School. We hope they enjoy their time with us.

Gold Coast Titans Visit

Great news for all League fans – we have the Gold Coast Titans full first grade squad in Coffs in the first week in December. They will be coming to Raleigh Public School next Monday at 2pm to chat to our students and show them a few skills.

School Leaders for 2013

School Leader speeches will be held on Monday the 10th December. Students in Year 5 and 6 in 2013 will have the opportunity to speak to the school about why they should be a school leader. Students and staff will vote and our new leaders will be announced at the Sunset BBQ on Wednesday the 12th December. Parents may help them with their speeches but it is important that it is the students' work and ideas.

Secret Santa Gifts

Students have been invited to participate in Secret Santa Giving. We ask that students buy a gift for \$3 to put under the Christmas tree in their classroom. If they are a boy they buy a male present, and girls buy a girl's present. Gifts will be handed out on Wednesday 12th December on our Christmas Craft day. Please make sure gifts are wrapped and the gift tag specifies boy or girl. Children can take them to their classroom before Wednesday.

Sunset Barbecue

Our Sunset BBQ will be held on Wednesday 12th December at school. It will start at 5.30pm. Over the course of the evening, the students will be involved in performances, awards will be handed out and a delicious BBQ will be shared. K-2M students are asked to bring a dessert and 3-6B students are to bring salads and bread. Meat will be supplied by the school and P&C. There will be a flyer going home with a tear off slip for you to let us know your meal choice. This will need to be returned by 5th December. Thank you



"Whatever the job you are asked to do at whatever level, do a good job because your reputation is your resume."

MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

125 Nights Reading Awards

K-2M Well done *Indy*

50 Nights Reading Awards

K-2M Well done *India*

25 Nights Reading Awards

K-2M Well done *Blake*

Active After School Communities

K-2M have been enjoying Gymnastics with AASC this term on Mondays. Yesterday was their last session with Roy Mitchell and we hope they all enjoyed themselves.



3-6B have been learning golf skills on Monday with John and Barb Piggott. They will be here next Monday afternoon for their last session.



Bank Some Money and You Could Bank Yourself an iPad Mini

Simply making a deposit through School Banking before Friday 14 December will put you in the draw to win one of twelve (12) iPad Mini's valued at \$369 each for Christmas.

Thank you to students who have been banking regularly. You will be in the draw. *Good Luck!*