

Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment

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Term 4 Week 10

11th December, 2012

12 Dec	Christmas Craft
12 Dec	Secret Santa
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
6 Feb	Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Our second last week of the year! This is the time we ask ourselves where did the year go? I hope everyone received the note yesterday announcing our new relieving principal, Mr Graeme King. The P&C are putting on a morning tea on Monday the 17th December, at 11am to welcome Graeme to the school and the community. We hope to see many parents here on this day and I know the students are looking forward to meeting Mr King.

A busy couple of weeks ahead! Our Sunset BBQ is tomorrow night. Students must wear full school uniform on the night as this is also our presentation night. Many students have asked about bringing extra family members. We welcome older and younger siblings and other family members to our Sunset BBQ as it is a celebration of the efforts of the students of our school. Siblings that are not connected to the school, we ask remain seated with parents during our official portions of the night and you will also need to consider the extra numbers when catering for the group you are bringing. Year 3-6 are bringing salads and bread, K-2 are bringing desserts. We ask that no children are to play on the fixed equipment on the night. We are also looking for some helpers to cook the BBQ while the official portion of the night is being held. We are

are looking forward to seeing many family members tomorrow night to help us celebrate the fabulous efforts of our students. Tokens for meat and vegetarian selections will be handed out on arrival for the BBQ.

Please remember to bring your own drinks, cutlery and plates, mossie spray and chairs or blankets.

Please arrive ready to start at 5:30pm.

Welcome back to Dawn our wonderful cleaner. She is now back on deck. Good to see you Dawn.

Don't forget Carols on the Green on Thursday and the Reward Day Friday. Additional permission notes are going home today. Please return notes by tomorrow as we need to ensure that transportation needs have been filled.

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School Swimming Scheme

Congratulations to all of the students who have completed the two weeks of intensive swimming at Bellingin Pool. This year all students at Raleigh showed progress in their swimming and are now able to swim at least a short distance in the pool. We are very pleased and proud of their improvements.

For many of the students who are still learning and developing their confidence in the water, now is the time to continue to practise these skills by participating in further lessons. There are many fantastic swimming schools in the area and the Department of Sport and Recreation run an intensive nine day course in January at Bellingin Pool. Keep up the fantastic swimming!

Katrina Meenahan



200 Nights Reading Awards

K-2M Well done *Joey*

175 Nights Reading Awards

K-2M Well done *Janae*



Darlington Park Camp

Carols on the Green - Thursday 13th

Thank you to students who have returned their notes.

We will be leaving Raleigh Public School at approximately 10.30am and returning at approximately 12.30pm. Students are to wear full school uniform please.

Rewards Day - Friday 14th

Rewards Day on Friday 14th December, 2012 at the Big Banana Waterslides. The cost is \$8 per child.

Please return notes and money by **tomorrow**.

Year 6 Farewell - Tuesday 18th

Dinner for staff and year 5/6 students will be at Club Urunga at 5.30pm. Staff will then transport yrs 5/6 back to Raleigh Hall where the dance will begin at 7pm for K-6. The theme is 'western'. K-4 students are asked to bring along a plate of food for supper. The Year 6 Presentation will start at 8pm. Parents are welcome to join us at 8pm for the presentation. We would like Year 4 students and parents to stay behind to help clean-up. Hope to see you there.

KiK 3-6 - Wednesday 19th

This will be a sausage sizzle and Christmas treats.

Nature Nurture

The National Parks Discovery summer holiday program for 2012-13 kicks off after Christmas with the first of many great natural and cultural park experiences.

The program offers a range of fun educational activities for families in our beautiful national parks and reserves across the Coffs Coast and Dorrigo Plateau including canoeing, Aboriginal cultural activities, 4WD forest drives and World Heritage rainforest walks.

Our special *WilderQuest* kids program offers games and investigation activities which are just for kids aged 5 to 12 and include a take home bag of goodies. Or you can play on-line at www.wilderquest.nsw.gov.au

All National Parks Discovery activities are delivered by professional Discovery Rangers. For more details about National Parks Discovery activities near you, please check out www.environment.nsw.gov.au and look under the "Visiting a park" drop box for "guided tours with us".

'A hobby is hard work you wouldn't do for a living.'

Anonymous