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Term 4 Week 9

4th December, 2012

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| 26 Nov-7 Dec | Special Swimming Scheme, K-6 |
| 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 |
| 6 Feb | Small Schools Swimming Carnival |

Over the next few weeks we have a large number of items on. Next week (Week 10) we have Christmas Craft and the Sunset BBQ on Wednesday the 12th, followed by Carols on the Green on Thursday 13th (a note will go home this week) and our Reward Day on the Friday. We are looking forward to all students going to the Reward Day, but please remember that this is a privilege for outstanding behaviour in class, the playground and on school events. Even when tiredness sets in, students need to remember their wonderful Raleigh PS manners. Then in the last week, we have the Year 6 dinner and dance afterwards, followed by our last Kids in the Kitchen for 2012 with a sausage sizzle and Christmas treats to finish our year with a little Christmas and 2012 celebration. We are looking forward to an exciting few weeks.

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Where has the term gone? We are in our last weeks and there is a lot to remember for the next few weeks. In all the chaos we had some lovely feedback last Friday from the bus driver who is bringing our students back from swimming each day. He said that the students at Raleigh Public School are the nicest group to go on his bus and it is a pleasure to come and pick them up each day. Well done kids. You should be very proud of yourselves. Keep up the wonderful work as people do notice your beautiful qualities.

The selection of the new principal is underway and news will be provided when the process is completed. I will keep you informed.

Our last week of Swimming Scheme is upon us. The students are working very hard at the pool and are certainly beginning to get tired. This is an essential program which we could not operate without parental support. The improvement already has been outstanding and over the next week I'm sure this will continue. Don't forget to keep practising these skills in the holidays and stay safe in the water. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and especially Mrs Meenahan for her diligent organisation.

Regards, Deanie

Titans Visit

On Monday we had three players from the Titans visit years 2-6. We watched a DVD on staying active and healthy and then answered and asked many questions. Our students won prizes and the players signed autographs for everyone. We even had our photo taken with the Titans.



Last Friday of Swim Scheme

As in previous Swim Schemes we will allow students to purchase something from the canteen at the pool on Friday. Hot chips are \$3.60 and 20c for sauce for we have set a maximum of \$4 per student if buying something hot and \$2 if buying lollies.



Year 5 Speeches – Monday 10th

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

Secret Santa - Wednesday 12th

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. 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 – Wednesday 12th

Teachers and students have been busy preparing for the Sunset Barbecue performances. Students will need to wear **full school uniform** as they are involved in school performances. Families are asked to bring plates, bowls (for dessert), cutlery and cups for the BBQ. K-2M are responsible for bringing desserts and 3-6B salads and bread. We hope that you can join us for this happy get together. Thank you to families who have returned their meat/vegetarian choice. Tokens (for your meat/vegetarian choice) will then be given to each family as per your order. **Token holders will be served first.** If you still haven't replied, you will find another slip attached for you to return by Friday at the latest. Thank you

Carols on the Green – Thursday 13th

Raleigh Public School Band members and Recorder Group have been asked to perform at the Urunga Community Carols morning on the green outside the library at Urunga on Thursday 13th December.

We will be leaving Raleigh Public School at approximately 9.30am and returning at approximately 12.30pm. Students are to wear full school uniform please. Students will also need to take their own instruments, including keyboards, ready to perform. Mrs Thorn will have the music and some recorders. Students will have lunch when they return to Raleigh School.

Rewards Day – Friday 14th

Rewards Day on Friday 14th December, 2012 at the Big Banana Waterslides. The cost is \$8 per child. Students will need to wear swimmers and a rash shirt. They will need to bring a change of dry clothes and underwear, towel, sunscreen, snacks to eat between slides and a drink of water. Students will be expected to wear normal closed in shoes but may wear mufti uniform to school. Please return notes and money by **Wednesday 12th December.**

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 parents are asked to bring along 2 small plates of food for supper. The Year 6 Presentation will start at 8pm. 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.

Cupcakes for a Cure for The Kids' Cancer Project

With your support we have raised almost \$30,000 which is an increase of \$19,000 from last year. We are continuing to gain momentum, particularly within the school community Australia wide.

All around Australia, the best and brightest research minds are collaborating to bring about an end to childhood cancer. The Kids' Cancer Project funds these exceptional research projects because they represent our greatest hope for a cure. The good news is that exciting progress is being made.

A big thank you. *Kim Babbage*