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Term 1 Week 6

3rd March 2015

5 Mar	KiK, K-2D
9 Mar	Funky Hair Day for Leukaemia
13 Mar	Book Club orders and money due
16 Mar	P&C Meeting, 3.15pm
19 Mar	KiK, 3-6M
19 Mar	Harmony Day
23 Mar	Asthma Training, 3.30pm
26 Mar	Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop, FREE
2 Apr	KiK, K-2D
2 Apr	Last Day Term 1



Dear Parents and Community Members

Congratulations to our Relay team!!

Last Thursday morning, at the last moment Kyle took up the call to fill in, in our relay team due to illness from one of our team. The relay team competed against other small schools of a similar size at the Mid North Coast Carnival in Coffs Harbour. They all put in 100% effort and we were very excited and proud to hear about their first place win. Congratulations to Jacob, Wade, Kyle and Kristin and we wish them all the best tomorrow at the North Coast Carnival in Lismore!

A Successful Clean up!

Well done to all of the students at Raleigh Public for their efforts in cleaning up the school and the local community as a part of the Clean Up Australia Day campaign. Ms Driscoll and K-2M did a great job of cleaning our school playground.

A big thank you goes to Charmaine Grace and Karen McMahon for helping supervise 3-6M with our clean-up of the road between the school and the round-a-bout. We collected a large amount of recyclable and non-recyclable rubbish. We even had one of the Raleigh residents come and thank us for cleaning up the neighbourhood. Well done!

Change of Sport Day,

Due to our staffing changes we have changed our Sport afternoon to Thursdays. Please make sure that your child wears their joggers each Thursday so that they can comfortably participate in the sport activities.

Funky Hair Day for Leukaemia

On Monday the 9th of March we will be holding a Crazy Hair Day at Raleigh. We are asking that all students are involved in the following ways. Students may decorate their own hair and bring a gold coin donation to school or for \$3 they can have their hair decorated with washable hair chalk at school. Any families who wish to make donations above \$2 need to send their money in a clearly labelled envelope with the name of the person who they want the Tax Deductible receipt made out to. Receipts will be sent home in an envelope with your child. Students are welcome to bring their money in this week to avoid forgetting after the weekend. Well done to those families who have sent money into school last week.

Harmony Day

This year we will be holding our School Harmony Day activities on Thursday 19th March. We are asking students to come dressed in orange or multicultural costumes. In the morning 3-6M will be cooking KiK and between lunch and recess we will come together to collaboratively make kites. In the afternoon for sport we will fly our kites in the back playground as a whole school.

March Birthdays

We would like to wish Emma, Charlie and India a very *Happy Birthday!*

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 6 March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.



"My philosophy is that not only are you responsible for your life, but doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment." Oprah Winfrey

Star of the week

Congratulations Gloria!

These are some of the wonderful things her class mates had to say about her.

She is very good at Maths. Kieren

She helped Emma on the computer. D'zel

She always puts her hand up.



Peer Support

Last week for our second peer support lesson we introduced our Buddy Bears. These are to symbolise friendliness, care, respect, responsibility, valuing difference and including others. We will be using the bears in our peer support lessons to promote these social skills in our school.



Asthma Training

The Asthma Foundation is providing free Asthma training on Monday 23rd March at 3.30pm at the school. This would be helpful for parents with children suffering from Asthma. All parents are very welcome to attend.

Scholastic Book Club

There are two opportunities each term to order from Scholastic Book Club.

Brochures have been handed out to interested students. Orders and money need to be returned to school by Friday 13th March. Cheques may be made payable to Raleigh Public School.