

RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment

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Term 4, Week 10

13th December, 2016

14 Dec Sunset BBQ, 5.30pm
15 Dec Big Banana, Rewards Day
16 Dec Last day for students, Term 4
27 Jan 17 Friday, Staff Return
30 Jan Monday, Yrs 1-6 return
31 Jan Best Start Testing
1 Feb Best Start Testing
2 Feb Kinder, 2017 start Thursday
17 Feb District Swimming

I would also like to thank our amazing, dedicated staff: Bernadette Driscoll, Irene Jones, Rom Murphy, Amanda Lockman and Dawn McKay. They do wonderful things both inside and outside the classrooms to make our school a great place to learn for your children and a great place to work for the staff. Thank you for your hard work and support this year!

Obviously I cannot forget our fantastic students. They all make our school a wonderful place to be. The way they look out for each other like a large family, makes it a wonderful school. Congratulations to you all on a wonderful 2016!

Have a safe and happy holiday and we will see the students back on Monday 30th January 2017!

Warm Regards

Katrina Meenahan

Sunset BBQ

Tomorrow evening we will start the Sunset BBQ at 5.30pm sharp. Please bring chairs or a blanket to sit on and plates, cup, bowl and cutlery for each person. Don't forget to label all containers/ utensils with your name and to bring serving utensils for salads and desserts.

Sunset BBQ 2015



Dear Parents and Community Members,

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, carers, families and community volunteers who helped out during the year. We have had many parents help out during sporting events, excursions, our Bunnings BBQ and two election stalls. Thank you to Kimberly who has helped out with many Kids in the Kitchen throughout the year and to Karen and Tanya who have helped out when Kimberly was unavailable.

A special thank you goes to our two community volunteers:

- Mrs Dianne Vaughan who has helped Ms Driscoll with her literacy group by listening to children read each week. It has been wonderful to have another adult listening to our students practice their reading; and
- Mrs Pat Fripp who helps each Tuesday in my Literacy groups, in various roles. She also comes and offers support and guidance with Kids in the Kitchen whenever we cook. Your help and support is invaluable and we have loved having you!

Our P&C should also be thanked for the time they have given in helping to make our school a better place. Karen and Mrs Jones, deserve a special mention for all of the time they put into setting up and organising the P&C's Bunnings BBQ. This was an amazing job and appreciated by everyone.

"Raleigh Public School is a welcoming and friendly school with strong and valued community links."

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

13th December, 2016

Getting ready for 2017

As we approach Christmas and the holidays, it is a good time to think about next year and what students will need for school. There are three main things: uniform, lunch boxes and equipment for the classroom.

- Uniform – next year we are fully implementing the new uniform. All students should only be wearing the new Raleigh shirt or the Maroon shirt with the white trim. There should be no plain maroon shirts or jumpers in 2017. Students are also expected to wear black or dark coloured shoes to school that are comfortable to run in. Please also consider the support your child's shoes are giving their feet and body when purchasing new shoes for next year.
- Nude Food Lunches – our aim is to have 100% of students using package free lunches every day. Be on the lookout for specials on small containers, sandwich box containers and sectioned lunchboxes for next year. Thank you to the many families who already support this and we look forward to everyone coming on board for 2017!
- Equipment for the classroom. K-2D are supplied with writing equipment in the classroom, however students in 3-6M are expected to have a small pencil case that includes: coloured pencils, coloured pens, lead pencils, eraser and possibly a pencil sharpener and highlighter. Students should have this equipment for the beginning of school next year.



Rewards Day

On Thursday, after we go to the Big Banana, we will be having a whole school shared lunch back at school. Students are asked to bring a small plate of lunch type food to school. Please make sure this is cut up, ready to serve, in containers with your name on it. We will put the food into the fridge and an esky, while we are at the Big Banana. Please do not send in chips, lollies or snack type food. We look forward to sharing a delicious lunch!



Sculpture by the Sea

This year we are entering a sculpture in the Urunga Sculpture by the Sea. The event will be held on Sunday 15th January. So if you are in the area, please drop down to the Urunga foreshore and have a look at our and others sculptures. We have nearly completed our cool animal totem poles, titled 'Animal Dreaming' that we have made from recycled bottles and plastic. The students have shown a lot of creativity when designing and making these. Well done Raleigh students on your fantastic ideas and effort!

Certificates Handed Out

At Monday morning's assembly our students received two certificates. The first was for their achievements in the Premiers Sporting Challenge. This year the results were based on a class average. K-2D all received Gold level and 3-6M received Silver achievement. During the program there were quite a few students in 3-6M who achieved individual Diamond and Gold levels. The students also received their 2016 Swimming Certificates. We would like to congratulate everyone on their effort and improvement in skills, style and fitness over the two weeks of swimming. Well done everyone!

Tubby the Tuba

Last Wednesday, we walked to Bellingen High School after swimming and attended a music performance, organised and performed by the Bellingen Youth Orchestra. It was wonderful to see Melonie Taylor, one of our ex-students performing beautifully. This was a wonderful experience and we thank the Youth Orchestra for putting on the event and inviting us to come.



New Floor

Yesterday we have finally had the new vinyl floor laid in the small room, in the permanent classroom, where we will have a new oven installed next year for Kids in the Kitchen. The floor looks great and it is exciting to now be able to look properly at the type of oven we will buy and its installation.



holiday activities
summer 2016

@ urunga library

- Wednesday 4 January 10.30am — Create a Super Hero Mask
- Wednesday 11 January 10.30am A-maze-ing adventures
- Wednesday 18 January 10.30am — Unleash your imagination: create your own heroes and villains Comic
- Wednesday 25 January 10.30am - Create a heroes and villains Diorama

Bookings Required—6655 6444



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Happy and Safe Holidays

Package Free Lunch Winner

Congratulations to **Emma** who is this week's winner.

