

RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment

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Term 3, Week 2

30th July, 2019

31 Jul	Sporting Schools Hockey
1 Aug	Kids in the Kitchen, \$18 for term
2 Aug	District Athletics
5 Aug	School Photographer, individual photos
7 Aug	Scholastic Book Club due
7 Aug	Education on Show
9 Aug	Jeans for Genes, gold coin donation
12 Aug	Northern Tour, \$5
13 Aug	Living in Education Day
14 Aug	Sporting Schools Hockey
15 Aug	Kids in the Kitchen



Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are back into the swing of things at Raleigh and have had another successful start to the term.

School Tree Day

On Friday, we planted three new natives to add to our gardens and grounds to celebrate National Schools Tree Day. Our students enjoyed learning about how we may be able to use these in the future in our Kids in the Kitchen Program and how they will help to attract native wildlife and insects to our school.



Beanie Day

Yesterday our students and staff wore Beanies and donated money for our Beanie Day. This was a great show of support for our General Assistance Matthew Hennessey, (who has been on long-term leave) and his family. Matt has been diagnosed with a brain tumour. The Mark Hughes Foundation (MHF) have shown and continue to show support and assistance to Matt and his family during this difficult time. Both Urunga and Repton Public Schools, where Matt also worked, had a Beanie day. Our school raised \$100 for the Mark Hughes Foundation to support this great cause.



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

District Athletics Carnival

We would like to wish Caiden, Leila, Skeet and Kieren all the best this Friday at the District Athletics Carnival, where they will represent both our school and the Small Schools Team at this great carnival. We know they will try their best and make us proud!

Education on Show

Next week is Education week and every two years, the Bellinger-Dorrigo Learning Community (BDLC) organises a performance evening to showcase the great talent we have in our public schools in our area. The whole school Raleigh choir will be performing two songs and joining the combined choir to sing another. We hope that our parents and friends can join us for this fantastic evening. It will commence at 5pm sharp at the Robert Stockton Hall at Bellinger High School and only costs a gold coin for entry. It is anticipated that the evening will finish at approximately 7pm. A note with further details was sent home yesterday.

Thank You Helena!

We would like to send a huge thank you to Helena for again supplying our school with a large array of different vegetables and plants to add to our veggie garden. The students in gardening group last week enjoyed planting and mulching the seedlings. We are all looking forward to being able to use these in our cooking later in the term.



Kids in the Kitchen

This Thursday we will be holding our first Kids in the Kitchen for the term. Thank you to all of our families who paid for this week, if your child did not pay, please ensure they have a packed lunch on Thursday. To ensure they do not miss out on the remaining KiK sessions, please pay the remaining \$13.50 by Tuesday 6th August. We look forward to trying new tastes and cooking new meals, as well as some of our favourites this term.

Reflex Parent notes

Attached to today's newsletter is a letter from Reflex, the online Maths program we use to increase student speed and accuracy in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. If you have internet access at home, we ask that your child in Year 2-6 spends 10-20 minutes, at least four times a week practicing these skills at home. They already regularly practise at school. Further information about the program and your child's login information are found in the letter.

Hockey Gala Day

Today the students in 3-6M have travelled to Coffs Harbour to participate in a Hockey Gala day. This carnival was postponed in Term 1 and it is great that a date has been able to be found to run the carnival. This is a great way for our students to participate in a fun day and use the skills they have learnt during hockey lessons last term.

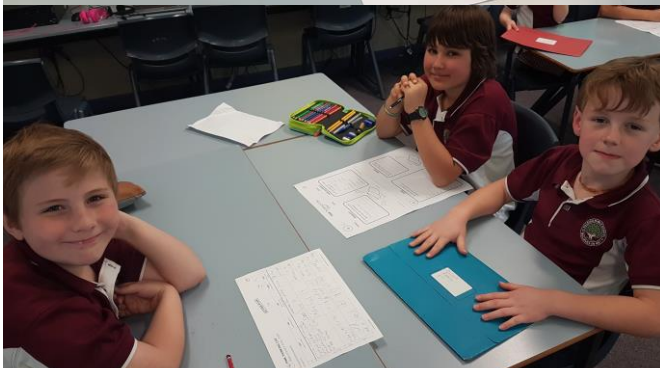
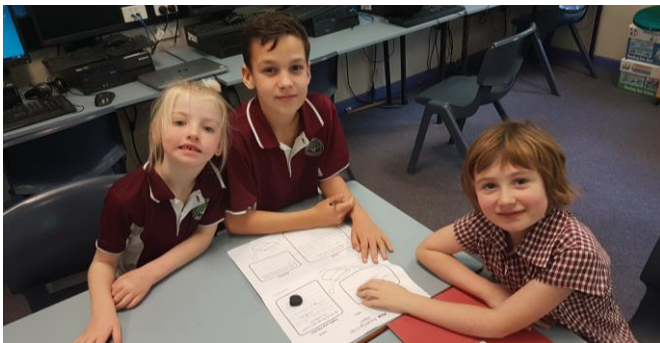


School Photos

School photo packages have been handed out today. We received a phone call from the photographer, who said that he wasn't happy with the quality of the individual photos due to lighting issues and that he would like to redo them on Monday, 5th August. Don't forget to comb your hair. If you have ordered individual photos, a new set will be sent home in the near future.

Creative and Critical Thinking Groups

As a part of our Creative and Critical Thinking program, we have been teaching the whole school the steps we need to complete, to effectively plan and evaluate a project. We have been working in small groups to research and plan a reusable toy that has multiple uses. Each group has planned their toy and the equipment they need to collect to make a prototype. We do not want children to purchase new equipment. We would rather they be resourceful and reuse and recycle items they already have. Each group has been asked to have their equipment to school by this Wednesday, so that we can begin construction on Thursday of Week 3. Please see attached Education Week flyer.



History in 3-6M

This term, 3-6M is exploring 'First Contacts' as our History unit. This unit will support the learning that the Year 4-6 students will do in Sydney during Term 4. The unit will explore and develop a greater understanding of the Aboriginal people and their ways of life before British colonisation. As well as learning about Britain at the time of colonisation and the early years of colonisation.

Kind Regards, Katrina

Package Free Lunch Winner

Congratulations to *Ashley* who is this week's package free winner.



Scholastic Book Club

Brochures were handed out last week. Book Club orders and payment are due by Wednesday 7th August. Orders may also be placed via LOOP as per catalogue instructions. If you are ordering this way, please send in your completed order with receipt number, so that I can include it with the school orders.

Jeans for Genes Day

Each year at Raleigh we participate in Jeans for Genes day to raise money for the Children's Medical Research Institute to support their research into genetic diseases in children. We will be holding this on Friday, 9th August. So find some cool denim to wear and bring a gold coin donation (or more) to support this great cause. You can bring in your donations between now and Friday. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Sydney Conservatorium of Music Northern Tour

This year's Northern Tour will be bringing a wind quintet (flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn) to Raleigh Public School on Monday 12th August. These highly talented performers will provide an engaging program which is both educational and entertaining for children of all ages. Subsidized cost is \$5. A permission note will be sent home shortly.