

RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment

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Newsletter, Term 4, Week 3

27th October, 2020

28th Oct Scholastic Book Club due
30th Oct Day for Daniel, gold coin donation

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week at Raleigh we had a lovely week learning inside and outside the classroom. Our school photos were taken, and will look a little more traditional due to the rain, but will still look amazing. The rain however was much needed in our gardens and playground and it is fantastic to see our new native plants, that were planted earlier in the year, growing and flowering.



It has been wonderful to see with the warmer weather, that cold and flu-like symptoms seemed to have slowed down. However, I need to remind everyone that if you are unwell and showing any flu-like symptoms that you must stay home and get a COVID test. Students and staff must show a negative COVID result and be completely symptom free, before returning to school. Hopefully with the warmer weather this will be much less common.

If being COVID tested in Bellingen at the Drive Thru Clinic at 15-23 Watson St, their operating hours are now 9am-9.30am. They ask that you call ahead on 66550663.

If you are picking your child up from school, please remember that we need to follow the guidelines about social distancing and remain 1.5m away from other adults, not in your immediate household.

P&C Pie Drive

Don't forget to get your orders in by this Thursday 29th October for the P&C Pie Drive. No late orders will be accepted. It has been wonderful to see the support given to this major fundraiser for our P&C. Keep the orders rolling in!

Pies can be picked up next Thursday the 5th November between 1pm -3.30pm at the Raleigh Hall, don't forget to bring an esky. Please be respectful of the hall neighbours when parking and adhere to 1.5m social distancing and sanitise when entering and exiting the hall. Everyone entering the hall will need to sign in at the COVID register.

Day for Daniel

On Friday we are holding our annual Day for Daniel fundraiser. We are asking students and staff to donate a gold coin (or more) to raise funds for the Morcombe Foundation and come dressed in red. This amazing foundation produces resources and free education programs to keep students safe and support young victims of crime.

Book Week Celebrations

Last week for Book Week, we had a great day on Wednesday, dressing up as our favourite characters from books we love to read. The students and staff looked terrific in their costumes!



Then in the afternoon, we were able to present each student with the published book that they had helped write and illustrate at the end of Term 3. Two books were produced in each class. The K-2 books were a narrative story based on the 'animals' we have in our school, one was about Bessie the cow and the other about our bees. In 3-6 both books were reflection pieces about 2020 and the year that we have had so far and some of the crazy things that have happened. Hopefully these books will be kept as a treasured memory. We also purchased an additional copy for the school library, so they will be able to be borrowed and shared at home. The publishing was made possible due to a program we applied for with Little Scribe, a Sydney based company who has devoted itself to inspiring young writers. We were lucky to be accepted into their program, which allowed us to receive a free published book for each of our students. Next year we hope to be involved in the program again, but will probably need to pay for the books. After sending the books home last week, we received lots of positive feedback from parents and families about how special these books were. Thanks to everyone for your positive comments! We are looking into the possibility of ordering additional copies of the books for families who would like a copy for mum, dad, grandparents or friends. Watch this space for further details.



Kindergarten for 2021

If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending Raleigh in 2021, please pass on our contact details so that they find out more. We are expecting to be able to hold a few transition sessions for our new Kindergarten, in the second half of Term 4.



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Why choose Raleigh Public School?

At Raleigh Public School we are committed to providing and sustaining, quality education within a nurturing and safe environment. Our school inspires and promotes individuals to reach their highest potential in an inclusive and supportive environment, to create future, community-focused global citizens.

'Raleigh Believes in Me'

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WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER

- Small class sizes with higher student to teacher ratios
- A team of highly skilled and caring teachers
- Beautiful leafy school grounds with large covered play equipment and covered outdoor learning area
- Whole school cooking once a fortnight
- Choir and recorder ensemble with Mei Wei Lim
- Chickens, veggie garden, orchard, native stingless bees and the Big Tree
- Strong relationships with other small schools to build friendships for High School
- Work with our buddy and in small groups
- Incursions and excursions linked to our educational programs
- A big family feel!

OUR TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Children starting Kindergarten in 2021 would normally attend START (School Transition Readiness Training) sessions in Term 3 and Term 4. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 situation all transition programs have been put on hold. We will keep families updated in Term 4.



World Teacher Day

This Friday, 30th October is World Teacher Day and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful teachers, who work extremely hard, inside and outside school hours, to make your child's learning experiences as valuable as possible. Their hard work and dedication is noticed and very much appreciated. I would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Driscoll, Mr Sherwood and Mrs Corcoran!

Aussie Backyard Bird Count

Last week our students broke into four smaller groups and went outside to see what types of birds we have in our school community. The students really enjoyed trying to identify the different species and then recognising them again the next day or at recess and lunch. We saw a variety of birds including: kookaburras, willy-wag tails, cattle egrets, ibis, rainbow lorikeets, magpies, magpie lark (pee-wee), peregrine falcon, blue-faced honeyeater, crows and unfortunately Indian minors. This was a lovely peaceful and mindful activity that would be nice to do on the weekend.



Science in Term 4

Last Thursday, the K-2 class had a go of the Bee Bots and Blue Bot as a part of their Programming Unit in Science.



The 3-6 class are exploring and learning about 'Light' and last week investigated light travelling through opaque, transparent and translucent materials.



Kind regards
Katrina Meenahan

Term 4 K-2D

This term in K-2D we are working well in all of our learning. In English we are reading books that feature Australian animals and often the stories are a retell based on old fairy tales, such as Henny Penny or the Boy Who Cried Wolf. We are working on alternative sounds in spelling as well as practising sight words and continuing to read in our groups.



In Maths we are building on our understanding of number and mathematical operations, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our class has lots of hands on activities and games to consolidate these skills. Our Geography topic, is Australian Places and we are looking at our address, parts of Australia on a map and interesting place names, along with places to visit. In Science and Technology we are investigating digital technology and programming using the Bee-Bots. This is a fun and interactive way for the students to learn coding.

Our homework is reading each night and the Year 2 students are encouraged to work on their fast maths, fluency skills by practising Reflex maths.

We have developed some great skills, skipping in K-2 and are really enjoying tennis on Thursdays.

Regards, Bernadette Driscoll

Scholastic Book Club

Please return your Book Club orders by tomorrow, Wednesday 28th October, 2020 or go Online and do them through LOOP by that date.

Bus Pass

If your child will be going into Year 3 or Year 7 next year, you will need to apply for a new bus pass. You can go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.