

# RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



**Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment**

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Newsletter, Term 4, Week 5

10<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sporting Schools Tennis
13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sporting Schools Golf
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Kids in the Kitchen cooking \$4.50
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Combine End of Year Assembly and Year 6 Farewell
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Kids in the Kitchen cooking \$4.50

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Although many restrictions are easing around COVID-19 guidelines, some still remain unchanged.

These include students and staff that have flu like symptoms must have a negative COVID test result and be symptom free before returning to school. We are still asking that parents not enter the school grounds, except for essential reasons – please call (or text if no-one is in the office) and we will advise you of the best method of helping.

Last week we received some exciting news regarding the COVID guidelines for the end of Term 4. Although we will not be able to hold our annual Sunset Picnic this year, we will be holding a combined End of Year and Year 6 Farewell assembly and be able to invite parents. This will be a little bit different from previous years, with specific seats for household members that are spaced at 1.5m from other families and there will be limitations to the number of guests that children can invite.

Our End of Year assembly will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. Further details about who will be able to attend will be sent out in the coming weeks. We will also be participating in two Kids in the Kitchen cooks before the end of the year. One will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of December and the other on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Some students have money from Term 1, that can be used for these. A note with money owing or in credit, will be sent out this week. The cost of the cooks will remain at \$4.50 per cook and will need to be paid in advance.



Our students and staff were disappointed that we were unable to hold our annual Small Schools' NAIDOC Day with Crossmaglen and Orama Public Schools, this year due to the COVID restrictions. However, this did not stop us from having a great NAIDOC Day yesterday as a school. Both classes participated in a variety of activities inside and outside the classroom, to celebrate and recognise Aboriginal culture. They looked at Aboriginal Dreamtime stories and created their own. They completed maths activities based on traditional Aboriginal maths and spent the afternoon together playing traditional Aboriginal games.



# Always Was, Always Will Be.

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## Pie Drive Success

An enormous thank you to all of our families, staff, friends and family who supported the P&C's Pie Drive. There was an enormous 332 pies ordered which allowed the P&C to raise \$1377.60. This money will be used by the P&C to support our school and students. In the coming weeks, we will be asking for your feedback on the pies your family and friends received and the likelihood that they will order again next time. I know many people have already been asking when the next Pie Drive will be.

Thank you to Mrs Jones for banking and receipting the money, The Raleigh Hall Committee for allowing us to use the Raleigh Hall for the afternoon and to Renae and Mrs Corcoran for helping to sort and hand out pies at the pie pick up.



## Your Feedback Wanted

Last week each family was sent home a draft copy of Raleigh Public School's 2021-2024 Strategic Directions, Vision and Context statements. If you have not already read these and returned them with your feedback, we would appreciate if you could do this by Friday. Thank you to those families who have already returned theirs to school.

## Outdoor Classroom Day

Last Thursday was Outdoor Classroom Day in Australia. Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to inspire and celebrate outdoor play and learning at home and at school. In Australia we celebrated this day last Thursday, with the theme 'Love the Outdoors!'

Children are spending less time outdoors than ever before and this is affecting their health, wellbeing and love of the natural world. At Raleigh we have such a beautiful environment outside of the classrooms and we try to utilise this as much as possible throughout the week. We are hoping that, developing a love of the natural world and how they can become more sustainable, will form habits that will stick with them for life and see them taking action to protect the world around them.

On Thursday, our classes participated in a variety of activities both separately and all together. Unfortunately, the stormy weather stopped us from ending our day outside.

- K-2- Art in the native garden and Crunch and Sip
- 3-6 – Science looking at shadows, listening to a story while having Crunch and Sip

Whole School Together- tennis, Cooperative small group work creating chalk bullseyes and throwing wet sponges to collect points.



## October Bee Reports

Last week the Bee reports had not been finalised and are in this week's newsletter.

Hive 1 – Heath, Oliver B, Oliver R, Skeet and Tyson

Last week, our group checked Hive 1, we noticed that there were a lot of differences from our last observations in September. There were differences in the activity, the amount of pollen and the weight of the hive. The changes were all good.

The bees were much more active than the last few times. This time we observed 32 bees going out and 37 bees going in over a one-minute period. We saw that there were big clumps of orange, white and yellow pollen on most of the bees returning home. The weight of the hive went up by over 500g in the month.

Hive 2 – Aria, Caiden, Emma, Isabella, Milo and Remy

Last week we surveyed and observed the native bee hives, we looked at Hive 2. Originally this hive was very inactive, but it slowly progressed to be more active on warmer days. Although Hive 2 started as the heaviest hive, when they were first installed, it's weight had actually been going down over winter. In September, the weight went up a little bit and in October the hive has put on about 150g.

There was not a lot of activity in or out of the hive, but the bees returning did have pollen. We hope with the warmer weather we will see more activity in the months to come.

## LittleScribe Book Orders

Thank you to those families who have already put in orders for additional copies of the LittleScribe books. These can be purchased for \$15 each. **Orders and money, must be returned by this Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.** We would prefer payments online using the 'Make a Payment (PoP) function on the school website. These would make a great present for family and friends for Christmas.

## Pom-Pom Launchers

Making pom-pom launchers was a fun and creative activity for our students in STEM on Friday. Some groups had to be particularly resourceful last week, as some team members did not bring in equipment to help their group in their build. Please remember to check with your child about what they need to try to find at home and take to school each fortnight. This is an important part of the team work needed for a successful build. We want students to be resourceful, if they do not have exactly what they are looking for, what could they use instead? Please do not buy anything.



Regards, Katrina Meenahan

## Survey for Before and After School Care

We have been asked to share this information with our families. We want to offer families more flexibility with their work commitments and child care arrangements and to create more opportunities across the whole community. Having Out of School Hours Care available at local schools is a great way to achieve this.

As part of the NSW Government's \$120 million Before and After School Care (BASC) commitment, parents at all NSW schools were recently invited to complete a Have Your Say survey. The survey asked parents to tell us how they are using Out of School Hours Care, how much it costs them, whether they plan to keep using it, and what difficulties they experience in accessing it. The survey results have helped us to better understand the needs of families and what's important to them.

We are now asking all parents to complete a [quick follow-up survey](https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey) by **Friday 27 November 2020**. You can access the survey at <https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey>. This information will help us to target the rollout of more before Out of School Hours Care services in the right areas. A word document has been emailed to all families so that the link may be accessed.

If your child does not require Out of School Hours Care, we ask that you please still complete the first section of this survey as it gives us important information about the level of demand at your school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school at Raleigh Public School on 026655 4228 or the BASC Program team by phone on 1300 244 145 or email at: [BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au)

### LittleScribe Book Order

**\$15 each. Orders and Payment Due Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

Name:



Title	Number of books	Total
Bessie Comes to Life (K-2D)		
When the Bees are Lost!! (K-2D)		
2020 Through Our Eyes (3-6M)		
Life in 2020 (3-6M)		

