

RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment

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Newsletter, Term 4, Week 6

19th November, 2020

20 th Nov	Sporting Schools Golf
24 th Nov	START for Kindergarten 2021, 9.30am – 11am
26 th Nov	Sporting Schools Tennis
26 th Nov	Small Schools Bellingen High School orientation
1 st Dec	Kids in the Kitchen cooking \$4.50
1 st Dec	R.F.S. Fire safety
2 nd Dec	START for Kindergarten 2021, 10am – 11.50am
3 rd Dec	Surf Safety
8 th Dec	START for Kindergarten 2021, 9.30am – 11am
10 th Dec	Combine End of Year Assembly and Year 6 Farewell
11 th Dec	Kids in the Kitchen cooking \$4.50

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to apologise for the lateness of this week's newsletter. Unfortunately, we have had no internet for the past three days and therefore could not access our files, the printer etc. Thankfully we are back up and running as normal today!

This year has been a challenging year with the COVID-19 pandemic and yes, we have been lucky on the Mid North Coast, because we have not been affected with active COVID cases. However, we all still need to continue to follow the rules and guidelines set out by the NSW Government and NSW Health. These have been put in place to continue to keep everyone safe. The guidelines around attending school with any cold or flu-like symptoms have not changed. Anyone displaying these symptoms should stay home and they cannot return to school until the school receives evidence of a negative test result and they are symptom free. It is important to keep your child home until they are symptom free to minimise the risk of other students and staff having to also take time off, be tested and wait until they are well. On average most students have returned to school in about 3-5 days. If you would like further advice please contact the school or you can access the updated guidelines here <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

I would like to thank our families for their ongoing, positive support of our school during these challenging times. Here at school, all of the staff are continuing to work hard to make your child's school experience a happy and fun one, with regular learning occurring both inside and outside the classroom. The resilience our students have shown has been outstanding!



Kindergarten Transition

We are very excited to announce that we will be holding three Kindergarten 2021 transition sessions before the end of the year. These three days will allow our new Kindergarten students to get a feel for our school, the classroom and routines, ready for them to start in 2021. When these sessions are occurring, this will be a great opportunity for the Year 2 students to come into the 3-6 classroom to experience what it will be like for them next year in Year 3. The three sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday November 24th, 9.30am-11am
- Wednesday December 2nd, 9.30am-11am
- Tuesday December 8th, 10am to 11.50am

If you know of anyone who is school age and looking at Raleigh PS for next year please pass on our contact details for them to contact us.

NAIDOC Week

Last Monday we had a fantastic day celebrating NAIDOC day with the whole school and throughout the week. Both classes have participated in a variety of activities to celebrate Aboriginal culture and heritage.



Remembrance Day

Last Wednesday, Skeet led us beautifully, in our Remembrance Day service. For many of our students this was a special event as it was their first Remembrance Day service.



National Recycling Week



Last week was also National Recycling Week. On Friday, our classes joined together to do a special lesson about the positive impact of recycling mobile phones and ink cartridges. They all found this very interesting.

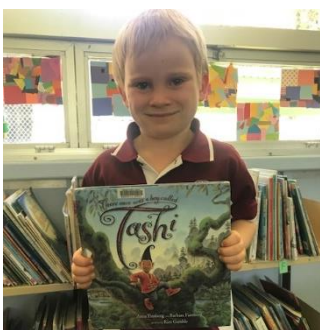
New Outdoor Furniture



Last Thursday, Jimmy spent many hours putting together our new outdoor tables. These have been very popular to sit on at lunch and recess.

Regards, Katrina Meenahan

K-2 Book Recommendation



This week's book recommendation is "There once was a boy called Tashi."

Owen said there are some sad parts but it has a happy ending. A giant loses three of his cats and these kids and Tashi looks for the cats and they pass a wicked person. Tashi says "I see you have a cat in that sack." Borrow the book to read more.

Silver Student Banking Award

Congratulations to Lincoln who gained his Silver Banking Award for making 20 deposits this year. Well done as banking was suspended during Term 2, due to Covid restrictions. Student Banking is on Wednesdays.







November Birthdays

We would like to wish August a very happy birthday. Hope you have fun.



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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