

RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment

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Newsletter, Term 4, Week 7

24th November, 2020

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,

Wow, it is hard to believe we only have three and a half weeks left of 2020. What a crazy, mixed up year it has been across Australia and the world. Over the next few weeks, both classes will be continuing to complete units of work across all of our Key Learning Areas. We will also be preparing for our end of year events and activities.

Transition Sessions

Today our new 2021 Kindergarten girls joined us for their first Kinder transition session. They had a fantastic morning joining with the current Kindergarten and Year 1 students. While they were having fun in the K-2 classroom the Year 2 students joined the 3-6 class, where they also experienced what it will be like next year when they move into Year 3. They had fun working with the 3-6 students, completing some maths and literacy activities.



This Thursday, all Year 6 students, from the small schools across the Bellingen Valley, will attend their first High School Transition day. They will spend the day at Bellingen High with students from Raleigh, Repton, Orama, St Mary's and other schools outside our area. This allows the Year 6 students from smaller schools to get to know the layout and routines of Bellingen High before attending again next Friday, with the Year 6 students from Bellingen and Urunga Public schools as well.

Today, Skeet joined the Repton students, to participate in a Touch Football gala day in Urunga. This was another great transition opportunity for all students participating.

Kids in the Kitchen

Next Tuesday, 1st December we will be participating in our first Kids in the Kitchen lesson, since COVID started. We are very excited to get back into cooking at school, before our second cook on the 11th December. On these two days the K-2 class will cook recess and the 3-6 class will cook lunch. If you know that your child can be fussy, you may like to pack them a sandwich or healthy snack, just in case. The teachers are looking forward to seeing how well the students have been keeping up their cooking skills at home, after remote learning.

Surf Safety

Each year, some of the students from Years 3 to 6 participate in Surf Safety lessons with the Coffs Harbour Lifeguards at Sawtell Beach. Next Thursday 3rd December, some of the 3-6 students will again be travelling to Sawtell, to participate in this great program. To be invited to attend, the students need to be confident in the water and be able to swim the length of the Bellingen Pool. Students who are not attending will be joining the K-2 class for the day. Notes for those students attending were sent home yesterday.

End of Year Assembly

This year we will be holding an End of Year Assembly, on the COLA, on Thursday the 10th December at 1.30pm. For 2020, this will replace our annual Sunset Picnic and will not be our usual end of year social event. We unfortunately will not have the usual choir and recorder performances at this event, as Mei has not been with us since early in Term 1. Essentially this will be a presentation of awards and the formal part of our Year 6 Farewell for Skeet. We hope that you will join us to celebrate the wonderful achievements and resilience of our students during 2020.

We are asking each family to limit the number of guests to 4 and if possible bring enough foldup chairs for your group. Please complete the tear off slip with the names of those people attending and return to school by **Friday 27th November**. If you receive the newsletter via email, please return email or text Katrina with the names.

Due to the COVID guidelines set out, which allow us to hold this end of year event, we will be setting up seats for each family group, which will be social distanced at 1.5m from other groups. Just like pick up and drop off at school, we ask that parents not congregate and socialise, adhere to social distancing and also sign in when arriving to the event.

STEM in Week 6

Last week our students created some interesting shelters to keep a tissue dry. They were all tested outside and one or two of them got a splash of water, but all stayed relatively dry. Well done everyone. There will be one more STEM build on Friday of Week 8. So please remember to check in with your child on Friday to see what they need to bring for next Friday's build.



Sporting Schools Tennis and Golf

All students have benefitted from the professional golf and tennis coaching they have received. Sport is a great opportunity to learn new skills while socialising with their peers.



CPR Update

This Thursday afternoon, all of the Raleigh staff will be participating in our annual CPR and anaphylaxis training update.

Regards, Katrina Meenahan

Student Banking Commonwealth Bank

Each year the Commonwealth Bank chooses a worthwhile cause to support. This year they have selected The Clown Doctors program to receive a donation of \$20,000. The Clown Doctors program delivers the health benefits of humour by engaging in play with sick children and their families. They lighten the serious side of the hospital environment, and bring the performing arts to the bedside of sick and vulnerable children who need it most. This donation will help allow them to continue what they do for sick kids all over Australia.

Thank you to all our students who have banked during this difficult year. I hope you have enjoyed your reward gifts.

K-2 Book Recommendation



This week's book recommendation is "50 Easy Party Cakes."

Arianwen said "My favourite cake was the cat on the ball of wool. I chose this book because I'm interested in baking. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves baking."

Borrow the book to read more.

K-2 Coding Skills

K-2 are building on our coding skills with the Bee Bots as part of our Digital Technologies unit for Science. In class we are now learning how to control the robot by writing an algorithm. The students have been working in a small group to create a set of instructions for the Bee Bot to move on a path. There have been opportunities for using the language of position, such as left and right, working cooperatively and all students having hands on experiences using these great resources in our school. Ask your child what an algorithm is and what they think of learning to code. Bernadette



Kinder Maths



P&C Fundraiser My Child's Artwork

Don't forget to go online to order your child's artwork. These make wonderful gifts and memories to cherish.

The drawings will expire in December, so don't miss out.

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

End of Year Assembly

I will be attending the End of Year Assembly on Thursday 10 December, 2020, at 1.30pm.

I would like to bring along ___ guests _____(Name)

_____ (Name)

_____ (Name)

_____ (Name)

I can bring along sufficient foldup chairs for my group.

Your name: _____







Date: _____

Please return by Friday 27th November.



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