

RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment

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Newsletter, Term 4, Week 9

8th December, 2020

10 th Dec	Combine End of Year Assembly and Year 6 Farewell, 1.30pm
11 th Dec	Kids in the Kitchen cooking \$4.50
14 th Dec	Rewards Day, Big Banana \$12
15 th Dec	Christmas Craft Day
16 th Dec	Last day of Term 4, 2020 for students. Mufti Day.
27 th -28 th Jan, 2021	Term 1, Staff Development Days, no students
29 th Jan	Years 1-6 students return to for Term 1
2 nd Feb, Tues	Best Start testing for new kindergarten students
3 rd Feb	Kindergarten students start Term 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

With the term quickly coming to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our students, families and staff. This year has been challenging in many ways and what we would normally see and do at Raleigh School has been changed due to COVID-19.

Our students have all shown amazing resilience and adapted quickly to the changes in routines and activities. It has become common place for them to sanitise every time they enter and exit a room and many have become experts at hand washing. Even though we have missed out on many of our regular activities, they have not complained and have made the most of the opportunities we have had. Congratulations to each and everyone of them for their positive attitudes and effort during 2020.

I would like to thank our parents, wider families and the school community for your ongoing support and understanding around the restrictions and guidelines that we have implemented from the Department of Education, on the recommendation from NSW Health. These have not always been easy and we thank you for making these changes easier to implement and follow.



Finally, and not least, I would like to say an enormous thank you to our teaching and non-teaching staff at Raleigh. They have worked hard throughout lock down and remote learning, on return to face to face learning and each and every day, to make our school a happy and positive learning experience for your children and a great place to work. Every one of our teachers work inside and outside of school hours and on the weekends, to make activities and tasks engaging and to meet the needs of every child we have at Raleigh.

This ability for our students, families and staff to pull-together and get on with what needs to be done, is one of the many wonderful examples of why Raleigh Public School is an amazing place to learn, teach and be a part of! A huge thank you to you all!

Surf Safety

Last Thursday, seven of our Year 3 to 6 students, travelled to Sawtell Beach to participate in our annual Surf Safety program. Thank you to Craig McMahon, who attended on the day, helping to transport and supervise students with Mrs Danielle Corcoran. This was a fantastic day and despite the rainy weather, all of the students had an amazing time and learnt a lot. Thanks to Coffs Council, for running this terrific and valuable program.



Another valuable program that occurred last week was the Rural Fire Services', Fire Safety talk. The photos did not make it into last week's newsletter and we thought we would share some of them with you today.



For the next week and a half, we are going to be very busy, so make sure you keep a note of the events and dates coming up. It is important to make sure that all notes have been returned and that students come prepared with the appropriate equipment for the events occurring.

This week:

- Final Kindergarten Transition Program was run today. The girls had another great day with the students in K-2 and enjoyed playing in the playground before being picked up. We are looking forward to seeing the new Kindergarten girls come to school for their Best Start interview on Tuesday 2nd February and their first day of school on Wednesday 3rd February.



- Thursday 10th December – Parents will be joining us at school for our End of Year Presentation Assembly. Please read the information within the newsletter about our assembly, to make sure you understand the expectations and guidelines that are allowing us to have this event. Start time : 1:30pm.
- Kids in the Kitchen lunch, Friday 11th December. This will be a special lunch and dessert. If you feel your child may be a little fussy, then pack a sandwich for them to eat, just in case.

Next Week:

- Monday morning 14th December – Big Banana Water slides. The note and money must be returned to school by tomorrow, 9th December, if your child wishes to attend. Students can wear their swimmers under their school uniform, but must have a rash shirt for the slides and dry uniform and underwear to change into to return to school.
- Monday lunch – Students in K-4 will be returning to school, after the Big Banana, to have lunch as normal. The students in Years 5 and 6 have been invited to a special lunch to farewell Skeet before returning to school. The students in Year 5, must return their note and money by Wednesday 9th December if they wish to attend.
- Monday afternoon of FUN! After lunch the students and staff will be participating in a fun afternoon at school. We are asking that all students bring a change of old clothes to change into. This is important as the activities involve mess and clothes may become stained and wet. We will not be allowing students to wear their swimmers, rash shirt or uniform. If they do not have old clothes they will only be able to observe. Students will change back into dry uniforms for the bus trip home. Please remember a plastic bag for the dirty clothes.
- Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Craft Day. For much of Tuesday we will be creating some Christmas craft and decorations to take home.
- Wednesday 16th December. This is the last day for students to attend for 2020. This will be a mufti day. Students will be packing up the rest of their classrooms and joining in some fun and relaxing activities.
- Students in Years 1 to 6 return to school in 2021, on Friday 29th January.

End of Year Presentation Assembly

For us to be able to run our assembly, it is important that all visitors follow the guidelines to keep us all safe.

- Don't forget to bring your own pen and chair to sit on.
- Please arrive between 1.15pm and 1.25pm as our assembly will begin at 1.30pm
- When arriving, attending and leaving please remember to stay 1.5m from other adults and children who are not in your immediate family.
- When entering and exiting the school grounds, please remember to not socialise with other adults. The four main gates will be open at the front of the school please enter and exit through one of these.
- Before entering the COLA area, please sign on at the desk where you see your child's name. Please use your own pen and the sanitiser provided.
- You will then enter the COLA and your child will be standing or sitting in your allocated seating area waiting for you.
- Please remain seated where possible.
- When leaving, please take your time to exit and remain socially distanced from others not in your group.
- If you are taking your child home, please make sure they let their teacher know.
- Thank you for your understanding with these guidelines and thank you for joining us.

Oxfam Unwrapped



Thank you for your generosity. We raised \$151 and were able to purchase:

Christmas Clean Water, three piglets, a goat couple, a Christmas duck and Covid-19 soap. You have made a world of difference in the lives of people who need it most.

Christmas Display

Over the past few weeks, our students designed and decorated pictures of presents to go on the NORCO truck, that has been created by and displayed at the Raleigh Winery. We are a small community at Raleigh and the Christmas truck is a lovely way for the winery, NORCO and our school, to thank the community and wish them Merry Christmas.



Other Fun Activities in Week 8



Regards
Katrina Meenahan

My Child's Artwork 2020

Orders must be placed before **Saturday 12th December, 2020** to ensure all gifts are received before Christmas. We will still be taking orders after the 12th December but cannot guarantee arrival before Christmas. This date has been supplied to us by Australia Post.

Home Readers and Library Books

Please ensure your child has returned all of their Home Readers and Library books.

On Friday, 11th December, we will be sending student's books home with them. Please bring in a plastic or cloth bag with your child's name on it for this purpose.

We wish **Skeet** a very happy birthday and wish him all the best for high school.

External Visitors to School Site form

For visitors to the school during school hours

Before external visitors are allowed on a school site, they must provide a signed copy of this form to the school principal. This form acts as evidence that the visitor is aware of, and will abide by their obligations to comply with the health advice of the day, including hygiene and distancing requirements. The visitor must provide personal contact information to the school to be used in an emergency or when performing contact tracing if required.

- **Stay at home when unwell.** Do not attend the school site if you are unwell.
- **Practise good hygiene when on the school site.**
- **Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly.**
 - Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser on arrival to the school and between providing support to students. Implement hand hygiene practices at regular intervals throughout your visit to the school.
- **Maintain respiratory hygiene.**
 - Cover your cough or sneeze through coughing or sneezing into your elbow or tissue, and then disposing of tissues immediately. Always wash your hands after you have coughed, sneezed or blown your nose.
- **Avoid shaking hands.** Adopt non-contact greetings.
- **Maintain physical distance.**
 - Maintain physical distance from other people while on the school site. In particular, maintain a physical distance from adults at the school and limit physical contact with students.
- **Implement cleaning protocol for shared items.** (where relevant)
 - Any tools or equipment that will be used by staff or students must be cleaned before use.
 - Equipment that will be shared between groups of students should be cleaned between each use.
 - Equipment that cannot be cleaned should not be shared and must be disposed of between each use.
 - Equipment that is exposed to any bodily fluids must not be shared and must be cleaned and disinfected between each use.
- **Use personal protective equipment (PPE) (where relevant)**
 - If there is a risk of exposure to bodily fluids, suitable PPE must be worn while conducting the activity or task.
- **Keep our school environment clean (where relevant)**
 - Schools maintain a clean working and learning environment. Working and learning spaces should be left clean and tidy. Any high touch surfaces or work spaces areas should be wiped down following use with a suitable cleaning product.
- **Operate in accordance with your COVID-19 Safety Plan (where relevant)**
 - All businesses and organisations delivering services and programs within our schools must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Acknowledgement from visitors on health and hygiene measures at our school:

- I am well and have no signs or symptoms of flu like illness.
- I have provided my personal contact information to the school for the purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing where required.
- I have reviewed the most recent [AHPPC Guidelines](#) and [NSW Health advice](#) on COVID-19 and can confirm that I can comply with the requirements outlined (where relevant).
- I understand the current requirements and directions in place for hygiene and physical distancing within NSW as per NSW Public Health Orders.
- I confirm I have a current COVID-19 Safety Plan (where relevant).
- I confirm I have reviewed the safety and hygiene measures in place at the school and I agree to follow and implement these requirements.

Print Name

Phone and email

Signed

Date

2021 BRAVES TRIALS

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER
MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL


Would you like to play basketball at a representative level?

WE ARE ON THE SEARCH FOR SOME PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR DIVISION 2 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS FOR THE 2021 SEASON. THESE PLAYERS WOULD PLAY IN 4 CARNIVALS OVER THE YEAR COMPETING AGAINST OTHER TEAMS WITHIN THE NORTHERN NSW AREA.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING COME ALONG AND MEET THE BRAVES...

10am - 11am	Under 18 Men (2004 & 2005)	Under 16 Men (2006 & 2007)	Under 14 Men (2008 & 2009)	Under 12 Men (2010 & 2011)
11am - 12pm	Under 18 Women (2004 & 2005)	Under 16 Women (2006 & 2007)	Under 14 Women (2008 & 2009)	Under 12 Women (2010 & 2011)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT [BELLINGERBASKETBALL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:bellingerbasketball@gmail.com)



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January Two Day Holiday Workshops


- ★ 6-9 year olds Mon 18th & Tues 19th Jan
- ★ 9-12 year olds Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd Jan

Norm Jordan Pavilion, Coffs Harbour Showground.
Parents attend with kids. 9am - 3.30pm both days.
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
14 th December 2020	15 th December 2020	16 th December 2020	17 th December 2020	18 th December 2020
School Day	School Day	School Day	Centre Closed	CHRISTMAS BAKING Put on your chef hat and make Christmas cookies, gingerbread, and cupcakes. Decorate a gingerbread man or a gingerbread house! 
21 st December 2020	22 nd December 2020	23 rd December 2020	24 th December 2020	25 th December 2020
CHRISTMAS CRAFT Make presents for family and your own wrapping paper, create baubles and decorations for our Christmas tree  COST: \$5.00	 CHRISTMAS SENSORY EXPERIENCES Explore the sensory experiences of Christmas. COST: \$2.50	URUNGA FORESHORES CHRISTMAS PARTY Swimming, play at the park and a hot chip lunch at the Urunga LIDO  Depart: 9:30am Return: 1:30pm COST: \$2.00	 CHRISTMAS PYJAMA PARTY Come in your Christmas Pyjamas, settle in with a hot choccie and popcorn for some classic Christmas movies.	Centre Closed MERRY CHRISTMAS
Closed from 25.1.2020 till 4.1.2021				
4 th January 2021	5 th January 2021	6 th January 2021	7 th January 2021	8 th January 2021
 NEW YEARS TIE-DYE PARTY Wear your funkiest tie-dyed outfits and celebrate the New Year! We will have multiple options to tie dye. Cost: \$5.00	BELLO POOL & Connell Park We're heading to the Bellingen pool for a swim, then we will have lunch at Connell park Depart: 9:10am Return: 1:30pm Cost: \$8.00 	 OUTDOOR SURVIVOR Are you an outdoor adventurer? Can you survive the wilderness? Today we're putting those skills to the test! Complete the challenges to be the ultimate survivor!	MINI GOLF & Botanical Gardens  Have a hit at Mini golf, with the option of hitting balls on the driving range. Depart: 10.20am Return: 2:30pm Cost: \$22.50	SENSORY SCIENCE Explore the senses through science and experimenting. Can you create a rain cloud in a jar? Does ice melt faster in the sun or under running water, what happens when you add salt? Test out your theories and experiment with different ideas.
11 th January 2021	12 th January 2021	13 th January 2021	14 th January 2021	15 th January 2021
 REPTILE WORLD Today we have the reptile man coming in for a live display at Urunga OSHC! Starts at 10am Cost: \$15	MEXICAN FIESTA Put on your sombrero for a Mexican themed day. We will make tacos for lunch, have a piñata and Mexican themed activities.  Cost: \$5.00	SPRINGLOADED SPRINGLOADED & Bongil Bongil Picnic Area Have a bounce at springloaded! On the way back we will stop at Bongil Bongil Picnic area for lunch and a play. Depart: 9:45am Return: 2:20pm Cost: \$24.00	DRAMA WORKSHOP Get on stage and perform! Or will you build a set? Do costumes and makeup behind the scenes? A classical romance, a drama or fairytale? Its up to you! 	 SUMMER FUN! Can't go to the big banana water slides? No problem! Let's make our own water slide and water fun day! Water guns, balloons and our own waterslide!
18 th January 2021	19 th January 2021	20 th January 2021	21 st January 2021	22 nd January 2021
 NINJA WARRIOR Today's all about those ninja skills! Traverse the obstacle courses and beat the clock to become the ultimate ninja warrior.	 Over 10's ARCHERY and Jetty visit. As a treat, the older children get to go on an excursion to try out archery! Cost: \$15  Pokémon Become a Pokémon master. Battle and trade cards, grab your Pokeballs and catch the hidden Pokémon!	ARTS, CRAFTS AND DIY Today is all about getting creative! With lots of different creative options for everyone. 	 CULTURAL TOUR & Korora Park Today we head to Sealy lookout for a walking tour with a local Gumbayngirr guide, who will immerse us in the local culture. Cost: \$28 Depart 10.00am Return 2.30pm	 80'S DISCO PARTY Travel back in time for an 80's themed party. Think bright, think flared pants and disco balls.
25 th January 2021	26 th January 2021	27 th January 2021	28 th January 2021	29 th January 2021
Movie and Popcorn Day Enjoy a relaxing day of watching movies while munching on popcorn 	Centre Closed Public Holiday	Centre Closed	Centre Closed	Back to School 

For more information and Booking Sheet, see Mrs Jones.