RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment

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Term 1, Week 4

19 Feb 20 Feb 21 Feb 21 Feb 27 Feb 27 Feb 28 Feb 28 Feb	Sporting Schools, Soccer District Swimming Carnival Sporting Schools, Tennis catch-up Sporting Schools, Hockey MNC Swimming Carnival Clean Up Australia Day Kids in the Kitchen Sporting Schools, Hockey
19 Mar	P&C AGM and P&C Meeting, 3.15

Dear Parents and Community Members

Both Bernadette and I would like to thank the parents who braved the weather and came to our Parent Information sessions yesterday afternoon. Some parents decided not to attend due to the weather and we will be sending the note home that we handed out at the meetings for everyone who was unable to make it. If you have any questions or queries, please contact us and we will do our best to help.

PEC Annual General Meeting

The Raleigh Parents and Citizens meet once a term. We will be holding our annual P & C AGM on Thursday afternoon the 19th March at 3.15pm in the staffroom. Everyone is invited to attend and find out what wonderful things our school is doing. If you would like to put your hand up for an official role on the committee, please let the school know or let us know at the meeting.

Hope to see lots of new and regular faces on Thursday.

What does coming to the P&C Meetings involve?

- Having afternoon tea with other parents and staff;
- Finding out about what is happening in your child's school;
- Having input into decisions that are made within the school;
- Fundraising which reduces educational and excursion costs to benefit your child/ren is the responsibility of <u>all</u> families.

Flood Expectations

It seems like such a long time since we have had a flood and so it is important to remind everyone of what to do if this happens.

- If we are at school and we receive information that there is a risk that Lavender's Bridge will go under or that localised water will block Waterfall Way, we will contact parents and the bus will come to pick up children who live in Bellingen. So please ensure your contact details and emergency contacts are up to date so that we are able to contact you.
- If Lavender's Bridge is closed in the morning, when your child/children would normally catch the bus. We do not expect your child to be at school this day if you are stranded by flood water. However, school will be on and all other students should attend as normal. The Bellingen bus will run as normal from The Map and back to St Mary's in the afternoon.
- If the flood water recedes and the bridge reopens, you do not need to bring your child to school. However, if you need to go to work, they can be dropped off.
- If you are unsure what you should do, please text Katrina to clarify.



"The driver is safer when the road is dry. The road is safer when the driver is dry." W.G.P.

"Raleigh Public School is a welcoming and friendly school with strong and valued community links."



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Bus

Our Bellingen bus has been allocated one of the buses with seatbelts. This bus is being used in the morning and afternoon. We hope that more seat belted buses arrive soon and our other bus run to Urunga will also have seatbelts soon.

Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, despite the Bridge being closed we went ahead with the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. It was a fantastic day with great weather and a warm pool. Congratulations to Skeet and Heath who attended and received places in their events. Skeet has qualified to attend the District Carnival on Thursday. We would all like to wish him the best.



Virtual Classroom

Last Thursday, the students in the 3-6 class, participated in a virtual classroom, along with hundreds of other schools across the state. The students learnt strategies to deal with issues they may face when playing games and using apps online. They also discussed the importance of not providing personal details to others online, even if they believe they know who they are talking to. Please chat to your child/children about what was discussed and they learnt.



Kínder Wrítíng

Our gorgeous Kinder students enjoyed joining their first three Jolly Phonics sounds together to sound out and write the word 'sat'. Well done everyone!



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Kíds ín the Kítchen

Kids in the Kitchen will begin next Friday the 28th February. If you have not paid the money for this term's KiK, please do so by next Wednesday 26th February. We are looking forward to another excellent term of cooking!

League Stars

On Wednesday, the 3-6 class were fortunate to go to Repton Public School to participate in the League Star Program. The students learnt about the importance of respecting themselves and others. They also discussed healthy eating, exercise and how important it is getting enough sleep. Thank you to Rick and the North Beach Bowling Club courtesy bus and Mrs Jones for transporting Mr Sherwood and the students.



Penpals in 2020

Last year all of our students across the school began a very valuable project. We started to write penpal letters to a grandparent or special relative who lives in Australia. It was really valuable to send and receive letters and hear about our penpals lives and memories.

This year we will be continuing this great project. Your child will continue to write to their current penpal, unless for some reason you would like them to change. Students in Kindergarten need to send in a name (not just Nan), address and postcode to school. We would also like all children to bring in \$5 to cover the cost of stamps to send their letters. Please send in the money by the end of next week (28/2).

"Progress is like a wheelbarrow. If you don't keep pushing it, it stops." W.G.P.

Dísposítion of the Week

Last week's Disposition was being 'Open Minded'. Students learnt the benefits of being open minded. This week our focus is on being "Flexible" – adapting to change.



Regards, Katrina

Package Free Lunch Winner

We encourage all students to bring a healthy package free lunch. Students receive a tick each day when they do this. One student is chosen each week to be our winner and they can choose a handball or container as a reward.

Congratulations to this week's Package Free winner.



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School Fees

Yesterday invoices were handed out for school fees. Some families will find that they have a **credit** amount from last year's cancelled Intensive Swimming Program. This is shown on the invoice with a 'Total' balance. This credit amount, however can be put to any school activity. You will need to let the office know how you would like it spent.

Each year Raleigh Public School provides opportunities for our students that are outside government funding. There is a voluntary General Contribution and a Subject Contribution that we would like all families to pay.

The voluntary General Contribution goes towards paying for the necessary daily education tools that each student requires such as books, paper, pencils, art supplies etc.

The Subject Contribution goes towards computer based programs such as Reading Eggs and a Maths program and Maths Text Book.

General Voluntary School Contributions have been set at: \$20 for first child and \$15 for the second child Subject Contribution has been set at \$35 per child. Money can be sent in on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays or paid online through the school website. Log onto Raleigh-p.schools.nsw.gov.au. Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

Thank you to families who have already paid.

Your contribution helps fund challenging and valuable educational programs that Raleigh Public School offers all students.

Community Notices

Bellingen Football Club

Bellingen Football Club has been accepting registrations for the 2020 season since the start of February. Teams are filling up fast and training will begin in early March. If you are intending to register now is the time!

Register at <u>https://www.playfootball.com.au/register</u> Information Bellingen Football Club on Facebook @bellingenfc or <u>http://bellingenfc.com.au</u>

Bellingen Netball Association

Registration Day

Saturday 15th and 22nd February

12pm Connell Park Netball courts



ALL Ages: 5yrs+ Net Set Go: Kinder to Yr 2 - \$100 Junior: Yrs 3&4 - \$125 Intermediate: Yrs 5&6 - \$125 Seniors: High School & Adults - \$125

Coaches, umpires and executive positions available!!!! Please show your support.

Online registration available @ MyNetball.com





Play All

Academy selection

Junior 23 Feb-

Session 2:1 * March – Reg Ryan Oval, Coffs Harbour (Only Coffs Coast Region)
Session 2: 8* March – Connell Park, Bellingen (Only Coffs Coast Region)

Session 4: 15" March - Verge Street, Kempsey (Combined Associations) Session 5: 22rd March - Verge Street, Kempsey (Combined Associations)

> <u>Cost:</u> \$50

- Time: 9:30am 1:00pm (Sessions 1-3), 9:00am-3:00pm (Sessions 4 & 5)
- Included: 1-hour skill-based coaching by accredited coaches + one match per day. Final two sessions will be two games.

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