

# RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



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

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Dear Parents and Community Members

I would like to thank our students, parents and staff for their patience and understanding during these past few weeks. Daily, I am receiving updates, sometimes more than one, from the Department of Education, who are working closely with NSW Health and the Australian Government, to advise us with updated information.

The health advice on schools remains unchanged. Our Chief Medical Officers indicate that our schools should remain open for educational provision at this time. The Government and Department are encouraging you to keep your child at home from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March to contribute to supporting the community response to COVID-19. The school's doors will remain open for those students whose parents are in essential services or who are vulnerable.

Families who would like to keep up to date with the latest information from the NSW Department of Education can use the following link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/novel-coronavirus>

I have also attached the latest hand-washing advice for using soap and sanitiser from NSW Health. It is very important to wash your hands often and well.

Students attending school are being supervised to complete the same work that is being expected of those students working from home.

For students and staff attending school, we are washing and/or sanitising our hands when we enter and leave classrooms, before and after we eat and at other times when needed. We are encouraging everyone to allow 'space' between ourselves and our peers and teachers, not touching others and remembering try to keep our hands away from our faces.

The ongoing COVID-19 situation has meant that many of our regular events will not occur this term and possibly next term.

We will be unable to participate in events where other schools are combined and we will not be holding our End of Term Assembly. Some of the other things being postponed or cancelled are:

- School sport and activities
- Kids in Kitchen program - postponed
- Life Education- postponed
- Teacher Professional Learning has been cancelled this term.

As updated, expert information comes to the Department, who are in constant liaison with NSW Health we will keep you informed of any impact on school operations.

I will continue to keep parents and families up to date with any advice I receive via email and texts.

*National Day of Action Against Bullying*

Although the National Day of Action Against Bullying activities were postponed around Australia due to social distancing, our school was able to proceed with our activities with some small adjustments. Our students discussed and revised our School Anti-Bullying Procedures and the importance of everyone understanding and saying 'No Way to Bullying!' Our students then created a flag to create a whole school bunting. They looked great and had well thought out and important messages designed by the students.



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

## NAPLAN 2020

All Education Ministers from around Australia have met and NAPLAN 2020 has been cancelled. The assessment will not proceed to assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the wellbeing of students and continuity of education.

## Native Bees

Last Thursday, Steven from Little Star Bee Sanctuary visited Raleigh and presented a workshop about native bees and answered many interesting questions from our students. We then had the two bee hives installed and watched as the bees emerged from their hives.

It was great to be able to go and look at the bees on Friday and seeing them already bringing pollen back to the hives. Two of the students from 3-6 wrote about this experience and these can be read later in the newsletter.



## Harmony Day

It was officially Harmony Day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We decided that we would dress in orange and participate in our Harmony Day activities yesterday. The important message of the day is Everybody Belongs! This is important in our multicultural society across Australia.

Regards, Katrina



## Bees - Recounts

*This morning we went into K-2D and a man called Steven came to our school to talk about Native Bees. I had a lot of questions. One of the questions was how small the native bee eggs were and he said the smallest hole you can make with your hand. After everyone talked and had questions answered, we went outside and put the hives in special holders on poles. I got to let the native bees out of the hive. It was very interesting.*

Caiden

*This morning we went to the K-2D room and a tall, bearded man called Steven came in and introduced himself to us and talked about native bees.*

*I found out that native bees only live up to about 120 days (workers) and the Queens live up to five years. The Queen Bee can lay 1000's of eggs and when she does, sometimes she makes bigger spots for the future Queens. The other bees feed it royal jelly so it grows bigger than the others, which are workers (females) and drones (male). Fertilized eggs turn into worker bees and unfertilized eggs turn into drones. Once the drone bees are fully grown they fly around each day until they find another Queen to mate with. Unfortunately, the drone bee dies after this.*

*We learnt a lot. It was very interesting. We also saw the bees get released and they flew around.*

Tyson





# How to Handrub?

**RUB HANDS FOR HAND HYGIENE! WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED**



**Duration of the entire procedure: 20-30 seconds**

**1a**

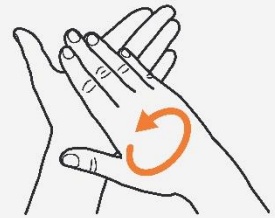


Apply a palmful of the product in a cupped hand, covering all surfaces;

**1b**

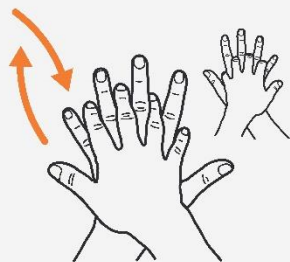


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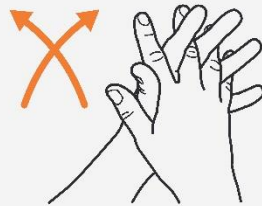
Rub hands palm to palm;

**3**



Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;

**4**



Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;

**5**



Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;

**6**



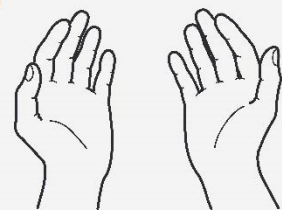
Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa;

**7**



Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa;

**8**



Once dry, your hands are safe.



**Patient Safety**

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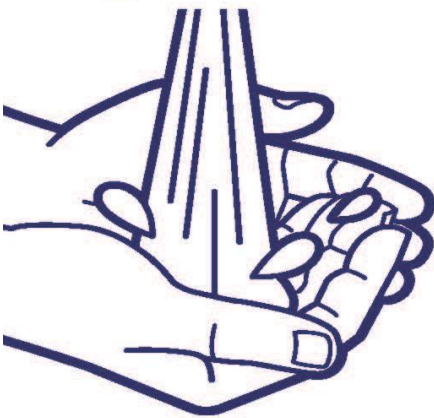
**SAVE LIVES**  
Clean Your Hands

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# Practise simple hygiene by washing hands regularly

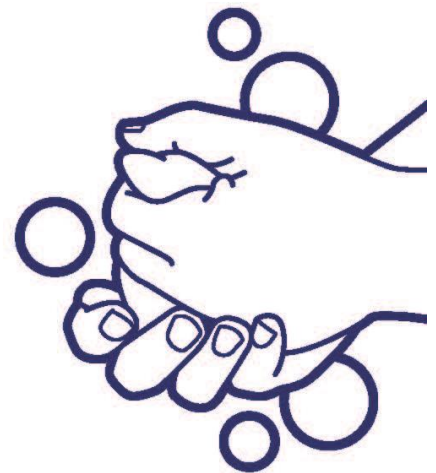
**1** Wet hands



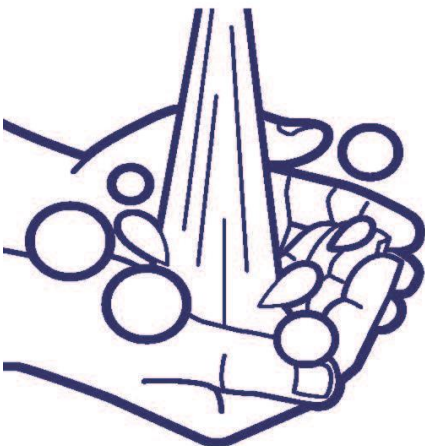
**2** Apply soap



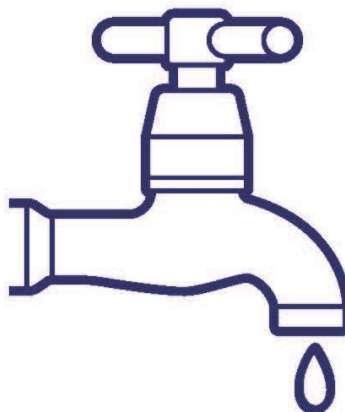
**3** Lather & scrub



**4** Rinse hands



**5** Turn off tap



**6** Dry hands



Spend **20 seconds** washing your hands.