

# RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment

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Dear Parents and Community Members

It is exciting to have all of our students back at school. I am sure that many parents are relieved to stop remote learning and teachers are happy to resume face-to-face teaching, as it does not involve such an enormous workload outside of school hours and we get to see our gorgeous students.

For some children they have enjoyed a reduced school work load, finishing early and getting to do activities with their family during normal school time and for them this may take a little time to adjust to being back at school fulltime. Students are expected to be at school unless they are unwell. However, you can use the time before and after school and on the weekends, to continue to do some of these excellent activities you have been doing together.

Last Thursday and Friday, I met on Zoom, with Mrs Sue Brown, our Director Educational Leadership and the other principals from across the Mid Coast Valley Schools. One of the tasks we worked on was creating an 'Elevator speech' for our return to school this week. This was mine, that I wanted to share with you all.

Welcome back! Let's reflect on the school year so far... In Term 1, all of our students had been working on building their skills in the classroom and we were really proud of everyone's hard work, efforts and their learning achievements. We had settled into routines and were grasping new concepts and ideas.

Then COVID-19 hit and we were **all** thrown into a different way of living and learning. Our students, families and staff had to use their **Dispositions** to allow for a new way of learning to occur. We were:

- **Open-minded** – We had to be open to getting new ideas and applying them.
- **Flexible**- Adapting to new learning and looking at things from different angles.
- **Patient and Persistent** – When things didn't work the first time, we had to keep on trying.
- **Resourceful** – Using what we had and adjusting to make learning and tasks successful.
- **Ubiquitous** – We definitely were learning anywhere and anytime!
- **Risk-takers** – Not afraid to try something new, make mistakes and learn from them.
- **Reflective** - We had to think about what we were doing, how we were doing it and how we could do it better.

These are life-long skills that can be applied to everyday tasks and challenges. We are going to take these skills into our classrooms this week and beyond and use them to adapt to our new way of learning at school. Students and teachers will continue to do this together, because here at Raleigh Public, '*Raleigh Believes in Me*'.

## Reconciliation Week

Welcome to *Reconciliation Week*. This year's theme, "*In this together*" is a very timely theme. From 27 May to 3 June each year, Australians show their commitment to building strong relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and we acknowledge the importance of recognising their histories and cultures. Through mutual respect and understanding we will together, create a strong future for all Australians.



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

## Welcome Aria

We would like to welcome *Aria* to our Raleigh family. We hope you enjoy your time with us, as much as we enjoy having you.

## Pirate Day

It was great to see some of our students at home getting into the spirit of Pirate Day! Our students and staff at school enjoyed dressing up and the other principals and Mrs Brown, loved seeing me dressed up in my Zoom meeting. The reason we have Pirate Day each year is to raise money for childhood brain cancer research. Thank you to the students and staff who supported this great cause, we raised \$94. Well done everyone!

Kind regards,  
Katrina



## Winter Uniforms

Please remember we have lots of winter uniforms at school in a variety of sizes. We ask that families please pay for these online, via the school website where possible. These payments come through very quickly, so when you make the payment add the school email to also receive a copy of your receipt. We will then organise for your child to receive the items that have been ordered.

## Return to Schools

Further information regarding return to schools can be found on the Department of Education's website [www.education.nsw.gov.au](http://www.education.nsw.gov.au)

The Following Information has come from the web site <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/education>

## How physical distancing is being managed at school

Physical distancing is still important.

In the classroom, physical distancing is focused on minimising contact. Desks can be arranged normally but staff should make use of the space in a room to minimise interaction.

Teachers and other staff must maintain the 1.5m distance from each other and minimise close contact with students. Teachers and parents and carers must also maintain the 1.5m distance from each other.

The following physical distancing measures will also remain in place until further notice:

- no interschool competitions
- no excursions
- follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pickup, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children
- limits on community use of school sites
- physical education may continue, but should take place outdoors or in large gymnasiums or covered areas where physical distancing can be maintained.





### Health and hygiene practices that schools are implementing

Schools have been sent resources to assist teachers to talk about COVID-19 and explain good hygiene practices. This includes reminding students to:

- wash their hands frequently with soap and water before and after eating and after going to the toilet
- cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze
- avoid touching their faces
- limit physical contact when greeting people
- limit physical contact in the playground
- All schools are being sent additional provisions of soap and hygiene supplies, such as hand sanitiser.
- Events like assemblies, excursions, school camps and inter-school sports and arts events have been cancelled.

### World Bee Day

Last Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May was World Bee Day. As you are all aware, this term our whole school is focusing on Bees in our learning. We are writing about bees, observing bees, watching bee videos, discussing bees and discovering lots of cool things about bees.

Last week the students attending school went and observed our school bees, to complete our monthly check up. They looked for bees entering and exiting the hive, tried to discover the colours of the pollen they were bringing back and tried to find them around the school in our gardens.

The students, at school and home, also made some excellent bee sculptures. They had a lot of fun making them and they looked great!





### May Birthdays

We would like to wish Tyson, Leroy, May, Rom, Mrs Meenahan and Mrs Jones a very happy May birthday. Have fun!

### Scholastic Book Club

Catalogues are included with this week's newsletter. Orders may be placed via LOOP (please send in your order form so that I can process it this end). Alternatively you may like to pay via the school website and send in the order form to be processed. Orders are due by Wednesday 10 June.



### FOR SALE

Wyandotte Rooster, 6 months old \$20

Phone 0408 153 162



If interested contact Julianne 0408 153 162.

### For Sale

Australorp Rooster 6 months old \$20

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*"Fool's gold is at the end of the rainbow, the real stuff is along the way."*

GRAEME A.S. BROWNE