

RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Due to the pandemic many members of our communities are being tested for COVID-19. This is a positive action on behalf of our health system to keep Australia safe.

If your child or any member of your child's immediate family are tested for COVID-19, please remember that the person tested must remain isolated at home until the test results are confirmed as clear. Sometimes these results may not come through for 3-4 days.

If you attend a COVID-19 clinic or your doctor tests your child for COVID-19, please call the School Office or contact myself via text, to let us know your child will be away while you await the results.

If the results are positive, please contact the school immediately.

If the results are negative, your child can return to school once all symptoms have ceased. We do not need a medical certificate to inform us of a negative result.

NSW Department of Education policy dictates parents to please explain the reason for any non-attendance on all occasions. If your child is absent for more than three days, we will need a medical certificate or proof they have been tested and are unwell. This can be a copy of the information given to you at the clinic with your child's official 'Identity sticker' attached. All information is of course strictly confidential.



Reading with your child

Reading with your child is a very rewarding and valuable activity for families to do at home. It is important for children to see that reading is valued in their home. This can occur by seeing their parents and family members reading for pleasure, reading a fun book together each night to your child before bed and most importantly having your child read to you.

Young children and toddlers are learning pre-reading skills listening to stories read at home and at preschool, even before starting school. Kindergarten students practice their Jolly Phonics sounds each day and then begin to learn to blend the single sounds and diagraphs together to start reading their own words and stories to others. As we develop our reading skills and we get older, we begin to read more complex stories and texts, while developing our knowledge and skills.

Every child at Raleigh School should be reading daily, either to a parent or by themselves when they have developed independent skills. This is a skill that should continue to be practiced everyday as they move towards high school.

Reading to your child and having them read to you and following this up by talking about the stories you read, are important ways for children to understand and develop vocabulary and language skills. Even students in the 3-6 class should be reading together regularly with their parents, to increase skills of fluency, expression and vocabulary. A great way to do this with older children is to alternate reading a paragraph or page each.

So, pick up a book tonight and immerse yourself in reading with your child.

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

Library Borrowing

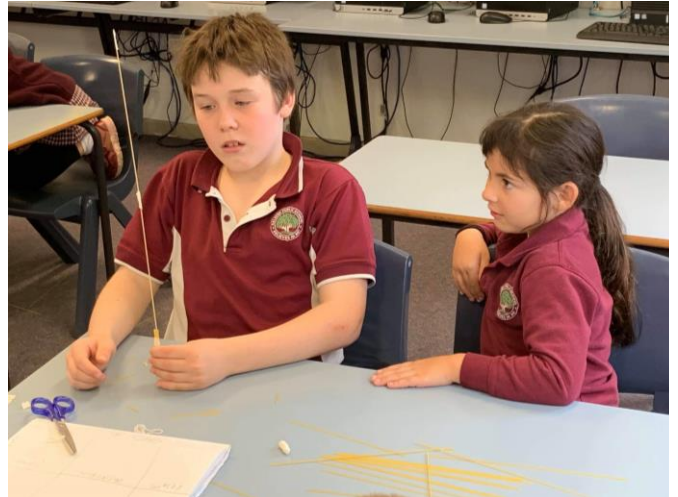
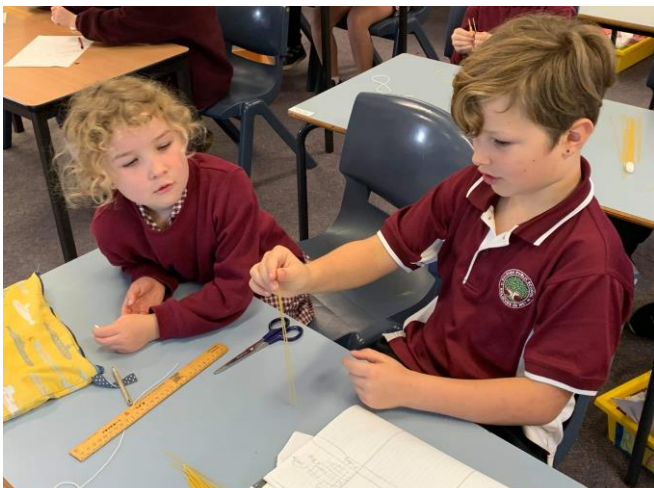
Last week the K-2 students were asked to bring in library bags to borrow books from the school library. We are asking that they return these books each Tuesday, so they can borrow again for the coming week. This week we are asking students in 3-6 to bring in a library bag so they can read each night at home.

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have taken home a Premier's Reading Challenge recording sheet and we want to remind everyone to return these on a Monday or Tuesday so Rom can record the data.



STEM Lessons

Last week the students paired up to create towers out of raw spaghetti, a length of string and tape. The aim was to create a freestanding tower of at least 50cm in height, that could hold a packing peanut. They discovered that spaghetti can be very temperamental.



New Recycling Bins

At Raleigh we aim to be as sustainable as possible. On the weekend I was able to purchase new bins for the classrooms and house (office) to make sorting rubbish easier.

Grey Bins - With the changes to enhanced cleaning, instead of washing cloth hand towels in the classrooms, we are using paper towel to dry our hands after washing them, multiple times a day. To stop this paper towel going to landfill, we have introduced a new grey bin for paper towel only. This paper towel is then placed in the green bin where it can be composted with other green waste.

Yellow Bins - New smaller recycling bins. For paper, cardboard, metal, glass and plastics with the numbers 1-5 on them.

Blue Bins - For soft plastics which we often have at school when we purchase new equipment and unwrap bulk items such as toilet paper.

The bins look great and we have enjoyed using them in the classrooms.



Bee Hotels

Last week both classes were looking at Bee Hotels as a part of the Bee Unit we are doing across the school. Each student designed their own bee hotel and then made a prototype from their design.



Bee Hotels can be very simple or very elaborate. A great family activity would be collecting materials and making a bee hotel for your home. Your child already has some knowledge about what works and what doesn't work. There are also great ideas and information to be found on the internet. If your family creates a bee hotel at home, please share your photos with us and we can put them in the newsletter.





Student Banking

The Commonwealth Bank has informed us that they will recommence Student Banking in Term 3. They appreciate that students haven't been able to redeem their rewards and are working on a solution to this. Watch this space for more information.

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July Two Day Holiday Workshops

- ★ 6-9 year olds Mon 13th & Tues 14th July
- ★ 9-12 year olds Thurs 16th & Fri 17th July

Norm Jordan Pavilion, Coffs Harbour Showground.
Parents attend with kids. 9am - 3.30pm both days.
\$330 for one child and parent. Current health guidelines will be followed.

★ Or do the entire program online as a family
\$120 for one month's access.

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