

# RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



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

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Newsletter, Term 1, Week 3

9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Kids in the Kitchen, \$18 for the term
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sporting Schools Netball
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Small Schools Swimming Carnival for 8 yrs and over
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Postponed Big Banana Rewards Day
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Scholastic Book Club orders and payment due

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had a great start to the year and both classes have settled into their routines well. We have begun units of work in History, Science, Art, Music and Personal Development and Health. In Literacy we are revising the skills we have previously learnt and building on these and in Maths we have been enjoying getting back into our maths journals and tasks.

Last week I informed our school community about our staff for the year and I have to apologise, as I left our amazing School Learning Support Officer, Rom Murphy off the list accidentally. Rom will be working across both classrooms on Mondays and Tuesdays to support both Literacy and Numeracy, working with both small groups and individuals.

Students, staff and visitors must not attend school if they are unwell. This includes even very mild or minor flu-like symptoms. If they become unwell while at school they should leave immediately and not return until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom-free.

A reminder that parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at an offsite school event held during school hours except for the purposes that follow with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. Thank you to our families for following these guidelines.

Parents and carers can:

- Enter the school grounds to purchase or pick-up uniforms from the front office. We ask that you call (66554228) prior to coming and entering the school to ensure Irene is available.
- Drop off Kindergarten students in the first few weeks, however we encourage all families (K-6) to drop their child at the gate or travel by bus where appropriate.
- Meet with school staff with an appointment.

All adults visiting a school must comply with the department's COVID safe requirements including personal hygiene, infection control and physical distancing guidelines. All visitors must sign in using the Services NSW QR code and the external visitors form each time they visit the school regardless of the frequency and duration of the visit.



## Welcome Kindergarten

Welcome to our new students. They are settling in very well and applying themselves to the work enthusiastically.

We hope they will enjoy their time with us at Raleigh Public School.

## Buddies

Each year our students are partnered up with another student in our school. This year this has included a few groups of three. These partnerships work together to do Buddy Reading and STEM activities. On Friday our students participated in their first activity with their buddy. They explored the school environment, working cooperatively together to find and collect a variety of items from around the school. This was a fun activity, enjoyed by all!



## Permission Notes

Already this year we have had a number of permission notes going home to our families. These notes have important information about the event occurring. We ask that parents take the time to read all of the information and to carefully read all of the tear-off permission slips, tick all relevant boxes and sign and date the note. We have had quite a few notes returned lately unsigned or without important items marked eg giving permission to seek medical attention for your child.

## Swimming Carnival

This Friday, the 3-6 class will be joining the other small schools at Bellingen Pool for our Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Parents are transporting their own children to and from the pool unless they have made previous arrangements. Students should be dropped off between 9 and 9.15am. Please contact Katrina if you are having problems with transport.

## Kids in the Kitchen

Thank you to everyone for paying for Term 1, Kids in the Kitchen meals. This makes it much easier to organise the menus and complete the shopping. The 3-6 students have been working on the meals we will cook this term for lunch and trying to find and adapt interesting recipes to suit our needs. The K-2 class are looking forward to cooking us all recess. Tomorrow will be our first KiK for 2021 and we are all looking forward to cooking and sharing our meals together!

*"He who never made a mistake, never made a discovery."*  
SAMUEL SMILES

## Big Banana

Thank you to those families who have already returned their signed and completed Big Banana notes. We ask that all notes are returned before this Wednesday.

## Change of Routine

At Raleigh, we assume your child is travelling home the way they normally do each afternoon eg picked up or on the bus. Unless we hear from a parent we assume they are travelling normally. Unfortunately children sometimes become confused, so please send in a note, text my mobile (Katrina 0403177961) or phone the office on the days Irene works. This includes being picked up by a friend's family or travelling to a friend's house on the bus.

Regards,  
Katrina Meenahan

## Scholastic Book Club

Brochures were handed out yesterday for Scholastic Book Club. Please return your orders by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 or go online and do them through LOOP by that date.

## January Birthdays

We would like to wish Arianwen and Eliza a very happy belated birthday for January. Hope you had fun.

## Get involved in the School Banking program.

School Banking day is Wednesdays. Each week your child needs to hand in their bank deposit book to the front office or class teacher.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way to help teach your child about money. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2021 are:

- Terry Denton's Activity Book
- Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)
- Treetop Stationery Set
- Treetop Handball
- Tomato Seed Kit
- Emoji Wallet
- Snakes & Ladders Game
- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Snowy Origami Set
- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers
- Scratch Art Cards

## Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

### 1. Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](https://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

### 2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2021 School Banking program parent guide from the school office or visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



## Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



**Contact**  
your local Saver Plus Coordinator  
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CoffsHarbourSP@thesmithfamily.com.au  
**Online**  
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## What is Saver Plus?

- A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.
- Participants receive up to \$500 from ANZ in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.
- Offered in communities across Australia in every state and territory.
- Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community organisations.

### A Saver Plus Participant's Journey

**Goal**  
Talks to a Saver Plus Coordinator from a community organisation and, if eligible for the program, sets a goal to save a regular amount of money over 10 months

**Saving**  
Opens an ANZ Progress Saver account and makes regular deposits

**Education**  
Completes the MoneyMinded financial education program with support from a Saver Plus Coordinator

**Matching**  
Reaches savings goal and receives matched funds, up to \$500, for their own or their children's education costs

### Who can join?

Participants must meet all of the below criteria:

- Be 18 years or over
- Have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education themselves
- Have regular income from paid employment (themselves or their partner)
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*

### Benefits for participants\*

- 87%** continue to save the same amount or more 3 to 7 years after completing the program
- 78%** were better equipped for unexpected expenses
- 88%** reported increased self-esteem
- 80%** had more control over their finances

### How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 248 participants in three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories, reaching more than 40,000 people, making it the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

### Since 2003:

- 40,000+** participants
- \$23m+** total amount saved by participants
- \$18m+** matched funds paid by ANZ

### Find out more

- 1300 610 355
- [saverplus@bstl.org.au](mailto:saverplus@bstl.org.au)
- [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)
- @SaverPlusAU



\* Many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.   
 \*\* SMU University, 2018. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2003. For more information see [bst.com.au/saverplus](http://bst.com.au/saverplus).

**Graeme Grice - Saver Plus Coordinator Coffs Harbour: 0428 428 444**

**BELLINGEN FC**

Bellingen Football Club is open for registrations for the 2021 season. All years Kindy to Year 12, Opens/all-age, and over 35s.

Teams fill up fast and training will begin in early March.

If you are intending to register now is the time!

Register at <https://www.playfootball.com/register>

For more info see Bellingen Football Club on Facebook (@bellingencf) or webpage [bellingencf.com.au](http://bellingencf.com.au)

Active kids vouchers accepted (enter as a voucher code on the sign up payment page).

## IH - ArtStore

We have various Creative Activity packs available which can be purchased with \$100 Creative Kids Voucher including delivery to most of the regional areas.

- Beginner Visual Art Creative pack
- Young Artist pack
- Calligraphy Packs
- Beading Creative Pack
- Tie-Dye Creative pack
- Mask Designing Creative Pack
- Brush Marker Illustration Packs

Please visit our online store to see available Creative Activity packs <https://ihartstore.ecwid.com/CREATIVE-KIDS-VOUCHER-c55330025>