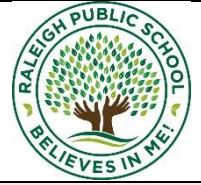


RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment



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Newsletter, Term 4, Week 9

14 December 2022

16 December	Year 6 Farewell Afternoon, Students last day of Term 4
19 & 20 December	Staff Development Days
27 & 30 January 2023	Staff Development Days
31 January	Years 1-6 return to school
1 February	Best Start testing for new Kindergarten
2 February	Kindergarten start
10 February	Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming to last night's Sunset Picnic. It was lovely to get together and share some of the wonderful things our students have been doing. It was a great night for both our current and new families to join together and socialise.



Thank you also to our families for your ongoing support, in what continued to be a challenging year at times. However, we have all worked together to ensure that our students, staff and community have remained as safe as possible.

This year within the school and classroom environment it has been somewhat normal. We have been able to recommence many activities, that had been put on hold with COVID. It was also fantastic to reconnect with our other small schools and participate in a number of activities, excursions and events. We look forward to more of this happening in 2023 and beyond.

Our students have shown excellent resilience throughout the year and it has been wonderful to see them developing their 'dispositions' to meet challenges that occur. Our senior students have continued to develop their patience working with younger students and all students have shown flexibility, persistence and the ability to be open-minded as the year has progressed. All of our students have shown growth in their skills to reflect on their achievements and needs and are developing skills to explore this both verbally and in writing.



All of the staff are extremely proud to work with such a lovely bunch of children, who work hard, have beautiful manners and usually get along really well.

Lastly, but not least I would like to thank our fantastic staff. Behind the scenes our teachers and non-teaching staff work tirelessly to make our school run smoothly. Whether this is organising the running of activities, working 1:1 or in small groups with children, putting on a band aid or keeping our grounds looking spectacular. Our teaching staff spend many hours before and after school and on the weekends, preparing lessons and activities that are engaging and differentiated to meet the needs of all of the students we teach. Their extra effort is enormous and very much appreciated by myself and can be seen in the happy, confident students at our school.

Our staff will return to school on Friday 27th and Monday 30th January. Everyone in Year 1-6 return on Tuesday 31st January. Our 2023 Kindergarten students will participate in Best Start assessments on Wednesday 1st February and their first day of school will be Thursday 2nd February.

Thanks everyone! I hope you all spend time relaxing and recuperating over the Christmas, New Year and the holiday break and enjoy quality time with family and friends. Merry Christmas to you all!!!

Kindest Regards
Katrina

Congratulations to the Watson Family



Congratulations to the Watson family on the birth of their beautiful little boy Enzo! Born on Friday, weighing 6lb 13oz. A wonderful addition to their family!

Farewell Year 6

This week is both sad and exciting for our Year 6 students. This will be their final week of primary school and they are also excited about starting the next part of their education at high school next year. All three of our Year 6 students have shown great leadership and have been wonderful mentors to their peers. They are all valuable members of our 3-6 classroom and school and will be missed by everyone.

The year 6 students have created a wonderful artwork, that will be displayed in our school for everyone to enjoy in the future. It looks fantastic, well done!



We would like to wish them the very best for the future and hope that they continue to keep in contact.

Bottle Cap Artwork

Over the past few weeks our students have been working hard to complete an artwork of our local area using bottle caps. The finished artwork looks amazing! The students all submitted ideas and some of these were combined for the final design. While India was here for work experience she helped the students to paint the background. Our GA, Paul, organised the backing board and drilled holes into dozens and dozens of bottle caps. Mrs Corcoran has overseen the creation and helped to start the screws, which the students finished screwing in. Everyone's hard work has certainly paid off, it looks fabulous. We can not wait for Paul to hang it outside the 3-6 classroom on Thursday.



School Swimming and Water Safety Program

Over the past two weeks we have been so fortunate to be able to do ten days of our annual Swimming and Water Safety Program. This is the first time we have been able to do this, since 2018, with the fires and COVID. It was wonderful to see the confidence in our students improve over the ten days. All students were confident in the water and able to demonstrate at least 5m of freestyle and our top group of students had improved their fitness and were demonstrating great rescue techniques and swimming many laps. Congratulations to everyone!



Raleigh-Urunga Masonic Village Christmas Card



Congratulations to our 2022 Masonic Christmas Card competition winner. The card looks amazing. Kristie came and presented her prize of a \$50 book voucher and a set of professionally printed cards.

Bellinghen Youth Orchestra Program

Last Thursday, our students were very excited to attend the Bellinghen Youth Orchestra school program. They walked from their lesson at the pool to the high school. Thank you to Bellinghen HS for allowing us to use one of their air-conditioned rooms while we waited for the performance. We then enjoyed the Meet the Orchestra performance, before returning to school. What a fantastic experience.



Big Banana Rewards Day

We also enjoyed going to the Big Banana on Friday to celebrate our achievements this year. It ended up being a beautiful day and it was great to catch up with our friends from Crossmaglen. Our students had so much fun as you can see from the photos.



Uniforms for 2023

If anyone would like to purchase uniforms for 2023, please drop in this week and see Irene or send through the order with your child. These can be paid for online (before sending home) or with cash. The teachers will be at school on Monday 19th December after 1pm and all day Tuesday 20th. We will also be back at school on Friday 27th and Monday 30th January.

Hats	\$13.00	Boys L/Pants	\$20.00
Shirts Sizes 4-16	\$25.00	Skorts 4-10	\$28.00
Shirts Sizes S-XL	\$30.00	Skorts 12-14	\$30.00
L/S Shirts	\$20.00	Dresses	\$45.00
Jackets Sizes 4-16	\$30.00	Recorders	\$15.00
Jackets Sizes M-XL	\$35.00	School Fees	\$20.00 \$35.00
Cargo Shorts	\$20.00	KiK	Term 1,2, 3 \$20 Term 4, \$25
Girls L/Pants	\$25.00	Headphones	\$15

Kids in the Kitchen Christmas Lunch

What a joy to sit down together to enjoy the Christmas lunch prepared by our students. We pulled our Christmas crackers, wore our paper crowns and laughed at the Christmas jokes. What a lovely way to end the year.



Supplies for 2023

Don't forget that if your child is in the 3-6 class in 2023 they will need the following to start the year. This also includes a small pencil case that can be kept on their desk. Students wishing to purchase the optional textas will need to have a second small pencil case for their tote trays.

Items that are needed for 2023 Years 3-6:

- Lead pencils
- Coloured pencils
- Highlighter
- Coloured pens (for editing)
- Glue stick
- Small scissors
- Rubber
- Textas (optional)

Weekly Attendance Award



Congratulations to our Weekly Attendance Award recipient who has achieved 100% attendance over the past five days. This will be calculated from Tuesday to the following Monday each week. All students achieving this will go into a draw to become the Weekly Attendance Award winner. As well as receiving a certificate for their great effort, they will also choose a small prize.

Congratulations to this week's Attendance Award winner.

Kids in the Kitchen Recipes

Classic Chewy Brownie

Ingredients

125g unsalted butter, chopped
125g baking, dark chocolate
3 eggs, lightly whisked
335g (1 ½ cups) white sugar
115g (¾ cup) plain flour
30g (¼ cup) cocoa powder
1 tsp vanilla extract
Pinch of salt

Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan forced. Grease a 20cm (base measurement) square cake pan and line with baking paper.

Place butter and chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmer water (don't let the bowl touch the water). Stir with a metal spoon until melted. Remove from the heat. Quickly stir in the egg, sugar, flour, cocoa powder, vanilla and salt until just combined. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 30 mins or until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out with moist crumbs, clinging. Set aside to cool completely. Will taste better the next day.



Creamy Pasta Salad

Ingredients

250g pasta uncooked
1 medium carrot, grated
1 celery stick chopped
1 spring onion finely chopped, green parts only
½ red capsicum diced
2/3 cup tasty cheese grated
1/3 cup parsley, finely chopped
300ml coleslaw dressing
3 tbs sour cream, heaped

Method

Cook pasta in boiling, salted water, then drain and chill.
In a small bowl, combine the coleslaw dressing and sour cream.
Combine pasta, vegetables, cheese and coleslaw dressing mixture.
Season. Chill before serving.



Classic Potato Salad

Ingredients

1 kilo of Yukon Gold potatoes (leave skin on if you want) cut into 2cm pieces.
6 slices of bacon
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sour cream
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup mayonnaise
2 teaspoons mustard (Dijon)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup thinly sliced shallots
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped celery
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped parsley
2 dill pickles, chopped into small cubes (about $\frac{3}{4}$ cup)
Freshly ground pepper



Method

In a large pot, cover the potatoes with cold, salted water (1 teaspoon salt). Bring to the boil, then reduce heat to simmer.

Simmer until the potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork, about 20 minutes. Drain, and rinse with cold water to stop the cooking.

Heat a frying pan on medium low. Lay out the strips of bacon in a single layer. Gently cook, turning over occasionally with tongs, until lightly browned, and much of the fat rendered out.

Place on a plate lined with paper towel to soak up excess fat. Once cooled, chop the bacon finely.

In a large bowl, whisk together the sour cream, mayonnaise, and mustard. Add a little salt and pepper.

Add the potatoes and use a rubber spatula to gently combine with the sour cream mixture. Add the shallots, celery, parsley, pickles, and bacon, again gently combining. Combine two tablespoons of the pickle juice. Season to taste.

Lemon Herb Couscous Salad

Ingredients

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups dried Israeli couscous (pearl couscous)
Salt and fresh ground black pepper
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup extra virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon honey
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
2-4 tablespoons fresh squeezed lemon juice, to taste
1 medium cucumber, diced
1 large tomato, diced
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup coarsely chopped fresh herbs, (use any combination of fresh parsley, coriander, basil, dill or mint).
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped walnuts, toasted
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cranberries.



Method

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to the boil. Add couscous and cook until tender, 8-10 minutes. Drain.

While the couscous cooks, in a large bowl, whisk the oil, mustard, honey, lemon zest, lemon juice, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of salt, and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper. Add the drained couscous to the dressing and mix well.

Stir in the cucumber, tomato, herbs, walnuts and cranberries. Taste for seasoning and adjust with salt and pepper as needed. Enjoy warm or cover, then refrigerate until cool, about 1 hour.



Join the Coffs Harbour Libraries Summer Reading Club

stamp your card at your library

Read for your chance to win

- Read 10 books
- Collect ten stamps
- Go into the draw to win a Penelope Pratley's book

Celebrate your Summer Reading

Join Penelope at Harry Bailey Memorial Library for some guided creative activities.
2-3pm
Tuesday 24 January
Register online

- Collect your Summer reading bookmark.
- Get your bookmark stamped for every book you read.
- Read 10 books.
- Return your card with ten stamps to enter the draw. Draw on 24 Jan at 3pm after activities.
- Register for the Summer Reading party celebrations.

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libraries.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/Whats-on
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Special Christmas storytime

children of all ages welcome

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- Storytime, Singing and Craft
- Find an Elf on a Shelf
- Have a Shelfie with an Elf!

Bellingen Library	Urunga Library	Dorrigo Library
Wednesday 21st Dec	Tuesday 20th Dec	Wednesday 21st Dec
10:30am	10:30am	10:30am

Grafton Library | graftonlib@crl.nsw.gov.au | www.crl.nsw.gov.au | (02) 6641 0100



Dorrigo National Park



Fun for the kids

Gondwana Nature Play

**World Heritage
Gondwana
Rainforests**

This is a seasonally varied hour of ranger-guided interactive games, discovery and play in the Dorrigo National Park for all children 5 - 12 years old.

When: Tuesday 10 Jan and Tuesday 17 Jan 2023

2 sessions: 10am -11am and 11:30am -12:30pm

Cost: Child (5-12 years) \$10 per person.
Adults not required to attend

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Scan QR code
Ph 1300 072 757**



or at the rainforest centre front desk
15 minutes before start time



**26TH ANNUAL
Putt Bennett
Family Fishing Festival**



**2nd Weekend in January
12th to 15th January 2023
Mylestom (North Beach)**

Junior under 15yrs receive **FREE FISHING GEAR** on Registration
(Limits apply, must be present at sign-on)

Registration at North Beach Recreation & Bowling Club
Thursday 12th 4pm-7pm & during scoring up to Saturday 14th January
Adults \$30, Juniors \$20,
Family \$80 (Max 2 Adults, 3 children. Additional children \$20)

**HEAPS OF INDIVIDUAL
AND FAMILY PRIZES**

Scoring times
8am-10am & 4pm-6pm Fri 13th & Sat 14th, 8am-11am Sunday 15th
This is a Catch and Release event

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More information available at: <https://www.facebook.com/PBFFF/>

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11 - 27 DECEMBER
MORG ST RESERVE**

OVER 16 HOT SUMMER NIGHTS WITH POP-UP PERFORMANCES, UNDER 18s DANCE PARTY, BEST HOUSE & BUSINESS CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION AND MUCH MORE

Official Launch SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 2022
MORG ST RESERVE

6.30pm POP-UP CAROLS EVENT FEATURING
Heather Rose, Kaya Boom, and special guest: Santa
8.10pm OFFICIAL OPENING BY MAYOR STEVE ALLEN AND SANTA
FREE ENTRY

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FREE EVENT | UNDER 18s ONLY
OUTDOOR POP-UP MUSIC GIG
SAT 17 DECEMBER 2022
MORG ST AMPHITHEATRE 5.30PM - 7.30PM

Kaya Boom **DJ Fella**



Featuring an Interactive Drum Session

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Security and St Johns Ambulance in attendance.
Parents are welcome!

This is STRICTLY an underage event. We reserve the right to refuse attendance. There is a NO DRUG, ALCOHOL & SMOKING policy. Any intoxicated or under the influence guests will be removed and police contacted. We want this to be a safe, fun environment for all.

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