

RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment



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Newsletter, Term 4, Week 10

13 December, 2023

14 December Year 6 Farewell Lunch for years 5 & 6 and fun afternoon for everyone

15 December Last day of term for students

30-31 January, 2024 Staff Development Days

1 February, Students from Years 1-6 return

5 February Best Start testing for new Kindergarten students

6 February Kindergarten commence

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all of students, staff and families for another enjoyable and successful Sunset Picnic. It was wonderful to see our students sharing their performances with everyone and we hope you all enjoyed seeing them.



I would like to take this opportunity to also thank everyone for their support throughout the year. We have had a wonderful year of learning, inside and outside the classrooms and this is made possible because of the fantastic attitudes of our students, our committed teachers and the support of all of our families and friends.



I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Sue Brown, our Director Educational Leadership for the Mid Coast Valleys. I have been very lucky to be able to work with Mrs Brown over the past five and a half years. She has made significant contributions to the education of the students in our area and has always been a wealth of knowledge and support to myself. She will be retiring at the end of the term, and we wish her the very best of luck as she enjoys relaxing and spending time with her family and friends!

I hope that everyone has a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas break and school holidays and we look forward to seeing our **Yr 1 to 6 students return on Thursday 1st February**. Best Start interviews for our new Kinders will occur on the Monday 5th February, letters with interview times have been sent out to families. Their first day will be Tuesday 6th February. The staff will be at school on the 30th and 31st of January doing professional learning and preparing for the year ahead, if people need uniforms or information.

Kind Regards, Katrina

Year 6 Final Days

We would like to wish our two Year 6 boys the very best as they move into high school. We have loved watching them get very tall, maturing and improving their skills inside and outside the classrooms. We look forward to hearing about all of their new adventures in the future! Best of luck boys!



Annual Christmas Card Competition



Each year our school enters the Raleigh Royal Freemason's Christmas card competition. The students design their Christmas cards and the winning design is chosen by the residents. Thank you to Kristie, the Leisure and Lifestyle Supervisor and Lisa the General Manager for visiting to present the winner with their prize. Congratulations to our winner of this year's Christmas card competition. She has had her winning Christmas card printed and received copies and a gift voucher for Booktopia.

Big Banana Rewards Day

What a fun time we had at the Big Banana. I was very proud of the behaviour of all our students. The photos say it all. Thank you to parents who sent in so much food to share. What a wonderful way to finish the day.



Big Banana Day Raffle

Last Wednesday's winning tickets were:

1st prize – Large electronic Arcade Game – Owen

2nd prize – Skateboard – Cleo

3rd prize – Wahu Water Slide – J Hynes

Year 6 Fun Afternoon

Tomorrow afternoon, we will have a fun afternoon with the students. Traditionally we get wet and dirty. We ask that students bring a change of old clothes, that won't matter if they get stained or damaged and a change of shoes that will get very dirty and wet. If students do not have a change of clothes and shoes, they may not be able to do some of the activities. Please make sure the clothes have short sleeves and are not mid-riff and the shorts are not too short. We recommend packing an old towel and a plastic bag, so that they can clean themselves off and take everything wet home.

Equipment for 2024

As we approach Christmas and the holidays, now is the time to start thinking about and buying equipment for 2024. At Raleigh, we supply most of the equipment for our K-2 students, however we expect the 3-6 students to have their own equipment. Please make sure your child's equipment is clearly labelled.

K-2

- Library bag - Can be a reusable shopping bag, pillow slip etc
- Home reader folder - A4 plastic folder/pencil case

3-6

- Library bag - Can be a reusable shopping bag, pillow slip etc
- Small soft pencil case for desk
- Lead pencils
- Editing pens
- Coloured pencils
- Highlighters
- Textas + additional pencil case (optional)

The school will supply a glue stick, whiteboard marker and ruler at the beginning of the year. If these are lost or need replacing, then the students are expected to replace their own. Please do not buy permanent textas or sharpies for school.

School Uniforms

You may also want to look at purchasing/ordering school uniforms for next year. Some sizes are in short supply and may need to be ordered for next year. These can be paid for online (before sending home) or with cash. Irene will be in the office tomorrow or next week from Monday to Thursday.

Shirts Sizes 4-16 \$25

Shirts Sizes S-XL \$30

LS shirts \$20

Skorts Sizes 4-10 \$28

Skorts Sizes 12-14 \$30

Black cargo shorts \$20

Boys long pants \$20

Girls long pants \$25

Jackets 4-16 \$30

Jackets S-XL \$35

KiK for term 1, is \$20

Headphones \$15 (to remain at school)

Share Our Space

Now that school holidays are about to start, we are proudly sharing our space with the local community. Please be respectful of our grounds and property. No alcohol allowed.



**NSW public schools
open these holidays!**

We're proudly sharing our space with the
local community



Package Free Lunch Award Winner



Congratulations to this week's package free winner. This will be calculated from Tuesday to the following Monday each week. All students achieving this will go into a draw to become the Package Free Lunch winner. As well as receiving a certificate for their great effort, they will also choose a small prize. Please see Mrs Jones in the office to collect your prize.

Weekly Attendance Award Winner



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. Please see Mrs Jones in the office to collect your prize.



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LEARN TO SKATE

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DROP IN SESSION

OPEN SKATE SESSIONS NO COACHING

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

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ADULT LESSONS & SESSIONS

School Holidays at Bellingen, Dorrigo & Urunga Libraries January 2024

all events at your library are FREE

Bellingen
Egg Carton Craft
 Wednesday 17th January
 10:30 - 11:30am

Take Home Craft Packs
 Choose your craft
 Have fun at home and send us a photo!
 Until packs run-out

Urunga
Clay Craft
 Wednesday 10th January
 10:30 - 11:30am

Egg Carton Craft
 Wednesday 17th January
 10:30 - 11:30am

Dorrigo
Woodland Craft
 Wednesday 17th January
 10:30 - 11:30am

Take Home Craft Packs
 Choose your craft
 Have fun at home and send us a photo!
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Bellingen Shire Libraries | libraryevents@clarence.nsw.gov.au | www.crf.nsw.gov.au | (02) 6641 0111



Live topics and presentations on the needs of the Mid North Coast
Priority focus areas: RIF, Workforce, Childcare and Migration

Thursday
1

Club Taree,
Taree NSW 2430

Tuesday
6

Kempsey RSL Club,
Kempsey NSW 2440

Thursday
8

Bellingen Golf Club,
Bellingen NSW 2454

SAVE THE DATES - FEBRUARY 2024

Book your seat via WWW.RDAMNC.ORG.AU

Coffs Basketball Camps
JANUARY 2024

Thursday 11th 9am-3pm
Suns Rep Players U-16 and U-18
Cost: \$40

Friday 12th 9am-3pm
Domestic Players only
Limited to 100
Cost: FREE

Tuesday 16th 9am-3pm
Suns Rep Players U-12 and U-14
Cost: \$40

Tuesday 23rd
Suns Holiday Camp
U-12 and U-14 9am-11am
Followed by **FREE** lunch
U-16 and U18 12pm-2pm
Followed by **FREE** lunch
Cost: FREE

Book your place on our website
coffsharbourbasketball.com.au/events-programs/

Ford aussie hoops
Term 1 - 2024

Learn to Play Basketball for all kids 5-12! TERM 1

Kicking off Monday, 5 February 2024
from 4pm-5pm
at Sportz Central - Coffs Harbour
OR
Kicking off Thursday, 8 February 2024
from 4pm-5pm
at Sportz Central - Coffs Harbour

10 week Program - \$110 for new participants
\$90 for returning participants
Register at www.aussiehoops.com.au

COFFS HARBOUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

DOMESTIC TRAINING

MONDAYS - 5PM TO 6PM
AT SPORTZ CENTRAL
OR
THURSDAY - 5PM TO 6PM
AT SPORTZ CENTRAL

Starts on
5 February 2024 - Sportz Central
8 February 2024 - Sportz Central

Cost - \$70
10 Week Program

Register at www.coffsharbourbasketball.com.au

UNSW 2024 Coding Challenge Invites You All



Immerse yourself into this **dangerous zombie world** to save people!

How to Participate

1



CHOOSE & ENROLL

roboticscodingchallenge.org
Choose the e-learning course you want, and then enroll.

2



STUDY

Study coding with the e-learning course you choose during the challenge period.

3



CODE & SUBMIT

Create and code your own game, and then submit it.



UNSW Associate Professor Riza Yosia Sunindijo

The 2024 UNSW Robotics Coding Challenge is an initiative supported by the NSW government. It offers online coding courses to students in Australia, aiming to reach many Australian students especially girls and students in remote areas.

This coding challenge helps students learn STEM, Robotics, Coding, and Construction Engineering to inspire students to be future engineers.

Coding Challenge Details



Scan the QR code to get more details

Homepage: roboticscodingchallenge.org

Participants Fee: \$30

Target: K-Y12

(This coding challenge is suitable to all levels including beginners)

Challenge Preparation Period: From Summer Holiday 2023 till the end of Term 1 2024

Challenge Submission Deadline: By 10 PM 12 April 2024

Award Ceremony: 24 April 2024 At UNSW

Coding Theme: Save the world from the dangerous zombies

Coding Software: Scratch Junior, Scratch, Entry, and Python

Code Building Guidelines:

1. Material collection: The more interesting the enemies or obstacles you create, the higher your score increases.
2. Code to build various buildings and elements (weapons) when enough materials are collected.
3. Create an engaging story to make the game fun to play.



Certificate, Trophies, medals, and gifts are prepared for eligible students.



Participants
All students in Australia are invited.



You Are a Great Gem
You can be anything you want to be. Use this opportunity to push your limits.

