

# RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment



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Newsletter, Term 1, Week 4

15 February 2023

15 February	Scholastic Book Club orders due today
16 February	Kids in the Kitchen
17 February	Sporting schools AFL
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24 February	Sporting schools AFL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Friday we had an amazing day with the other small schools at our annual Small Schools Swimming Carnival in Bellingen. We had eleven students attend the carnival and of these eight qualified to go on to represent our school and Small Schools team at the District Swimming Carnival at Macksville on Monday 27th February. All eleven students who attended had a go in events and swam in at least one 50m event. Although some students received places in their events they may not have qualified for their event at the District level. Mrs Corcoran and myself were very proud of the effort, attitude and behaviour of those students who attended! We can not wait to see them all participate again next year.



Congratulations to the following students who placed at the small schools carnival and qualified for events at the District level. Events that qualified are marked with an asterisk:  
Winter - 1<sup>st</sup> 8 yrs Girls 50m Freestyle\*

Indi – 1<sup>st</sup> 9 yrs girls 50m Freestyle\*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jnr Girls 50m Backstroke\* and 1<sup>st</sup> Jnr Girls 50m Breaststroke

Sophia – 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 yrs girls 50m Freestyle\*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jnr Girls 50m Breaststroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> Jnr girls 50m Backstroke

Ivy – 1<sup>st</sup> 11yrs girls 50m Freestyle\*, 1<sup>st</sup> 11yrs Girls 50m Backstroke\*, 2<sup>nd</sup> 11yrs Girls 50m Breaststroke\*, Peter Dobson Relay\* and 1<sup>st</sup> 11yrs Girls 50m Butterfly

Arianwen - 3<sup>rd</sup> 11yrs Girls Breaststroke

Liam – 1<sup>st</sup> 9 yrs Boys 50m Freestyle\* and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jnr Boys 50m Breaststroke\*

Owen – 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 yrs Boys 50m Freestyle

Heath – 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Boys 50m Backstroke\*, Peter Dobson Relay\*

August – 2<sup>nd</sup> 11yrs Boys 50m Breaststroke\* and Peter Dobson Relay\*

Lincoln - Peter Dobson Relay\* and 3<sup>rd</sup> 11yrs Boys 50m Breaststroke

A huge congratulations to Indi and Ivy who won the Junior Girls and 11yrs Girls Age Champions and due to the great effort and participation of our students we also came away as the Champion Small School. Go Raleigh!



## **Kids in the Kitchen**

Tomorrow will be our first Kids in the Kitchen for the year. Money for this had to be in by today. If your child has not paid, they will need to pack their own lunch. Please make sure the remaining \$15 for the term has been handed-in by Tuesday 28th February. If your child is fussy then please pack a sandwich as a back-up.

## **Unexplained Student Absences**

Our school is working hard to encourage and support every student to attend school every day, unless they are unwell. Students who attend school regularly are advantaged in many ways including better academic outcomes and mental health, being able to make and maintain healthy friendships and they are less likely to drop out of school early.

Everyone plays a role in improving attendance at school - students, parents, carers and teachers, and we need to work together. To help us better support your child's attendance at school, I ask that you provide us with an explanation when they are not at school, within seven days of the first day of their absence. This can be provided to us in an email (Raleigh-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) , in a written note or as an SMS (Katrina 0403 177 961).

Reducing the number of unexplained student absences is a focus of all schools across the Mid Coast Valleys and we appreciate your assistance in minimising these at Raleigh Public School.

For more information, you can check out the Department's Student Attendance Policy and the Student Attendance in Government School Procedures.

The Importance of arriving on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day.
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class.

- Reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday • exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral).

Why attendance matters - Let's do the maths

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can impact your child's learning more than you think. When your child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost.

## Head Lice

With the warm weather we are seeing an increase in head lice at school. Please remember to try to minimise the risk of the spread between students and staff. We ask that all students with hair below their shoulders wears their hair tied up. If your child has headlice it is very important that your child's hair is treated and brushed out with a quality fine-tooth comb to remove eggs and lice. You will need to keep checking their hair regularly as there are always lice and eggs that are missed. Don't forget to treat all bedding, pillow slips and if you have ongoing reinfestation treat car seats and lounges also. Please let the school know ASAP so that we can ensure that your child's hat is washed to avoid reinfestation. Headlice are inevitable in schools. They are not fussy and like both clean and dirty hair. We need the help of every one of our families to keep regularly checking, treating and notifying the school, to reduce the spread.

## Library

This year our Library borrowing day will be Friday. Please make sure that your child packs their library bag and books to return each Friday. If students are reading a novel these can be brought into school and reborrowed, if they haven't finished reading them.

## Gumbaynggirr Language Lessons

We are very excited to start Gumbaynggirr Language lessons this Friday. These will occur for each class, every Friday and will be run by our tutor, Jett Jarrett. We are all very excited to have this great program running again in our school.

## Package Free Lunch 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.

## 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.

Kind Regards,  
Katrina Meenahan

## Stewart House Donation Drive 2023

92 years caring for children. Your donation supports the 1,600 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT

You could win a \$4,000 holiday/gift voucher. Please place a \$2 coin, or equivalent into the envelope provided. Complete the entry details on the back and return it to school to be eligible for the draw.

**#BE BRAVE  
DOMESTIC COMPETITION**



**VALLEY BRAVES**

**\$5.00 each Sunday  
Pay & Play Weekly**

Annual BNSW rego required after the first week.  
Under 8: \$10  
8-11 years old: \$30  
12-17 years old: \$40

Due to Macksville High being unavailable on Feb 19th, the competition will take place that week at Nambucca High School

U14's - 12:15pm  
U12's - 1pm  
U16's - 1:45pm  
U18's - 2:30pm

**VENUE: MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**TIMES:**  
1pm: 2:00pm; Under 12's, Under 14's  
3:15pm - 3:30pm; Under 16's, Under 18's

**Sunday Dates**  
Feb 12th, 19th, 26th, May 21st  
March 19th, June 4th  
April 30th, July 16th, 30th

Further enquiries: [admin@valleybasketball.com.au](mailto:admin@valleybasketball.com.au)



**BELLINGEN SWIMMING CLUB**

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**Every Tuesday** (School Terms)  
5:45pm - 7pm at Bellinggen Pool  
Ages 5 - 18

Swim races, games, BBQ, carnivals  
Come for some swimming fun!

INQUIRIES TO  
[BELLINGENSWIMCLUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BELLINGENSWIMCLUB@GMAIL.COM)





Bellinghen Football Club is open for registrations for the 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 Bellinghen Football Club on Facebook (@bellinghenfc) or webpage [bellinghenfc.com.au](http://bellinghenfc.com.au)

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



## CASUAL/FLEXIBLE OSHC EDUCATORS

- We are currently seeking passionate and keen Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Educators to join our Open Arms Care OSHC Service's. Whether you are experienced or new to the industry, if you are enthusiastic and love working with children, then we want you!

Interested applicants should send their CV and cover letter to [csmanger@openarms.org.au](mailto:csmanger@openarms.org.au)

## Bellinghen Netball Association



Registration & FREE BBQ –

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Net Set Go: Kinder to Yr 2 – 1pm

Junior: Grade 3-6 – 1pm

Seniors: High Schoolers & Ladies/Men – 2pm



New members welcome- registration open  
Online registration available @ [playhq.com](http://playhq.com)

Coaches and umpire positions needed!!!  
Contact [bellinghennetball@gmail.com](mailto:bellinghennetball@gmail.com)



## Start saving for 2024 back to school.

Saver Plus is free. Learn tips and tricks to polish your budget and saving skills. Save for 10 months. Get up to \$500 of matched savings for school expenses. Just in time for 2024.

\*Eligibility criteria apply

[saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)



# thrive

festival 2023

SUSTAINABILITY · RENEWABLES · WELLBEING · DISASTER PREPAREDNESS · WORKSHOPS · SPEAKERS · MARKETS · KIDS ACTIVITIES

BELLINGEN SHOWGROUND  
SAT 4TH MARCH  
8AM - 4PM

FREE ENTRY

<p><b>MAIN STAGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All-day 2 Triple b DB1 van</li> <li>8.30 - 9.15am Aff James</li> <li>10 - 10.30am Welcome &amp; Opening</li> <li>10.30 - 11.30am Greg Sheehan</li> <li>12 - 1pm Elders Storytelling</li> <li>1.30 - 2.30pm Wild Thyme</li> <li>3 - 4pm Samba Soul</li> </ul>	<p><b>THE PAVILION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 - 9.50am Weather Showcase</li> <li>9.50 - 10am Sustainable Food Practices</li> <li>10.30 - 11am Water Showcase</li> <li>11 - 11.30am What's Growing in our Shire</li> <li>11.30am - 12pm Future Possibilities</li> <li>12 - 1pm Energy Showcase</li> <li>1.30 - 2pm Fire, Flood &amp; Forecast</li> <li>2.30 - 3pm Gumbaynggir Audience Choir</li> </ul>	<p><b>LUNCHEON ROOM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 - 10am Preserving and Pickling</li> <li>11am - 12pm Ayurvedic Cooking for the Seasons</li> <li>10.30 - 1.30pm Nose to Tail Nutrient-Dense Cooking</li> <li>2 - 3pm Nourishing the Community Cooking demo &amp; shared meal</li> </ul>	<p><b>DISCOVERY ROOM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 - 10am Repair &amp; Replace with 3D Printing</li> <li>10am - 12pm Big Picture Thinking</li> <li>12.30 - 1.30pm Caring for Country with Artificial Hollows</li> <li>1.30 - 1.45pm Bushcraft &amp; String-making</li> </ul>	<p><b>MOURISH TENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 - 10am Mindfulness and Compassion</li> <li>10.00am - 12pm Herbs for Resilience</li> <li>12.30 - 1.30pm Drumming Workshop</li> <li>2 - 3pm Body Percussion Workshop</li> </ul>	<p><b>KIDS SPACE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.50am - 1pm Bush Clay</li> <li>1 - 5pm Bellingen Riverwatch Waterbug workshop</li> <li>All-day Jumping Castle</li> </ul>	<p><b>MALAAMI TENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.30am - 4pm Conversation Circles for Future Building</li> </ul> <p>Each circle will form fertile ground for the Malaami Project, a future building weekend held 25th-26th March by CCL.</p>	<p><b>OUTDOOR EVENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Services Water Games &amp; Fat Fire Demo</li> <li>Bike Station Showcasing electric bikes &amp; repairs pop up</li> <li>Reflections Workshop Gumbaynggir man Bernard Kelly-Edwards Hearing at the Mourish Tent at 3pm</li> </ul>
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Celebrating our region's abundance of skills, knowledge & talent on Gumbaynggir country.

[www.ozgreen.org/thrive](http://www.ozgreen.org/thrive)

BONUS TOURS & ACTIVITIES  
SUN 5TH MAR  
\$10 / TICKET

\$10 per person for Sunday events only. Saturday Thrive Festival is a free event. For more information see our website.

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