RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment



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Newsletter, Term 1, Week 6

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2 March Kids in the Kitchen
3 March Sporting schools AFL
10 March Sporting schools AFL
15-27 March NAPLAN for Yrs 3 and 5
16 March Kids in the Kitchen
17 March Sporting schools AFL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6. Today we are sending the newsletter home a day early, as Mrs Jones and I have to attend a First Aid course tomorrow, to keep our First Aid Officer qualifications up to date.

This week we have had a busy start, with eight of our students competing at the District Swimming Carnival at Macksville. This carnival has representatives from 17 schools attending and for many of our students it was the first time they have competed in a 50m pool. Many of the events have 2 or more heats. All of our students had a fantastic day and competed well. Their results are as follows:

Winter – 5th in 8 yrs girls freestyle

Indi – 4th 9 yrs girls freestyle and 13th in Junior Backstroke

Sophia – 6th 9 yrs girls freestyle

Ivy – 1st 11 yrs girls freestyle, 16th 11 yrs girls breaststroke and 7th in 11yrs girls backstroke

 $Liam - 5^{th}$ in Junior breaststroke and 10^{th} in 9 yrs boys freestyle and

Heath – 6th Senior boys backstroke

Small Schools Relay team – Heath, Lincoln, August and Ivy – 2nd

Congratulations to those who place in 1st to 4th place, they will now go on to represent our school at the Mid North Coast carnival in Coffs Harbour on Tuesday 7th March. Good luck!



NAPLAN 2023

This year our Year 3 and 5 students will be completing NAPLAN from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March. This is being completed earlier in the year to give teachers and parents important information about a student's skills and capability sooner, so that more targeted support can be delivered to improve literacy and numeracy skills throughout the year. Further information has been sent home to the Year 3 and 5 students.

KiK

This Thursday we will be doing our second Kids in the Kitchen (KiK) for the term. Please pack some back-up lunch if you know your child is fussy.

Everyday Counts

A reminder that it is a requirement for school age children to attend school each day, unless they have a genuine reason to be absent. This may be illness, an unavoidable medical appointment or a serious family event such as a funeral.

We understand that children miss school due to illness and other unavoidable events. Please try to keep these days to a minimum. It is important to remember that when your child is away they are missing valuable learning time, as well as important time to build friendships and relationships with their peers. Students often feel anxiety when they have missed vital information and learning and they do not understand lessons and topics when they return.

The aim is to have all students attending 95% of the time. If your child is away, it is important that you contact the school to let us know why they are away. This week we are sending home letters to families whose child has had below 90% attendance as a reminder of the importance of regular attendance.

Birthdays

There have been a number of Birthdays so far this year already and we have been asked if children can bring in cake to celebrate their birthday. The answer is yes! If your child has a birthday while at school, we are happy for you to supply cupcakes (mini ones preferred), to share with their peers. We currently have 28 students.

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



Kind Regards, Katrina Meenahan 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.

NSW Electoral Commission

The NSW Electoral Commission offer opportunities to work at State and Local Government elections. Raleigh Public School venue is the site of a Voting Centre for the upcoming NSW State Election being held on Saturday 25 March 2023. Work is available on Election Day and throughout the election period, the weeks before and after the election day.

Working at an election is a great opportunity to learn new skills and meet people, while you also play a valuable part in contributing to democracy. We look for staff to work as election officials during the election period. Staff receive training, support and a competitive pay rate.

Information regarding pay, training and submitting an Expression of Interest for the employment is available at: https://elections.nsw.gov.au/

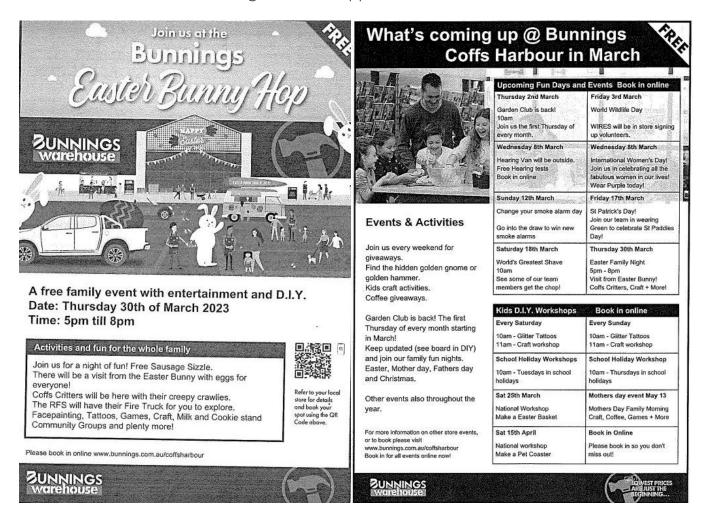
Stewart House Donation Drive 2023

Thank you to the many families who supported the Stewart House Donation Drive, 2023. I would like to send off the entries in the near future, so if you haven't sent your envelope back and would like to enter the draw for the \$4000 holiday/gift voucher, please do so as soon as possible. Just ask at the office if you require a new envelope.

Bunnings Coffs Harbour

Today, Kirsty from Bunnings, Coffs Harbour, presented our school with 2 new basketballs and entries for a colouring-in competition for those interested. It will be drawn on the 10th April.

We would like to thank Bunnings for their support.





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