

# RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment



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Newsletter, Term 4, Week 8

29 November, 2023

30 November	Sporting Schools Cricket
1 December	Sporting Schools Golf
6 December	Kids in the Kitchen Christmas lunch
12 December	Sunset Picnic, 5pm start
13 December	Big Banana Rewards Day, \$27
15 December	Last day of term for students
30-31 January, 2024	Staff Development Days
1 February,	Students from Years 1-6 return
2 February	Best Start testing for new Kindergarten students
5 February	Kindergarten commence

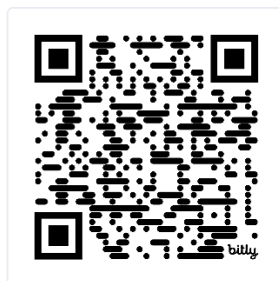
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

## Community Engagement Survey

Our Semester 2 Community Engagement Survey can now be accessed online. Surveys will remain anonymous.

Please complete the survey by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. The link and QR code is below.

<https://bit.ly/49TYvM0>



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## Kids in the Kitchen Christmas Lunch



We have had to postpone the Kids in the Kitchen Christmas Lunch until next Wednesday, 6 December. We look forward to this more formal Kids in the Kitchen meal, where we all sit down together, enjoy a variety of salads and meat and pull a Christmas Cracker or two. Our students love reading out the jokes and getting the small treat inside the crackers.



## Sunset Picnic



Thank you to families who have returned numbers of those attending the Sunset Picnic.

We look forward to seeing you at the Sunset Picnic on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, for an evening of entertainment by our students and a celebration of the wonderful year we have had.

We ask our families to arrive to begin the evening at 5pm. Please pack a picnic to share with your family for dinner, with utensils and plates. This is a beautiful way to end our year and all students play a part in the evening. A flyer has been sent home.

## Swimming and Water Safety

Over the past two weeks we have been fortunate to be able to do ten days of our annual Swimming and Water Safety Program. 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 5 m of freestyle and our top group of students had improved their fitness and were demonstrating great rescue techniques and swimming many laps.





## Living Safely with Pets Program

On Monday Sally came along with her Border Collie, Holly, to run the Living Safely with Pets Program with K-2D. This Program is provided Free of Charge and is funded through a levy on dog and cat registrations.

The program focuses on teaching children how to be safe around dogs and what it means to be a responsible pet owner.





## Sporting Schools Cricket and Golf

We will have a cricket catch-up lesson tomorrow with Georgie and Kyle and a golf catch-up lesson Friday with Brandon. Our students are very fortunate to be taught these skills through the government run Sporting Schools Program.



## Year 6 Graduation Lunch

On Thursday 14 December, Year 5 and Year 6 will share a take-away meal together with Mrs Meenahan on our beautiful front verandah as a farewell lunch for Year 6. Invitations have been sent home.

## End of Year Fun Day Big Banana

Thank you to parents who have paid for the Rewards Day or asked for tickets to sell to cover all or part of the cost. Permission notes and money need to be in by Wednesday 6 December.



## Getting to school by bus in 2024

Will your child be catching the bus to school next year? Applications are now open for a Bus Travel Pass. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of the year. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible. Here is how it works:

### Bus passes

- All students catching the bus in 2024 will need a school travel pass.
- Under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.
- For more information about the School Student Transport Scheme and how to apply for a school travel pass, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer.

### Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to [busways.com.au/nsw](https://busways.com.au/nsw)
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to '[school timetables](#)'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device. If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.
5. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.

Regards,  
Katrina Meenahan

## 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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### Friends of the Bellinghen Memorial Hall

Friday 1 December, 7:30pm

**Tamba Theatre Co presents Tamba Haus of Drag Cabaret and Comedy**

Step right up and enter the glitzy world of Tambas Haus of Drag, Cabaret & Comedy! This pop-up drag cabaret is the ultimate destination for anyone looking for a night of glamour, sequins, and sass.

Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/tambashausofdrag>

Sunday 3 December, 5:00pm

**Surfrider Foundation Australia presents "Southern Blast" Film Tour**

Southern Blast is a beautiful cinematic celebration of the wild landscapes, abundant marine ecosystems, and local communities that call the Southern Ocean coastlines home.

Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/southern-blast-film-tour-bellinghen>

Sat 16 December, 10:00am & 3:00pm & Sun 17 December, 3:00pm

**Rivers Dance Centre presents A Trip To Paris & Let's Get Ridiculous**

Bellinghen's longest-running dance centre present their end-of-year dance extravaganza.

Tickets: <https://www.riversdancecentre86.com/>