

# RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment



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Newsletter, Term 4, Week 9

6 December, 2023

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
5 February	Best Start testing for new Kindergarten students
6 February	Kindergarten commence

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As everyone is aware there are increased cases of COVID within the community. Please ensure that if your child has any cold or flu like symptoms, stomach ache, diarrhoea or nausea symptoms that they do not attend school until they are symptom free. We ask that you also test for COVID. Students and staff are advised to stay home, even if they have a negative COVID test result. If anyone needs additional tests, please text Katrina.

## End of Term

The term is quickly coming to an end and we have a few more exciting things to do before we end the year.

- Today Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Kids in the Kitchen Christmas lunch
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – draw our excursion raffle
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Sunset Picnic 5pm start
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Big Banana Rewards Day and shared lunch
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Farewell lunch for Year 6 and Year 5 and the Year 6 fun afternoon with the whole school.

## Kids in the Kitchen Christmas Lunch

This annual event is always full of excitement and joy. We love to celebrate our cooking achievements at the end of the year with a special sit-down lunch. The students in 3-6 did a fantastic job of preparing potato, pasta, quinoa and green salads, which we had accompanied with fresh ham and chicken. For dessert, K-2 made a scrumptious Strawberry jelly slice. Fantatsic work everyone!



## Big Banana Day and Raffle

Thank you to everyone who returned their raffle tickets on time and took up the opportunity to make their excursion cheaper. Tomorrow we will draw the raffle.

On Wednesday we will hold our End of Year Rewards Day at the Big Banana Water Slides. This day is a reward for students who have demonstrated good behaviour in Term 4. We will be joining with Crossmaglen Public School.

Students can wear their swimmers to school under their uniforms. They will need to bring underwear, towel, sunscreen, snacks to eat between slides and a drink of water. Students will be expected to wear normal closed in shoes and full school uniform to change into afterwards, before getting on the bus to come back to school. Do not forget to pack dry underwear.

## Sunset Picnic

Next Tuesday is our annual Sunset Picnic. This is a very special evening, where our students and families come together to share the great things we have done and achieved throughout the year.

To make this evening a success could everyone please arrive and set up their space to sit before 5pm. We will be starting at 5pm, as we need to finish the evening before it gets dark. Please bring along the following:

- Chairs to sit on
- Dinner to share with your family – including cutlery and plates
- Water to drink - this is an alcohol and soft drink free event

## Year 6 Fun Afternoon

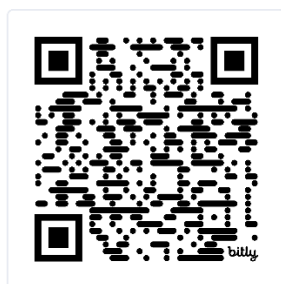
Next Thursday afternoon, we will have a fun afternoon with the students. Traditionally we get wet and dirty. We ask that students bring a change of old clothes, that won't matter if they get stained or damaged and a change of shoes that will get very dirty and wet. If students do not have a change of 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. Students can bring this in now and keep in their locker until next week.

## Community Engagement Survey

Our Semester 2 Community Engagement Survey can now be accessed online.

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

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



*Scan me*

## 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
- Texas + 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)	

## 3-6 Poems

In 3-6 we explored acrostic and diamante poems. Our class decided to write some on the theme of Christmas.

*Christmas time is beautiful.  
Hearing all the songs and bells,  
Ringing in the cold, icy air.  
Ice scattered everywhere.  
Shining lights and stars.  
Tinsel shining through the windows.  
Mega Christmas trees in the middle of towns,  
As Santa dashes through the  
Sky in a decorated sleigh while Christmas songs play.  
Jamie*





Christmas is my fave time of the year,  
 Hearing bells jingle in my ear.  
 Reindeer prance through the sky,  
 It's a beautiful sight, I can't lie.  
 Stars shine on the tree, so very bright,  
 The children sleep throughout the night.  
 Merry Christmas, some may say,  
 As the cheeky elves fly away, and  
 Say goodbye to my favourite day.     Indi

Grinch  
 Cranky, naughty  
 Destroying, running, hiding  
 Dog, hat, house, present  
 Stealing, sleeping, eating  
 Green, furry  
 Santa.     Sophia

Christmas trees in the corner decked with stars.  
 Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas to all.  
 Red bows hanging from doors.  
 I love Christmas!  
 Silly little kids running around, singing songs.  
 Trees packed with tinsel that shines like the sky.  
 Many thoughtful gifts under the tree.  
 A wonderful time of year.  
 Singing Christmas carols through the streets.     Ashley

Rudolph  
 Magical, furry  
 Flying, towing, eating  
 North Pole, sky, towns, stables  
 Galloping, delivering, sleeping  
 Soft, kind  
 Reindeer.     Wyatt

Checking for presents under the merry tree.  
 Hearing the golden sleigh bells,  
 Ringing in the twinkly night sky.  
 It's Christmas time,  
 So back to sleep in your cozy bed.  
 Time to wake up,  
 Merry Christmas!  
 As you wake up, you  
 See the shiny red sleigh shoot past your humble town.     Heath



## 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.

## Kids in the Kitchen Recipes

### 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.



### Quinoa Salad

#### Ingredients

1 cup uncooked quinoa, rinsed in a fine mesh colander  
2 cups water  
1 can chickpeas, rinsed and drained, or 1 ½ cup cooked chickpeas  
1 medium cucumber, seeded and chopped  
1 medium red capsicum, chopped  
¾ cup chopped red onion  
1 cup finely chopped flat-leafed parsley  
¼ cup olive oil  
¼ cup lemon juice  
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar  
2 cloves garlic, pressed or mince  
½ teaspoon fine sea salt  
Freshly ground black pepper

#### Method

To cook quinoa: Combine the rinsed quinoa and water in a medium saucepan. Bring the mixture to boil over a medium-high heat, then decrease the heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Cook until the quinoa has absorbed all the water, about 15 minutes, reducing heat as time goes on to maintain a gentle simmer. Remove from heat, cover and let the quinoa rest for 5 minutes, to give it time to fluff up.

In a large serving bowl, combine the chickpeas, cucumber, bell pepper, onion and parsley. Set aside.

In a small bowl, combine the olive oil, lemon juice, vinegar, garlic and salt. Whisk until blended then set aside.

Once the quinoa is mostly cool, add it to the serving bowl and drizzle the dressing on top. Top until the mixture is thoroughly combined. Season with black pepper to taste and add an extra pinch of salt if needed. Let the salad rest for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.





## 5 Ingredient Super Simple Potato Salad

### Ingredients

800 grams Desiree or other red skinned potatoes, chopped into bite size pieces  
1 cup of GF mayonnaise  
3 tbsps chopped parsley  
3 rashers of bacon, chopped into thin slivers  
4 spring onions, thinly chopped

### Method

Steam the potatoes until bite through.

Drain. Cool rapidly by covering in cold water. When the water warms, replace it with cold water until the water stays cold.

Meanwhile, fry the bacon until crispy.

Add the bacon, mayonnaise, parsley and spring onion to the potatoes and mix until well combined.

Refrigerate until serving.

## Strawberry Jelly Slice

### Ingredients

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup self-raising flour  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  cup shredded coconut  
85g strawberry Aeroplane jelly  
1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups boiling water  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  cup brown sugar  
90g butter (melted)  
2 tsp gelatine powder  
250g fresh strawberries (chopped)

### Method

Line a lamington tin with baking paper to cover base and extend over each side.

Combine sifted flour, sugar and coconut in a large bowl.

Add melted butter and mix together.

Press mixture into base of prepared tin.

Make the topping by combining gelatine and jelly crystals, then add boiling water. Stir until dissolved.

Cool the topping in the refrigerator until thick and syrupy, then fold in the strawberries.

Pour topping over cooled base and refrigerate until set.

Cut evenly into squares and serve with extra strawberries and whipped cream.



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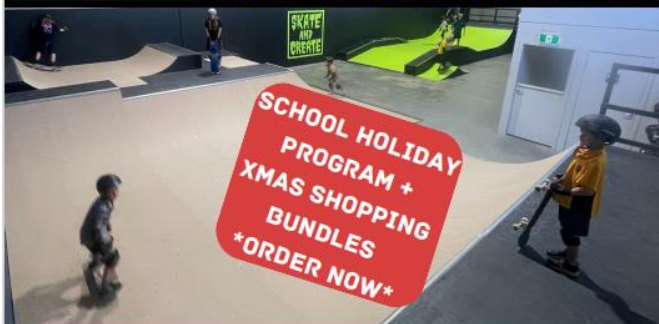
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- MEMBERSHIP
- CASUAL PASS
- SEASON PASS
- TERM PASS

**LEARN  
TO  
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ALL LEVELS  
& AGES**

**DROP  
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**OPEN SKATE  
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NO COACHING**

**BIRTHDAY  
PARTIES**

**PLAY  
GROUPS**

TODDLERS & PRESCHOOLERS

**HOME  
SCHOOL  
GROUPS**

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# 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](https://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](https://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.