I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our amazing students for their behaviour last week during excursion week. All of our students Kinder to Year 6, showed enthusiasm and great behaviour when on the excursions. There was a lot of fun last week, but there were also some amazing learning experiences. This is a great opportunity to discuss the things your children did and encourage their learning.

Thank you also to our P&C for donating money towards the major excursion and to our families who helped fundraise earlier in the year during our Fun Run. The money raised went towards paying for the K-3 Excursion and significantly reducing the cost of the Sydney trip.

Sydney 2015

Last week, thirteen students from Raleigh Public and eight students from Orama Public joined together to spend an amazing week in Sydney. Mr King joined Mrs Arnold and I and all of us were very impressed with the way the students from both schools interacted, made friends and got on.

While in Sydney the students learnt skills to get around the city on trains, trams, buses and ferries. They learnt how to behave appropriately in public and how to persevere even when they were tired. The activities reinforced the History lessons they have been learning in the classroom as well as widened their experiences in the city.

All of the students have come back with many stories and are excited to share what they did with others. I would like to congratulate our students on their great behaviour and thank Mr King and Mrs Arnold for all of their hard work and team work during the week.

“Raleigh Public School has talented and dedicated teachers who work with students to realise their potential.”
CPR Training
The week before our excursions, we hosted an afternoon of ‘CPR Under the Trees’ with Jason Phillips from the Royal Lifesaving Society. We were joined by teachers and staff from Orama, Crossmaglen, Repton and Urunga schools. We had a great afternoon updating our CPR skills and networking with colleagues from other schools.

Assessments
Over the next few weeks the teachers will begin assessing students for the Semester 2 reporting period. Although assessing student’s skills occur on a daily basis, there will be additional tasks set over the next few weeks. Semester 2 reports will be sent home at the end of term.

Mini Excursions
Last week at school K-3 had some mini excursions in the area, including a visit to the Butterfly House, Honey Place and bird watching activities at school, around Raleigh and the Boardwalk at Urunga. Ms Hudson, Mrs Chapman and I were very impressed with the way the students participated and behaved during these outings. I would also like to thank Jenny, Helen, Charmaine, Kirstie and Stacey who helped transport the children to some of these activities. Your help is greatly appreciated. Bernadette Driscoll
Aussie-Style Beef and Salad Tacos

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium brown onion, finely chopped
2 teaspoons ground cumin
2 teaspoons ground coriander
1 teaspoon paprika
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
500g beef mince
400g can, crushed tomatoes
10 jumbo soft taco shells
4 large iceberg lettuce leaves, shredded
2 medium tomatoes chopped
1 ½ cups grated tasty cheese
1 carrot, grated
sour cream

Method
Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced.
Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat.
Add onion. Cook, stirring, for 3 minutes or until softened. Add cumin, coriander, paprika and cayenne pepper. Cook, stirring, for 30 seconds until fragrant.
Add mince. Cook stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until sauce has thickened.
Meanwhile, heat taco shells following packet directions. Divide beef mixture and salad tacos evenly between taco shells. Top with lettuce, chopped tomato, grated carrot, cheese and sour cream.

Tomato Salsa
250g (about 4) tomatoes diced
½ cup (about 1) red capsicum chopped
1 lime, juiced and finely grated rind
1 long red chilli, seeded, finely chopped
¼ cup fresh coriander, chopped
2 spring onions, thinly sliced

Method
Combine all ingredients and season.

Chunky Guacamole
4 ripe tomatoes
3 avocados, very ripe but not bruised
Juice of 1 large lime
Handful coriander, leaves and stalks chopped
1 small red onion, finely chopped
A chilli, red or green, deseeded and finely chopped
1 teaspoon garlic

Method
Use a large knife to pulverise the tomato to a pulp on a board, then tip into a bowl. Halve and stone the avocados (saving a stone) and use a spoon to scoop out the flesh into the bowl with the tomato.
Tip all the other ingredients into the bowl, then season with salt and pepper. Use a whisk to roughly mash everything together. If not serving straight away, sit a stone in the guacamole (this helps to stop it going brown), cover with cling film and chill until needed.

The P&C have successfully acquired Sunday 29th November to hold a BBQ at Bunnings. We need parents to volunteer their time on this day from 7am to 4.30pm.

Time is needed in the morning to set-up, before we can start cooking any sausages and selling any drinks. The first shift will go from 7am to 10.30am, then 10.30am to 2pm and 2pm to 4.30pm. We need 4 people per shift.

Please write your name and mobile number in the time slot that would best suit you and return it by 23/11/15.

Name: ______________________   Mobile Number: __________________
Time: 7 am – 10.45 am

Name: ______________________  Mobile Number: ____________________ 10.45 am – 2 pm

Name: ______________________  Mobile Number: ___________ 2 pm – 4.50 pm

☐ I am available as reserve on 1st November for the Master’s BBQ. Time: ___________________
K-3 Mini Excursion Recounts

Yesterday we went to the Butterfly House and then to the Honey Place. I went into the butterfly house. At the table we did some craft. Tyson

Yesterday we went to the Butterfly House and then to the Honey Place. First my group went to do an art project. Then we went to see the butterflies, a few butterflies landed on me. Next we went to the Honey Place and we all got to taste honey and it was lots and lots and lots of fun. I liked it. Skeet

Yesterday K-3 and Blake went to the Butterfly House and Honey Place. I went in a car with Charmaine, Joey and Charlize. First we went to the Butterfly House and we split into 2 groups. The groups were K-2 and 3-4. Our group went into the glass house while K-2 went and did activities. Next we swapped over and our group did activities and K-2 went in the glass house. We had to write on a sheet with a butterfly. We had to write words that matched the body parts that had a line pointing at it. After that we had lunch. I had a chicken and mayonnaise wrap. It was yum. Then I had some rice cakes. Later we did the maze and my group was Charlize, India, Porsha and Ms Hudson. Finally we got to the middle. Next we played red light, green light. Then we went to the Honey Place and we kept the same groups. We were the first group to see the bees. I saw the queen bee lay an egg. I also saw a bee come out from a hole. Later we watched a video about bees. We then tasted honey but I don’t like honey, so I didn’t. Then we went and got a photo. Next we went back to school and had recess. I had a Ulysses land on the back of my shirt. I had fun. Charmaine told the people in her car that when she was 17, she got her P’s and people were beeping at her because she thought they were jealous of her good driving but she used to speed. Janae

Bird Watching Recount

On Wednesday we walked around Raleigh and our school to look for birds. When we walked around our school we saw some Tawny Frog Mouth owls. When we went around Raleigh our group saw a Water Fowl at the edge of the bank near the river. The next day which was Thursday we did the same as before but at Urunga. We went on the Board Walk and walked the whole way. Afterwards we had lunch there, had a little play at the park and then went back to school. I enjoyed both of those days. India