Help Needed
On Saturday 28th March, Raleigh Public School is an official Polling Booth for the NSW State Election. Our P&C is holding a cake stall during the day. We are asking for the help of our school community to bake goods for the stall. These can be dropped at school either Friday or Saturday morning. They need to be packaged ready to sell with a label listing the ingredients. Thank you in advance!

The P&C are also asking for volunteers to help man the stall. Please complete the tear off slip to indicate whether you can or cannot assist on the day. An hour of your day helps to spread the workload for all our families, so thank you.

Congratulations Jacob and Wade!
Last week Jacob and Wade participated in the District Soccer Trials. Both boys were successful in making the District team. Today they are at the MNC trials in Coffs Harbour and we know they will represent our school well and make our school proud.

Leadership Conference
This Thursday and Friday, our four Student Leaders will be travelling with the Bellinger-Dorrigo Learning Community to Brisbane to attend the annual Halogen Leadership Conference. We can’t wait till they return to hear about their experiences and the things they learnt.

End of Term Assembly
This term we will be holding our End of Term Assembly on Wednesday April 1st. The assembly will start at 9.30am and go for approximately 45 minutes. Our Whole School Choir will perform, the Recorder Group will do their first performance and we will share our School Song. Our students will also receive merit awards for the great things they have been doing during Term 1. We hope to see as many of our parents, family and friends attend as possible. We look forward to seeing you then.

Dear Parents and Community Members
Planning Meeting
Last Friday, I travelled to Orama Public School to attend a meeting of the Bellinger Valley Small Schools Network. I was able to work with the Principals of Orama, Repton and Crossmaglen Public Schools and Mr Graeme Ross, the Principal School Leadership Officer. We worked together on the next stage of our 2015-2017 School Plan. The Raleigh Plan is really beginning to take shape and it was great to be able to discuss our progress and gain input from our P&C meeting yesterday. Katrina

“Raleigh Public School is a welcoming and friendly school with strong and valued community links.”
Rewards Day
At the end of each term we hold a special event to reward the good behaviour of our students. This Term we will hold this day on the last day of term, Thursday 2nd April. This is a Kik day and we will cook something to take with us for afternoon tea. Our day will be a Picnic Day at the Urunga Foreshore. Weather permitting, we will travel to the foreshore at about 11.30am. Spending the day walking to the river mouth along the board walk, playing games on the foreshore and having fun together. We are asking children to bring lunch that can be shared amongst us all. We will take eskys to keep the food cold. As we are only small we are asking parents to help transport us there and back and we hope they will also stay to share the fun! More information will follow soon.

Harmony Day
Today our students and staff dressed in orange for our Raleigh Public Harmony Day activities. We came together as a whole school and worked within our Peer Support Groups to make our own individual kites. We will keep our kites at school and fly them on Thursday afternoon during sport. Great effort Raleigh!

Major Excursion
Every second year our senior students attend a major excursion. This year we have decided to combine with Orama Public School and go to Sydney. The excursion will involve Years 4, 5 and 6 and will support the work that we are doing in class on the First Fleet and Early Settlement. We would like to thank the P&C for their support in helping to subsidise the excursion. We will also be conducting a fundraiser where all the money raised will help make the excursion cheaper for the senior students. An expression of Interest letter will be coming out in the next few days.

Excursion Fundraiser
Each year we have participated in a Fun Run Fundraiser that is sponsored by Adidas or Golden Circle. This year with the help of our Amart Sports Community funds we will be running our own Fun Run with all of the profits going towards the Major Excursion. We hope all families will support this fundraiser, because even though your child may not be attending the Major Excursion this year in the future they may and this is a great way to help make this excursion more affordable. Sponsorship forms will be sent home before the end of next week. They can be kept over the holidays to get sponsors from family or friends. Our Fun Run/Cross Country will be run on Friday 24th April.

Fruit and Vegie Workshop
Last year the Fruit and Vegie Workshop was extremely successful. This is a great opportunity to get together with other parents to discuss ideas and suggestion that may help your child/children eat more fruit and vegies. This is a free workshop and you receive a recipe book for attending. The workshop is on Thursday 26th March from 9.30am to 11am. If you would like to attend please complete the tear off slip or contact Irene in the office.

Year 7 Expression of Interest
Last week the Year 6 students received information about High School for next year. On the back of the booklet, the Expression of Interest Form needs to be filled out and returned to school by Friday 20th March.
Asthma Training
Next Monday 23rd March, we will be holding an Asthma training afternoon at Raleigh Public. We have a number of schools from across the valley joining us. This is a valuable update on the latest ways that schools can assist with asthma control and prevention.

P&C Meeting
We were very happy to welcome new faces to our P&C Meeting yesterday. It was great to exchange ideas and discuss the wonderful things happening at Raleigh while enjoying a cuppa and Katrina’s home baking. We will be holding the Annual General Meeting on Monday, 4th May where all positions will be declared vacant. Hope you will be able to attend.

Healthy Active Kids
Attached to this newsletter you will find a card with healthy lunch box tips. There is also a sheet of stickers for you to collect from Mrs Jones. These can be used to decorate your lunch box.

Stewart House Keyrings
The Stewart House keyring torch is fun and practical. The keyring features the new Stewart House logo and a real working LED miniature torch. On sale from the front office for $3.

Star of the week
Congratulations D’zel!
These are some of the wonderful things his class mates had to say about him.
He is funny. Gloria
He helps me. Kieren
He helps look after the tadpoles. Ms Driscoll

Working With Children Check
It is now necessary for parent volunteers to complete a Working with Children Check and provide a 100 point check. This is necessary for parents transporting students as well as helping at carnivals and in the classroom. A copy has been attached to this newsletter. Please complete the form and bring in your documents for photocopying. Thank you.

Bellingen Show
The Bellingen Show is sneaking up on us again and will be held this year on Saturday May 9th and Sunday May 10th. Entries and program can be found on line at www.bellingenshow.com.au

“ The superior man is modest in his speech, but exceeds in his actions.” Confucius

Free Fruit & Vege Sense Workshop
Thursday 26th March from 9.30am until 11am.

☐ I would love to come to this free workshop.

Name: ____________________________

Contact number or email: ________________________

Saturday 28th March Cake Stall – NSW State Election
I am able to assist on the stall from 
☐ 9am – 10.30am   ☐ 10.30am – 12pm   ☐ 12pm – 1.30pm

☐ my preferred time ______________

☐ I am unable to help on the day but will provide ______________________

Cakes/slices/jams/produce/plants etc.

Name: ____________________________
New Sandpit
Thank you to our very talented GA, Amanda who has built a fantastic sandpit with cover. It was very well received by all our students. What a load of fun!

Harmony Day

Enrichment, Education, Excitement - Become a Volunteer Host Family!
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Belgium, the USA, and France are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family. Sylvia Kelly, Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs. Phone: 1300 884 733, Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au

Urunga Hockey Club
Come and play junior hockey
Boys and Girls aged 5-16 years welcome
Where: All games are at the Hockey Complex, Stadium Drive, Coffs Harbour
When: Saturday mornings
Equipment: Free stick pack to new registered junior players. Online registrations being taken now
Further information contact: 0457271071 or email: rhonda.smith_20@yahoo.com.au

Bellingen Netball Association
It has been developed to provide children from 5-10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience. Years 5-7 learn netball related fundamental motor skills with fun music, dance and games. Years 8-10 play modified netball games with a focus on fun and teamwork. Contact Sandra 0431 106 661 or email Sandra.hulbert21@gmail.com