Early Spring Gardening

Last week due to the rain and warm weather we decided to jump in and work on our veggie garden a week early before spring and Enviroweek. On Wednesday the Gardening Club worked in the Veggie garden cleaning up the beds and we ordered additional soil to top up the beds and hay bales to mulch the fruit trees. On Thursday after KiK, the whole school broke into groups and we worked on weeding, moving the soil and mulching. In the afternoon a small group of volunteers continued to help Amanda, Charmaine and myself to finish the veggie garden by filling the beds, planting seedlings, mulching and the rest of the hay bale was spread around the fruit trees. This was a huge effort and one that will help our garden and fruit trees fruit and bare well in the future.

Dear Parents and Community Members

Kids in the Kitchen Shopping

Last week I had the pleasure of taking Kristin, India, Joey and Toby shopping for the ingredients for KiK. This was a great learning experience for them and they had to make decisions about the ingredients we would buy based on price, size and quality. I look forward to taking a new group shopping next Tuesday.

Kids in the Kitchen

Next week we have decided to cook a brunch style meal for our lunch. We will be making Baked Eggs and Toast. The students in 3-6M have researched a variety of recipes and we have decided to combine a couple to make a delicious hearty meal. We are asking that those children who have not paid for KiK pay by Monday 7th September as we will be shopping next week on Tuesday.
Bellingen Writer’s Festival

Congratulations Miles. Last week we received a signed copy of Samantha Turnbull’s book ‘Bella’s Backyard Bullies’ with her note which read, “Please pass this book onto Miles who participated in a writing workshop with me at the Bellingen Writers Festival. His story was chosen to feature on antiprincessclub.com.au. Thanks! Samantha Turnbull”

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term and early next term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students in Yrs 4-6 to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 11th September. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Camp Creative Scholarship

We are very pleased to announce that Kristin has been successful in gaining a place in ‘Photography for Young People’ with Yasmin Maher at Camp Creative. Well done Kristin!

Are you a Dolphin or a Shark?

“Being able to read people’s emotions is powerfully predictive of how well children can get on with people at school. Play games with your child by predicting what sort of day a person down the street may have had.”

Source: Andrew Fuller

Student Banking Awards

Congratulations to Joey who has gained his Bronze Award for making 10 deposits this year and to Emma and Caiden who have gained their Silver Awards for making 20 deposits this year. Well done! They will now be able to use their tokens to redeem one of the many items available.

Please note: The Cosmic Light Beam Torch is no longer available due to safety concerns from some parents and has been officially recalled.

Library Books

Could all students please return their library books to school this week. Our librarian, Pat would like to do a stocktake before the introduction of the new library system ‘Oliver’ which will be starting during next term. Thank you. Your help in this matter is appreciated.

September Birthdays

We would like to wish Blake a very Happy Birthday today and also to Orion and Kieren who will celebrate later this week. Have fun!

Repton Public School Centenary Fair

This will be held on Saturday 19th September. There will be music, performances, food stalls and school memorabilia. A book and DVD will be available with the history of Repton and also includes some information about Raleigh.
The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


Fathers’ Day Stall this Friday

Gifts will be available for $2 each. Please send in money beforehand so that we can be assured of having sufficient gifts.

Cool Australia’s Enviro Week

Raleigh Public School has signed up for Environment Week (August 30th – September 5th). We are preparing our garden for spring planting, monitoring our school waste and participating in a recycled craft activity. You can check out what we are up at http://www.enviroweek.org/teams/raleigh-public-school-bernadette-team/ or even vote for Raleigh Public School in the People’s Choice Award at http://www.enviroweek.org/leaderboard/

You will need to use Chrome, Safari or Firefox Web Browser.

Quesadilla with Beans and Cheese

400g can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
6 x 20cm round flour tortillas
1 cup grated tasty cheese
2 green onions, chopped
1 teaspoon lime juice
2 tablespoons chopped coriander leaves
1 avocado, finely chopped
1 long red chilli, seeds removed and finely chopped
¾ cup medium taco sauce

Method

Place kidney beans in a bowl and roughly mash with a fork. Stir through Taco sauce, salt and pepper.

To make quesadilla, lay a tortilla on a flat work surface. Spread with a little of the bean mixture, some cheese and green onion. Repeat the process with another tortilla and place on top of the first. Top with another tortilla to form a stack. Repeat step to make a second quesadilla with the remaining ingredients.

Mix together avocado, chilli coriander and lime juice in a small bowl until combined. Set aside.

Heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium low heat. Place one quesadilla in the pan, making sure it remains flat. Cook for 4-5 minutes. Gently slide out of the pan and, using two spatulas, carefully turn it over. Return to the pan and cook for a further 4-5 minutes until golden and crisp around the edges. Remove and repeat with remaining quesadilla.

Cut into wedges and serve with avocado mixture.

Major Excursion

It is getting closer to our Major Excursion in Week 3 next term. We need final payments to be made by next Friday 11th September to secure your child’s place on the excursion. Last Friday Mrs Arnold and myself made final preparations ready for payments to be made to venues before the end of term. We would also like to announce that Mr Graeme King has volunteered his time to accompany us on the excursion.

Notes regarding the excursion and a list of items to pack will be sent home this week.

School Photos

Envelopes were handed out yesterday for School Photos which will be taken on Monday 14th September from 9.30am. Please return on that date.
Caramelised Banana Crepes cont.

Cook for 2 mins or until golden and lacy. Turn over and cook for as further 30 secs. Transfer to a plate and repeat with the remaining batter.

Melt 50g of unsalted butter and 1/3 cup (70g) brown sugar in a frying pan over a medium heat. Add 8 small bananas, peeled and thickly sliced diagonally. Cook turning once for 5 minutes or until golden and caramelised. Transfer to a plate.

Add 1/2 cup (125mls) thickened cream to the frying pan and stir until well combined. Bring to the boil and boil for 2 mins or until thickened slightly.

Fill the crepes with the bananas and roll up. Drizzle with the caramel sauce and serve with double cream.

Bellingen Cricket Club and Junior Cricket Club are inviting players (male and female) from 8 years to Seniors to come and play cricket in our U/12, U/14 and Senior teams for the upcoming 2015/16 season.

Online registrations are being taken (and encouraged) at www.playcricket.com.au

Registration and Training days for Juniors are being held at Connell Park, Bellingen on Tuesdays 8th and 15th September @ 4pm and Seniors on Thursday 10th and 17th September @ 4pm. For more information please contact U/12 – Tanya on 0414 754 964, U/14 – David on 0434 102 936, Seniors – Paul on 0408 653 695

Urunga Nippers – 2015/2016 Season

Urunga Junior Surf Lifesaving Club will kick off the 2015/2016 season with a registration morning on Sunday 13 September, 2015 from 10am to 11am at the surf club at Hungry Head. New Nippers will need to bring a Birth Certificate please.

Saturday, October 10: Registration and pool proficiency (U8-U14 only), Bellingen Swimming Pool, Bellingen – 3pm to 4pm.

Sunday, October 11: First Day of Nippers at Hungry Head, registration and ocean swim proficiency.

If you have any queries regarding Urunga Nippers, please contact our Registrar Lou Rodgers on 0437 170 738 or visit our website: www.urungaslsc.com.au for further information.

“As is our confidence, so is our capacity.”

WILLIAM HAZLITT