Dear Parents and Community Members,

The staff at Raleigh Public would like to extend a big welcome back to all of our students and families returning in 2016. We would also like to give a warm welcome to Oliver, Colleen, Bella and their families who have joined us this year.

We have had a positive and happy start to the term and are looking forward to working with you to assist your child’s learning and development throughout the year. Please make sure that if you have any questions or queries that you phone or drop in to see us.

West Tigers Visit

Today we had 2 members from the NRL West Tigers and 2 NRL Development Officers visit our school. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to meet and listen to top grade football players talk to them. The emphasis of their talk was reinforcing the importance of physical activity, nutrition, sleep and mental well being. What an amazing opportunity and learning experience.

Bailey and JJ play under 20’s and are training with the top squad and hope to play first grade in the future.

P & C Meeting

We have a small group of parents who meet once a month for our P & C meetings. This is a friendly and relaxed meeting and we would love to see more parents join us. The meetings last a little over the hour and are a great way to keep in contact with what is happening in the school and offering support to help grow our school further. Our first meeting will be held on Monday 15th February at 3.15pm in ‘The House’ at school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

On Thursday, fourteen of our students will be representing Raleigh at the annual Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Bellingen Pool. Students are asked to arrive at the pool at 9.15am, the events should conclude at approximately 1.30pm. Please make sure your child has adequate food, water and sunscreen for the day. In the event of wet weather the carnival will go ahead but it is recommended that children bring a spare towel and change of clothes. Good luck to our students competing.

Kids in the Kitchen

After the success of whole school cooking last year we have decided to continue this again in 2016. Students may pay $16 per term or $4 the Tuesday before KiK is on. The dates for Term 1 are the following Thursdays: 11th February, 25th February, 10th March and 24th March. Our aim is to have 100% of our students trying and eating what they are cooking.

“Raleigh Public School has talented and dedicated teachers who work with students to realise their potential.”
Package - free Lunches
Thank you to those families who have purchased containers over the break, to support our package-free lunch program. We are asking that students reduce the amount of packaging and plastic they are bringing to school by bringing food in washable containers that can be reused. We are asking that students have no more than one packaged item in their lunch box each day. Each day that students have a package-free lunch, they will get a ticket for the weekly draw, where they can win a handball or other small prize.
A reminder that at Raleigh we do not bring chips, lollies or chocolates and that sweet, sugary bars and treats are discouraged.

New Uniforms
Many of our students now have at least one set of our new school uniform and they look fantastic! The full introduction of the uniform is being phased in during 2016 and to support our families, any student who pays their school fees will receive one of our new school shirts for free. New shirts, shorts, skorts, hats and jumpers can be purchased from the office.

January Birthdays
We hope Bonnie had a very happy Birthday.

Student Banking
Tomorrow we will be commencing Student Banking. Information will be arriving shortly on this term’s rewards and competitions. A student from Taree Public School won the Disneyland trip.

Scholastic Book Club
Book Club brochures have been handed out today. There is a new format and all brochures have been combined into 1 brochure. Orders and money need to be back at school by Wednesday 10 February. Cheques may be made payable to Raleigh Public School.

Norco Pricelist
Attached to this newsletter is a new price list for Norco lunches (sandwiches and drinks). Please put it on your fridge or in your pantry for easy access. Lunches may be ordered by placing your child’s name and order on a paper bag and including sufficient money to cover the cost. Change will be given. The lunch order is then put in the lunch basket outside 3-6M classroom on arrival at school and will be taken to Norco and collected prior to lunch.

Money Envelopes
There are a few money envelopes attached for your convenience. These can be used for school fees, KiK etc. If you require more envelopes, please ask at the office.

Kids in the Kitchen Lunches for Term 1, 2016
KiK will commence on Thursday 11/2/16 and will then continue on Thursdays 25/2/16, 10/3/16 and 24/3/16. The cost of the lunches are $4 each. Lunches can be paid for by the Tuesday morning prior to the cooking or the preferred method of payment is $16 for the term.
A group of students will accompany Mrs Meenahan to do the shopping prior to KiK cooking. A permission note will be given to the students involved. Bon Appetite!

Kids in the Kitchen Lunches Term 4
I would like my child/ren ________________ to have KiK lunches this term.
The dates are 11/2/16, 25/2/16, 10/3/16 and 24/3/16.
☐ I enclose $16 for the term (per child). ☐ Please take this amount out of my child’s account.
☐ I would like my child to have KiK lunches and will pay $4 per child each week it is held.
☐ Your child has a credit of $4 owing from last term.
Signed: ________________________________ Date: ______________