Dear Parents and Community Members,

Swimming Success!

Congratulations to all of the Raleigh students who attended the Small Schools Swimming Carnival last Thursday. They had excellent behaviour and every child swam in at least one race, Ms Hudson and I were very proud of you all. A huge thank you must go to Skye, Craig, Jenny, Liz and Teresa who helped with the timekeeping and/or taking photos throughout the day. Without this help we are unable to run the carnival and make it such a great day for the students.

Our school came away with the Adjusted Small Schools Trophy, which is based on the number of ribbons we won and the size of our school. Well done Raleigh! Three of our students played a large role in our school win. Congratulations to our Small Schools Champions; Bonnie Junior Girls Champion, Kyle 11yr Boys Champion and Pursia 11yr Girls Champion. These three students were strong swimmers all day and we are very proud of their efforts.

On Friday 19th February, Kyle, Bonnie, Pursia, Charlize and Janae will be representing our school and the Small Schools at the District Swimming Carnival in Macksville. We wish them all the best!

Norco Pricelist

Please note that the ‘Iced Coffee’ included on last week’s price list is not available for students. Sorry for any inconvenience.

P & C

Our P & C meetings are a great way to meet other parents in a relaxed and friendly gathering. You can also hear first-hand about things happening at school and be a part of ideas that help to further enhance and develop our school and students. Please join us next Monday 15th February at 3.15pm in ‘The House’ (Office building). We look forward to seeing some new faces join our meetings and hope to see you there.

Literacy Numeracy Groups

This week we have started our Literacy and Numeracy groups and already we are seeing positive attitudes and results from our students. Remember if you would like to find out more or have any questions please join us next Monday afternoon at the P&C meeting.

The Importance of Reading

It is important to remember each night that your child needs to be practising their reading whether they are in Kindergarten or Year 6.

- Kindergarten students should be read to by an adult or competent reader each day.
- For students who are reading level 24 and below they should still be reading to an adult daily. The focus should be on sight words, fluency and expression.
- Students who can read fluently and with expression should be reading to themselves each night for at least 10-15 minutes.

Reading before bed is a nice way to set up a bedtime routine and to calm down before having a good night sleep.

“Raleigh Public School has talented and dedicated teachers who work with students to realise their potential.”
Recorder Group

Last Wednesday, Mei led our first recorder lesson for the year. It is important that those students who have joined the recorder group regularly practice at home. If they do not have a recorder, one can be purchased from the office for $15. Students need an A4 display folder to store and protect their music. Their music and recorders need to be brought to school each Wednesday.

Sporting Schools

This semester we have again been successful in applying for the Sporting Schools Grant. Learning skills from a trained professional is a great introduction to a new sport. This term we have chosen two team sports; hockey and football (soccer). Playing a team sport is a great way to learn to positively work with others, have fun and make new friends. Both of these sports are taking registrations for the 2016 season in the next few weeks.

On Fridays we will have Adrian and John joining us from Northern NSW Football to develop our football skills over five weeks. These lessons started last week and the feedback from students was very positive. Then starting in week 5, Phil will be joining us from Hockey NSW to teach us some hockey skills on Mondays for five weeks.

February Birthdays

We would like to wish Pursia a wonderful birthday. Have fun.

Messy Church

starting again on Thursday 11th February, 3.30pm at the Anglican Centre, Bellingen and 25th February, 3.30pm at St Barnabas Church Hall, Urunga. Craft, stories, songs and finishing with a meal together around 5pm. For more information phone Rev’d Zoe Everingham on 6655 1475.

Free Netball Clinic

Skills Clinic run by National Accredited Coaches supported by Bellingen Netball Association. Connell Park Courts, 9.30am, primary school age. Boys under 12 years welcome. Contact sandra.hulbert21@gmail.com Ph. 0431 106 661

Choir Groups and Music

This year we have ten students who have joined the Performance Choir. This is a very disciplined group that practise with Mei for competitions such as the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod. Although this is a serious group, they have a lot of fun learning new songs and being taught new skills by Mei.

We also have a whole school choir group that involves all of our students. They will learn the joy of singing and new songs each Tuesday before music lessons. On Tuesday afternoon we will be meeting as a whole school to participate in music lessons. Mei will build on the skills that we learnt last year as well as having a focus on playing percussion instruments.

Raleigh Community Playgroup

Playgroup has commenced at Raleigh Public School on Wednesdays from 9.15am to 11.15am. Come along, meet new people and see the wonderful things that Rom has organised for your child. Yearly membership will be subsidised by the school. Please bring morning tea for your child, a hat and shoes for outside play. For more information, please ring Irene in the school office, 6655 4228.