

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Term 4

Week 5

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Award at Week 5's assembly:

Yellow Cottage: James - for improvement in his handwriting and sentence structure.

Green Cottage: Saxan - for engaging enthusiastically with all beach and ocean activities at our Ocean Safety Awareness Day.

Blue Cottage: Kalea - for showing resilience and a positive attitude during the Ocean Safety Awareness Day, despite not originally wanting to attend.



Principal's Award: Viola - for outstanding participation (joining in), following instructions and excellent behaviour during our Yarrila Place excursion.



Calendar Term 4 2024

TERM 4

Week 5

Friday 15th November

Kids in the Kitchen

Week 6

Monday 18th November

Bonville Creek Farm excursion K-6

Wednesday 20th November

Final Kindy Orientation 9:15am-1:15pm

Teddy Bears' Picnic at Recess (K-6)

Friday 22nd October

Kids in the Kitchen

Week 7

Friday 29th November

Final Kids in the Kitchen for 2024

Week 8

Intensive swimming all week

Week 9

Thursday 12th December

Presentation Day and End of Year Assembly 9:15am

Yr 6 Farewell Dinner

Friday 13th December

Club 2500 Lunch with the Principal

Week 10

Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Dress Up Day

Wednesday 18th December

Big Banana Fun Day

Students Last Day for 2024

Thursday 19th December

Staff Development Day

Friday 20th December

Staff Development Day

2025

TERM 1

Week 1

Friday 31st January

Staff Development Day

Week 2

Monday 3rd February - Wednesday 5th February

Staff Development Days

Uniform Shop Open

Thursday 6th February

ALL STUDENTS RETURN (K-6)

A note from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Changes to School Development Days from 2025: Next year, all NSW Department of Education students will be starting school on Thursday 6 February, following 4 school development days. These school development days provide our teachers time to be best prepared individually and collectively to plan and implement curriculum.

Our **Small Schools Sydney Excursion** was a great success, thanks to the thorough organisation of Mrs Katrina Meenahan (Principal of Raleigh PS) and our Year 4, 5 and 6 students' positive behaviour, which was frequently commented on by members of the public. Rom and I are extremely proud of our students, and it was an absolute pleasure to share this great experience with them. Besides the buzz of visiting so many famous tourist attractions, students also enjoyed and benefited from traveling by ferry across Sydney's magnificent harbour multiple times and using trains and the Light Rail service to get around the city. This included interpreting information and timetables. Students were required to walk up to 10km/day, which despite being tiring, everyone managed very well. Sites visited included:

Day 1: Arrive-unpack at YHA The Rocks, ferry to Manly for fish and chips dinner.

Day 2: Taronga Zoo, Darling Harbour and Strike Bowling/dinner.

Day 3: Guided tour of The Opera House, which included a sneak preview of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra rehearsing, Sydney Aquarium, Madame Tussaud's, Paddy's Markets and dinner in China Town. Rom taught our students to how get the best price at Paddy's Markets!

Day 4: A First Contacts excursion, from the outstanding staff at Observatory Hill Environment Education Centre – this included a visit to The Rocks Museum, before sitting in a park under the Harbour Bridge (Dawes Point), where we learnt about Indigenous perspectives of First Contact and took part in weaving and creating our own stories, using Indigenous symbols. We then made our way to Cockatoo Island, where we had a guided tour of this convict and naval base. Students loved camping and interacting with students from other RROC schools.

Day 5: Final morning on Cockatoo Island, before making our way home.

Many thanks to our P & C for their generous donation of \$150/student towards the cost of this trip and to the principals, staff and students of Raleigh, Repton and Orama Public Schools, whose company we had the pleasure of enjoying. Thanks also to Mrs Wain, for updating the school's Facebook page each evening, with photos and information for families. Please check this out if you haven't had a chance to already.

Tuesday's excursion for K-2 students to **Yarrilla Place** and 3-6 students' **Ocean Safety Awareness Award (OSAA) Day** at Sawtell Beach was another great day. K-2 students were able to borrow books from this outstanding library, which they can return to any other local library, such as Toormina or Woolgoolga. This is a wonderful resource which families can utilise after school any day, in addition to weekends and school holidays. Please read more about our OSSA Day from our Year 3 students on page 5. We are grateful to the wonderful lifesavers at Sawtell Beach and Coffs Harbour City Council for offering this outstanding day of learning.

P & C Meeting: Our next meeting will be this Friday 15th Nov at 3.30pm. This will be to discuss suggestions for a Community Christmas Fair, to raise funds for a defibrillator for our school. I look forward to seeing you there!

Have a great week,

Kris

Kristina Stewart



Sydney Excursion 2024

Student Reflections

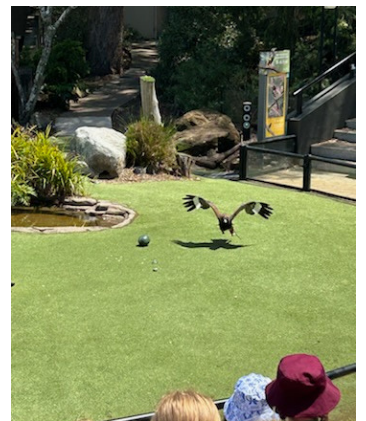
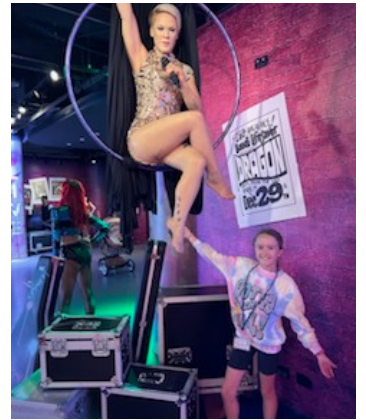
Learning Intention: To write a reflection of our Small Schools Sydney excursion

In Week 3 we went with RROC schools to Sydney for an excursion. I thoroughly enjoyed the Sydney Opera House tour, we even got to watch the Sydney Symphony Orchestra rehearse, the sound was music to my ears. I would 100% recommend the Sydney Opera House tour, as it was really interesting learning so much about this wonderful attraction.

I would also recommend Madame Tussaud's wax museum. It was so fun taking photos with favourite celebrities. These included: Pink, Taylor Swift and Harry Styles, it was so cool and they were all made of wax, but really looked life-like.

I definitely liked Taronga Zoo, especially the Bird Show. There were so many animals that we could see like capybaras, giraffes and many more incredible animals. I highly recommend visiting Sydney and rate this excursion 10/10!

By Olivia – Year 4



Learning Intention: To write a reflection of our Sydney excursion.

In Week 3 we went with RROC schools to Sydney for an excursion. My favourite part out of the whole excursion was going to Strike Bowling & Paddy's Market.

Firstly, I loved Strike Bowling because it was a lot of fun. If you're bored and need something to pass the time, it would be perfect. If you happen to pass Strike Bowling and you're a little competitive I highly recommend it for you, and there's also karaoke.

Ultimately, Paddy's Market was definitely my favourite place out of everywhere we went. If you're addicted to shopping, then I 100% recommend Paddy's Market to you. Imagine all your favourite shops and mix them all into one place and it's as big as Woolworths, maybe even bigger and that's why I recommend it.

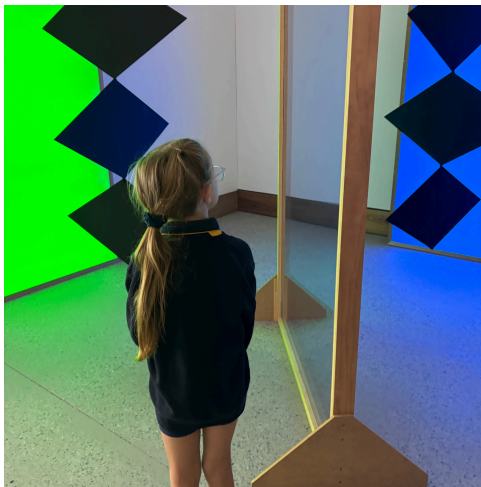
In conclusion, I absolutely recommend these places to all of you, and I think you need to visit Sydney. I rate my trip to Sydney 10 out of 10.

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K-2 Yarrila Place Excursion

WHAT AN AMAZING DAY! Kindergarten to Year 2 had a brilliant time at Yarrila Place and the Harry Bailey Memorial Library.

We participated in a museum and a library tour. We learnt about all the wonderful things Yarrila Place has to offer and were even able to borrow books!



Years 3-6 Ocean Safety Awareness Day

Firstly, we were taught how to carry a board correctly. Then we practised surfing on the sand. Finally, we got into the water. It felt like I was controlling the water. It felt awesome! – Saxan

My favourite time was surfing because I could stand up. It felt relaxing and exciting at the same time. The water felt nice and warm. I also liked making a bathtub out of sand. The day was really fun! – Vinci

Squawk! The seagulls flew in the air. I was so excited. I got a surfboard. Splash goes the board. One wave I went on my knees and hands. It was so fun! It was the best day ever! – Roebby

I loved going surfing because I caught the biggest waves and could stand up on them. I loved playing with my friends! – Ollie

Wish wash, the waves crashed and the ocean roared. I was so excited to go to the beach. I ran into the water. I stood on the surfboard. The wind felt amazing, and the waves swayed me around! Boom, I got smacked off into the water, and then I ran off to do it all again. – Charlie

Before we surfed we got taught how to carry a surfboard correctly. Then we went into the water. The wave hit me and I stood up. It was my first time surfing. It felt good and free to stand on a surfboard. – Nick

“Yay! We were finally at the beach!” I couldn’t wait until we got to go on the surfboards. Before we got to go surfing we met Maddie and Poppy and they taught us how to hold and paddle a surfboard. It was the best day ever. I loved it so much, that I want a surfboard for Christmas! – Skylar

Scrunch, scrunch. I was so excited to get in the water, but I had to wait! Finally, after we met Maddie and Poppy, and did some floating, it was time for some duck diving and body surfing. The water was cool and nice when it whooshed over my head. When I prepared to body surf back in, I launched off and went with the wave all the way to shore. The day was like a dream. I wish it never ended! – Amelia



Bonville Hall Meeting

Wednesday 20th November 2024

4:00pm – 4:30pm

This meeting will be a joint school meeting with parents and teachers from Crossmaglen and Bonville Public Schools to discuss funding for Public Education.

Everyone is welcome.



P&C Meeting
tomorrow 3:30pm
in the School library.
Everyone is welcome!