

Raymond Terrace Public School Newsletter



**Term 1 2019
February Issue**

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From the Principal

Welcome to the start of the 2019 school year. Once again it looks certain to be a busy, fun-filled learning time for all. This week we welcome our new Kinders, as well as new staff members and students to RTPS. We look forward to forging many happy, memorable times.

Following feedback last year regarding school communication, today we launch a new form of our newsletter which will go home once a month. You will note that important dates and happenings are included. In addition to this hard copy, articles in the newsletter will appear regularly on the school facebook page as 'flyers', as well as being available on the school website. Again, we welcome any feedback and thank those who contributed last year.

Late news from 2018 is that Mr Marshall, who was Assistant Principal and did marvellous work with our technology, has taken up a Principalship just outside of Canberra, Miss Radcliffe (AP MultiCat) is working at regional office as a Welfare adviser and Mrs Thompson (Admin) is relieving at another school for Term 1. Three new permanent teachers joining us include Mrs Tracey, Mrs Neal and Miss Long. Each bring with them excellent qualities in technology, Aboriginal Education and special education respectively. We look forward to their contributions to our school.

Enjoy the term everyone. Set your goals and aim to achieve them as best you can.

Kind regards,

John Picton

Principal



Term 1 2019 Staff

Early Stage 1: (Kinder): Mrs Sam Panuccio (KSP); Mrs Nichola DiPietro (KND); Ms Tracy Mtao (K/1TM); Ms Lil Wattam (RFF)

Stage 1: (Years 1 & 2): Ms Samara Abrego (1SA); Miss Kylie Wagstaff (Relieving A.P.)/ Tara Agland (1/2KW); Mrs Kelly Lodge/Mrs Ragan Hickman (2LH); Mrs Bianca Tracey (2BT); Mrs Gemma Lindsell (RFF); Ms Sarah Arnott (RFF).

Stage 2: (Years 3 & 4): Ms Nicola Austin (3NA) Mrs Chelsea Duhring (3CD); Mrs Michelle Abel (A.P.)(4MA); Mrs Laura Mullard (4/5LM); Mrs Bernadette Van De Wijgaart (RFF)

Stage 3: (Years 5 & 6): Mrs Jess Sarmiento (6JS), Mr Garrett Nunan (6GN) Mr Chad Manning (5CM); Mrs Codie Neal (5/6CN); Ms Sharon Young (RFF)

MultiCategorical classes: Mrs Sara Wiffen, Ms Charlotte Long (K-6W); Mrs Laurel Baldwin / Isaac Moncacha (K/6B); Mrs Sam Mulley (K/6M); support staff Mrs Donna Wade (K/6B); Mrs Jodie Lidbury (K/6M); Mrs Alex Wastell (K/6W).

Deputy Principal: Mr Andrew Price

EAFs: Kylie Jackson; Miss Kylie Wagstaff

School Counsellor: Mrs Sylvia DeNardi

Teacher Librarian: Mrs Amy Wales

MiniLit/MultiLit/Social Media: Mrs Belinda D'Arcy

Aboriginal Education Officer: Mrs Franky Maddrell

General Assistant: Mr Rod Wade

Office Manager: Mrs Sue Noon

Office Front Desk: Mrs Jody Duff, Mrs Eleesha Pereira

Community Liaison Officer: Mrs Carmel Dunn

Assistant Principal LAS: Mrs Lyn Russell

Support Staff: Mrs Lorena Pressley; Mr Rod Bull; Mrs Chris Davis; Miss Ann Lavis; Mrs Michelle Zucca; Mrs Erin Kuhne; Mrs Annette Porter; Mr Nick Cook; Ms Jess Milmo.

Speech Pathologists: Rachel Furniss; Katrina Gordon;

OT: Dominique Watson

Cleaners: Kere and Steve



Calendar

February

- **11th** 3-6 Swimming Carnival
- **14th** 007 Information session at 5pm in the Library
- **15th** Book Club order due
- **20th** K-2 Parent information session 4:30pm-5:30pm

March

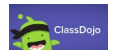
- **4th** Kinder Photos
- **8th** 007 Riverwood Downs
- **8th—15th** Book Fair
- **29th** 3-6 Athletics Carnival

April

- **8th** School Disco
- **10th** K-2 Easter Hat Parade

In 2019, we will produce a monthly newsletter via our school website, Class Dojo and Facebook. A hard copy can be arranged if you notify the office.

Alternatively a hard copy will be available from the office foyer.



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Canteen / P & C

P & C President: Todd Cole **P & C Treasurer:** Mel Mitchell
P & C meetings are held on every 2nd Tuesday of the month.
Next Meeting: 12th February 2019 in staff room.. all welcome

Canteen News



The Canteen will now be opened **Monday to Friday**.
Our new Canteen Convener is **Kelly**.
Lunch/ recess / fruit break orders need to be handed in by 9:15am, must include child's name and class.

Update of Details

In the event that you have changed address, phone numbers etc, could you please ensure that the school is notified as soon as possible, thank you. It is important that we have up dated information in the event of emergency.

Change of routine

Please notify the school via a note or phone call by 2:15pm if your child needs a change of routine e.g. catch a bus or being picked up etc.

Up coming Excursions

Early Stage 1 TARONGA ZOO

Kinder will be visiting Sydney's Taronga Zoo in Term 4 on **23rd October**. The costs are being finalised and notes will be sent home with more details later in the term.

Stage 2 AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

An excursion to Aussie Bush Camp has been booked for **Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November**. Costs for this camp are being finalised and a note will be sent home with more details later in the term.

Stage 3 RIVERWOOD DOWNS STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

EXCURSION - Open for Year 6 only. **8th March** for an overnight excursion. The cost for this excursion is \$50 and is now open for payment. Payments are due by Wednesday 6th March.

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

The excursion has been booked for 3 nights, **Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 6th September**. Costs for this excursion are still being finalised. A note will be sent home with more details later in the term.

Payments

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Log onto the school website at <http://raymondter-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>, click on "make a payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or Mastercard. Only the fields marked with an asterisk* are required. Please record your receipt number on the permission slip.



CASH PAYMENTS

It is preferred that all cash payments are sent in an envelope with the family name clearly printed and correct money enclosed. Payments made at the office will still be enveloped and correct money is required as change is not always available. No cash is kept on the premises, therefore we don't keep a float. Thank you for your assistance.

Cultural News

This term we are working with **Wandiyali staff** to deliver their Birriwal program to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in our school.

The program name: '**Birriwal**' means strong in the Gathang language, through this program we hope to strengthen our students' social skills, build their confidence and create positive relationships through culture and teamwork.

The Wandiyali staff will visit our school every Friday to work with students from years 4, 5 and 6, there will be a range of social, cultural and health topics covered.

wandiyali



L to R: Allira, Jack, Taleeka, Cheyenne, Tim, Shannan, Logan, Skye, Aiden and Zach.

You Can Do It: **Resilience** **Confidence** **Organisation** **Persistence** **Getting Along** **Quality Work**

Library News from Mrs. Wales

Library lessons take place weekly for classes. Each lesson takes place in the library for 40 minutes and looks at fostering a love of books and reading as well as introducing information skills. This term Library days are as follows:

Monday: 3NA; 6JS; 6GN & 5CM.

Tuesday: 5/6CN; K/1TM; 1SA & 4MA.

Wednesday: 4/5LM; 1/2KW; 2BT & Multicat classes

Thursday: KND; 2LH; KSP & 3CD.

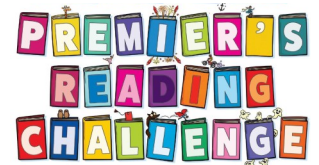


**"You're never
too old, too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book and
read to a child."**
-Dr. Seuss



Borrowing from our library is encouraged for all students who are fully enrolled – provided they have a library bag. These can be purchased from the library for **\$2** or students may bring their own. Books can be borrowed during library lessons or at recess (when I am on duty) and kept for up to two weeks. After this time, if a book has not been returned to the library, you will receive a **pink overdue notice**. These are sent home fortnightly and serve as a reminder to look for borrowed books! We do ask that any books that are lost or damaged beyond repair are either paid for or replaced. Library books are not home readers and there is no expectation for students, particularly K-2, to read them independently.

The **Premier's Reading Challenge** is completed by K-2 during school time, through students listening to stories read by their class teacher and me. Years 3-6 can use DEAR and library time to complete the Challenge. Students who wish to complete the Challenge independently can earn themselves a special **gold (K-2)**, **blue (3-4)** or **red (5-6)** badge which is awarded at assembly. To complete the Challenge independently K-2 students will need to read 30 of the Challenge books marked with a gold dot sticker in our library, or a 'K-2' sticker at the Port Stephens library. Students in years 3-6 will need to read 20 Challenge books – years 3&4 are marked with a blue dot in our library, whilst years 5-6 have a red dot. I will provide a document for students to record their Challenge books and class teachers will ensure PRC books are available for DEAR time in the classroom. If you would like any more information about the Challenge, please ask.



Scholastic Book Club catalogues are sent home twice a term with a different selection of books offered. Prices start from as little as \$2 and there is a great selection of new titles and old favourites. As you may be aware the school benefits from all purchases made by you, on a commission basis. This allows for the purchase of books and other library and classroom resources in addition to our school budget. The flyer for this issue of Scholastic Book Club goes home today (6th Feb).

Purchases can be made either:

- ⇒ **Online** Log on to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP You will need to create an account if you have not used this service before. Place your order using your child's first name and last initial (e.g. Amy W) and class. Payment will need to be made by credit card. You are not required to send anything into school – we will receive notification of your order and it will be dispatched to the school.
- ⇒ **Cash via the school** Complete the order form in the flyer (including your child's name and class) and return, with the money, to school. The order will be placed on your behalf and dispatched to the school.
- ⇒ This **Issue of Book Club closes** on **Friday 15th February at 1pm**, please ensure all orders are placed at school or online by this date.
- ⇒ Any online orders placed after this date will incur a postage fee of \$4. Scholastic have a 10 day delivery schedule, please be aware of this when ordering!



Book Club LOOP
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!

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Techno Talk with Mrs D.

BE A GOOD DIGITAL CITIZEN - Encourage safe and responsible behaviour.

Educate your kids about safe and positive online behaviour and encourage them to think before they post, text or share; be respectful online; avoid posting things that may upset others; and understand that content can remain online forever and can be shared by others without permission

MINECRAFT



Here are a few tips for keeping your children safe online

- ◆ **Communicate with your kids:** encourage your child to teach you about the games or app they are using online.
- ◆ **Explore the internet together:** familiarise yourself with the games and apps your child uses online.
- ◆ **Check the age ratings:** for games, apps and social media – are they appropriate and suitable?
- ◆ **Know your children's friends online and offline:** check who may be 'friending' your child online.
- ◆ **Check the privacy settings:** apps and games have different settings
- ◆ **Don't share personal information online:** avoid using full names, phone numbers, home address, date of birth and photo identification online



The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Our 2019 Leaders



L to R: Brodie, Bohdi, Faith, Hannah, Kobi, Angus, Jorja, Libby

House Captains



L to R: Liam, Shanyah, Makayla, Harley, Brock, Kaylee, Elouise, Coen, Amelia, Michella, Levi, Zach, Riley, Cruz, Clair and Imarna.

Our school community notices

Community Centre News from Carmel Dunn (CLO)

We will be running the **Grow to Cook** program again this year. It will be on **Tuesdays afternoons for 1:30 to 2:50** in the Community Centre.

In the kitchen the students will learn basic safety, a little nutrition, to prepare and eat healthy food. We have 3rd year dietetics students who come along and assist in the kitchen.

Market Day

Tuesday afternoons (from 2:50pm) weather permitting, We will sell plants and produce from our school gardens. All money raised goes back into the garden.

2nd Hand Uniforms

2nd hand uniforms are available to purchase from the community centre on **Mondays: 2:50pm to 3:10pm**

Tuesdays 8:55am—9:10am

Office hours: 8:30am to 3:15pm

All students who arrive late must be signed in by a parent/carer at front office.

Available for purchase at front office:

- New school hats \$12
- New school sport shirts \$25
- New school jackets \$35
- New school long pants \$22

For K-2 students—please supply a change of clothes in case of any accidents that may occur throughout the day.

Bricklayer needed! If you are a qualified bricklayer and are available to do a couple of small jobs for our school, please contact Mr John Picton on 49872083.



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