

Raymond Terrace Public School Newsletter



**Term 1 2020
February Issue**

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From the Principal

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome back to school for a fun filled 2020. If you are new to our school welcome aboard, I look forward to meeting you. Mr Picton continues to work in a state position until the end of this term. I will be Relieving Principal and Mrs Panuccio, relieving Assistant Principal Wellbeing, till the end of Term 1.

With the new year comes some new staff to Raymond Terrace. We welcome Mrs Rebecca Hinchey who will be teaching in our Multicategorical Support unit as will Mrs Cristin Saunders who is our new Relieving Assistant Principal Special Ed. Ms Elicia Krisenthal is our new Assistant Principal for Kindergarten to Year 2 and will be teaching Year 1. Mrs Hayley Elzinga and Miss Montana Perry join us supporting Stage One and Stage 2 respectively and Miss Emma Rumble joins us to teach Year 1.

As always, we encourage you to stay in contact with your child's class teacher. Shortly you will be invited to a goal setting interview with your child. This helps us all work together to have a personalised teaching and learning program for everyone.

Over the holidays we have had a number of infrastructure works occur at school. Our bulk storage shed has been completed as has the coverings for our Multicat playground and our new BBQ area. The conversion of our very old little boys' toilet into a brand new toilet block with full disabled access and facilities is well underway and should be completed shortly. Connecting with the community and engaging families in students learning and school life is very important to us and we are lucky to have such a supportive school community. I thank everyone from our parents, supportive community groups, the businesses that support us and all our volunteers. There will be ongoing opportunities for all to be involved in our school again this year and a great way to contribute is by joining our school P&C, please consider joining the P&C as it is an invaluable support to the kids at our school and without their contribution our kids would not have the same opportunities they currently have.

Kind regards,
Andrew Price, Relieving Principal

Term 1 2020 Calendar



February

- **11th** 3-6 Swimming Carnival
- **10th-17th** Digi-Ed Stage 3 classes
- **11th** Safer Internet Day
- **18th** K-2 Information afternoon 4:30pm-5pm
- **20th** 007 training for Yr 6 students
- **21st -22nd** 007 Riverwood Downs Camp
- **21st** Legend 7s Rugby League
- **28th** Clean Up Australia Day

March

- **2nd-5th** Book Fair
- **18th** Harmony Day
- **20th** 3-6 Athletics Carnival

April

- **2nd** Under 12s Knights Knockout
- **3rd** 3-6 Cross Country Carnival
- **6th** Disco K-2 4:15, 3-6 5:30
- **8th** K-2 Easter Hat Parade 12pm
- **9th** Last day Term 1

School Term Dates for 2020 for students

- Term 1 29th January to 9th April
- Term 2 28th April to 3rd July
- Term 3 21st July to 25th September
- Term 4 12th October to 16th December

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/calendars#20200> (Staff Development Days for 2020—28th January, 27th April, 20th July, 17th & 18th December)

Staff for 2020

Relieving Principal: Mr Andrew Price; **Relieving Assistant Principal:** Mrs Sam Panuccio; **Instructional Leaders:** Mrs Kylie Bull; Mrs Tracy Mtao; **Assistant Principal:** Mrs Michelle Abel (3-4); **Assistant Principal:** Ms Elicia Krisenthal (K-2); **Relieving Assistant Principal:** Mr Chad Manning (5-6).

Early Stage 1: (Kinder): Mrs Sam Panuccio / Miss Sarah Arnott (KSP); Mrs Nichola Dipietro (KND); Mrs Sara Wiffen (K/1SW).

Stage 1: (Years 1 & 2): Ms Elicia Krisenthal, A.P., (1EK); Miss Emma Rumbel (1ER); Mrs Kelly Lodge/Mrs Ragan Hickman (2LH); Mrs Bianca Tracey (2BT); Miss Sarah Arnott (RFF); Mrs Hayley Elzinga (RFF); Miss Chris Ritchie (RFF).

Stage 2: (Years 3 & 4): Mrs Michelle Abel, A.P., (3MA); Miss Samara Abrego (3SA); Mrs Bernie van de Wijngaart (4BW); Mrs Laura Mullard (4LM); Miss Montana Perry (RFF).

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

Multicategorical classes: Mrs Cristin Saunders (K/6S); Mrs Rebecca Hinchey (K/6H); Mrs Samantha Mulley (K/6M); support staff are Mrs Donna Wade (K/6B); Mrs Jodie Lidbury (K/6M); Mrs Alex Wastell (K/6W).

Teacher Librarian: Mrs Amy Wales; **Teacher MiniLit/MultiLit/Social Media:** Mrs Belinda D'Arcy; **General Assistant:** Mr Rod Wade.

Office Manager: Mrs Sue Noon; **Aboriginal Education Officer:** Mrs Franky Maddrell; **Office Front Desk:** Mrs Jody Duff; Mrs Lorena Pressley

Community Liaison Officer: Mrs Carmel Dunn; **Assistant Principal LAS:** Mrs Lyn Russell; **School Counsellor:** Mrs Sylvia DeNardi

Support Staff: Mrs Lorena Pressley; Mr Rod Bull; Mrs Chris Davis; Miss Ann Lavis; Mrs Annette Porter; Ms Jess Milmo; Mr Michael Abel; Mrs Maxine Creek **Speech Pathologists:** Katrina Gordon; Katy Gray **Occupational Therapist:** Dominique Roberts; **Cleaners:** Kere and Sandra.

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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. Students with outstanding loans from 2019 will not be able to borrow until their books have been returned or relaced. 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.

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: 4BW; 3MA; 4LM; 6JS.

Tuesday: K/1SW; 5CM; 3SA; 5CN

Wednesday: 2BT; 1ER; 6GN

Thursday: KSP; 2LH; KND; 1EK

Bus Safety 2020

Did you know that by law you must slow down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing?

As our students start the 2020 school year, the NSW Government and your local school bus operators are reminding parents, teachers and other motorists about this law which is designed to keep our kids safe.

Lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors open, and they keep flashing for 20 seconds after the doors close. Children are most at risk in the minutes after they get off the bus as they can be unpredictable in their movements. Fines and demerit points apply if a motorist is caught going over 40km/hr when passing a bus with flashing lights.

Motorists can help reduce the risk of an incident and keep children safe by:

- Slowing down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing,
- Looking out for children crossing the road near bus stops, in school zones or along bus routes, and
- Giving way to buses when they merge back into traffic.

For more information visit

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/bus-flashing-lights.html>.

Bus Flashing Lights campaign

Mon, 27 Jan to Fri, 31 Jan.

Motorists warned to slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash.

Encourage the school community to be 'Bus Aware'.



Opal Cards

By week 4 the bus companies will be checking for opal cards. All students travelling on buses must have an opal card by the end of Term 1.

It is a condition of the School Student Transport Scheme that in return for FREE or subsidised travel Opal Cards

must be tapped on and tapped off every bus journey. Data provided by tap on and tap off is used to determine the level of service to our school

To apply for a school Opal card please visit

<https://www.opal.com.au/ordercard/?execution=e1s2>

****Child/ Youth Card** – order if your child is aged 4-15years old NSW/ACT or full time school student aged 16 years or older.



Welcome to school Kindergarten 2020



Kinder Colour Weeks

Term 1

5th Feb	Blue
12th Feb	Red
19th Feb	Green
26th Feb	Yellow
4th March	Pink
11th March	Purple
18th March	Orange
25th March	Black & white
1st April	Brown & grey
8th April	Rainbow day



Our 2020 Kindergarten students have enjoyed their first couple of days at RTPS.



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

PBL

Our school is a PBL school. PBL stands for 'Positive Behaviour for Learning'. Our students follow our PBL rules everyday and have weekly focuses of specific rules.

Our **5 School rules** in the class room and playground are:

- Hands off
- Friendly talk
- Do as you are asked
- In the right place
- Respect

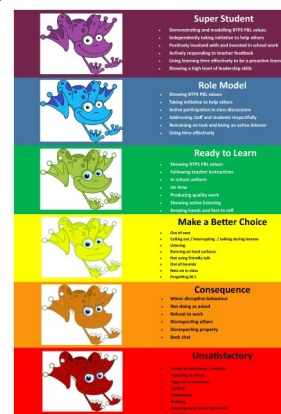
All our classrooms have a PBL chart to which students aim to achieve PURPLE 'Super student' or BLUE 'Role model student' status everyday and work towards earning term rewards, playground rewards and/or certificates.

Students following PBL rules in the playground can earn 'You can do it spotted' frog cards and go in a weekly draw to win prizes.

Students can move up and down the chart between coloured frogs depending on their behaviour, and should aim to move back down the PBL frog chart, when they achieve or complete work or tasks. Students will make an effort to get back to the GREEN 'ready to learn' frog as soon as they can and can aim to move into the positive blue and purple frogs.

We also have Community PBL working with the local community. Values and desired behaviours are important for all members of the community to understand and embrace so we can all feel safe, respected and supported in our community. Students can be spotted in the community following PBL rules and be awarded on Thursday nights at **Raymond Terrace Marketplace** from 6pm for being superstars in the community.

PBL in the Community. Everyone, Everywhere, Every time. We can all be S.T.A.R.S in our community .



Raymond Terrace Community Members are S.T.A.R.S
Everyone, Everywhere, Every time



Our 2020 Leaders



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L to R: Elliott R, Makybe H, Alby R(VC), Kaylee B(C), Gurkirat S(C), Ayla S(VC), Brock B, Latayah S.



House Captains 2020

2020 HUNTER HOUSE CAPTAINS



2020 WILLIAMS HOUSE CAPTAINS



2020 PATERSON HOUSE CAPTAINS



2020 ALLYN HOUSE CAPTAINS



Congratulations to our newly elected School House Captains for 2020! **Hunter:** Claire, Levi, Davey, Lily; **Williams:** Ella, Brodie, Jacob, Ruby; **Paterson:** Makayla, Jai, Adiah, Kobi; **Allyn:** Lachlan, Tahlia, Zac, Taleah.

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Office 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.



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 updated information in the event of emergency.

Hats & Uniforms are available for purchase at front office:

- New school hats \$12
- New school sport shirts \$27.50 *
- New school jackets \$35*
- New school long pants \$22*

*Prices will change from 1st March

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

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.

Office Hours

8:30am to 3:15pm

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

NO Canteen orders accepted through online payment.

Canteen orders are CASH ONLY!

Community News

Community Centre News from Carmel Dunn (CLO)

2nd hand uniforms are available to purchase from the community centre on **Tuesdays 9am—9:15am**.

Alternatively, orders can be left at front office with name, size, items required, phone number, cash only payment in an envelope. Orders will be filled and we will ring you when order is ready for pick up.

2nd Hand UNIFORM SHOP

PRICE LIST

Plain Shirt	\$1	Sport Shirt	\$7
Plain Jackets	\$4	Logo Shirts/ Jumpers	\$4
Logo Jackets	\$15	Skorts, Shorts, Long Pants	\$3
Dresses	\$10	New Dresses	\$35
Jumpers	\$1	<u>Lay buys welcome</u>	

Donations



Rotary Club of Raymond Terrace



A huge thank you to LJ Hooker Raymond Terrace and Rotary Club of Raymond Terrace for the donation of six school bags full of essentials school items that will go to a couple of our students in need.

We appreciate everything our community businesses do for our school.

Thank you Tracy & Jim Jonovski from LJ Hooker for delivering the bags.



P & C News

P & C President: Todd Cole

P & C Treasurer:

P & C Vice President: Jacky Lamey

P & C 2nd Vice President: Tash Ruse

P & C Secretary:

P & C meetings are held on every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

P & C Next Meeting:

11th February 2020 in staff room.
all welcome.

AGM:

Canteen Messages

The Canteen will be opened **Monday to Friday**.

Our Canteen Convener is **Kelly**.

Lunch/recess/ fruit break orders need to be handed in by **9:15am**, must include child's name and class.

If ordering for more than one session a day, please have orders in separate bags, **OR** add extra cost on order for a 5c bag from canteen.

NO BIG NOTES PLEASE (no \$50 or \$20) No guarantee change can be given.

The Canteen team are after volunteers.

If you can spare an hour or two, any day, please contact the school or canteen. Any assistance is much appreciated. Attached is the current Canteen Menu.



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