

Raymond Terrace Public School Newsletter



**Term 2 2021
May Issue**

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From the Principal

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Respect is very important to us at Raymond Terrace Public School and really being respectful is simply treating each other the way we would like to be treated. Recently our students, as a group, have been recognised for the respect they show others. Firstly, it happened on Friday, 23 April when we held our first whole school assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day. Our kids were wonderful! So much so the Deputy Mayor of Port Stephens took me aside as he was leaving the school to make special mention of how respectful the kids were, I was very proud. It happened again yesterday. I was down the street in the afternoon and a parent from another school recognised my school shirt. They grabbed me and commented on the sportsmanship our soccer teams showed in the gala day at King Park on Monday. They also said it was obviously modelled by staff as the two "young male teachers" were wonderful with all the kids while refereeing. Great work kids and Mr Ziernik and Mr Nesbitt.

Mother's Day is this Sunday and is an important time to say thanks to those special ladies in our lives. We will hold a Mother's Day BBQ breakfast at school this Friday and everyone is welcome, join us for a sausage and see our new BBQ area in action for the first time. A big thankyou goes to Phoenix Cummins dad, Rodney, for the hours of effort with the brick work, it has come up a treat!

The P&C will be running a Mother's Day stall this Thursday for students who would like to purchase a gift for their special ladies. Gifts will range in price from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Unsold stock from the stall will be available for purchase at the Mother's Day breakfast on Friday. Next Tuesday evening at 6pm is our next P&C meeting, all welcome.

Regards,
Andrew Price

Stewart House

STEWART HOUSE



Each year 1,700 public school children in need attend Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. For over 40 years, the Stewart House Donation Drive has been the major annual fundraiser event throughout NSW public schools. Families are encouraged to enter the draw. With just 3 steps, a \$2.00 donation could win you a prize valued at \$4,000.00.

STEP 1 - Take home the envelope and fill in your name, address, telephone number and school.

STEP 2 - Insert a donation of at least \$2 into the envelope and seal it.

STEP 3 - Return the envelope to school by **WEDNESDAY MAY 19TH**.



Calendar

May

- 6th - Mother's Day Stall
- 7th - Mother's Day Breakfast
- 10th - PSSA Netball Gala Day
- 10th - Stage 1 Sketchley Cottage Excursion
- 11th - 21st - NAPLAN
- 14th - IHS 7E Extension Test
- 18th - StarStruck Dance Rehearsal Day
- 18th - K-2 Assembly
- 19th - National Simultaneous Storytime
- 20th - Stage 2 Excursion to Murrook
- 21st - Primary Athletics Carnival
- 25th - Rebecca Young Cup
- 26th - National Sorry Day
- 27th - 3rd June - National Reconciliation Week
- 28th - HRHS HPGE Try Outs

June

- 2nd - StarStruck Dance & Drama Rehearsal Day
- 11th - PSSA Rugby League
- 15th - Enrichment Day 1 at IHS
- 16th - StarStruck Rehearsal Day
- 18th - StarStruck Matinee & Evening Shows
- 19th - StarStruck Matinee & Evening Shows
- 22nd - School Photos
- 22nd - K-2 Assembly
- 25th - Last Day of Term 2



Library News from Mrs. Wales

Book Club Issue 3 catalogues were sent home last week. All orders must be placed by 1pm on Friday 7th May - orders should then arrive at the school within 10 days. Happy shopping!

We will again be celebrating **National Simultaneous Storytime, on Wednesday 19th May**. This year's book is 'Give me some Space' by Philip Bunting, which will be read by Dr Shannon Walker from the International Space Station. This will be an out of uniform day, the theme being space/futuristic, eg astronaut, rocket, robot. A book prize will be awarded to a participating student from each stage.



P&C News

P & C President: Todd Cole
P & C Treasurer: Danica Greentree
Vice P & C President: Kylee Flanagan
2nd Vice P & C President: Tash Ruse
P & C Secretary: Lauren Semple

The **Mother's Day Stall** will be held on **Thursday, 6 May**. Prices start from \$1.00 to \$10.00.

P & C meetings are held every
2nd Tuesday of the month
Next Meeting: Tuesday 11 May, 2021
6:00pm in staff room

Canteen News

The Canteen is open **Wednesday to Friday**. Lunch/ recess / fruit break orders need to be handed in by **9:15am**, must include child's name and class. Please order from the NEW Jacaranda Café RTPS 2021 Menu.



Upcoming Excursions

Stage 1 SKETCHLEY COTTAGE

Stage 1 will be visiting Sketchley Cottage on **Monday 10th May**. This visit will compliment local history learning in the classroom.



Stage 2 AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

A 2 day/1 night excursion to The Great Aussie Bush Camp has been booked for **Thursday 11 to Friday 12, November**. The total cost for the camp is \$235.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$70.00 is due to secure your child's place for the camp.



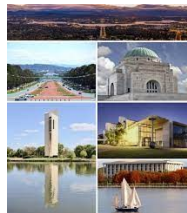
Stage 2 MURROOK EXCURSION

An excursion for Years 3-4 has been organised to Murrook Cultural Centre on 20 May. Further details will be coming shortly.



Stage 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

A 4 day/3 night excursion to Canberra and the snow fields has been booked for **Tuesday, 24 to Friday, 27 August**. The total cost of the excursion is \$500.00. If you have not already paid the non-refundable deposit of \$100 your child will, unfortunately, be placed on a waiting list as numbers have been given to the tour company.



Star Struck



STAR STRUCK 'RISE UP' 2021



R.T.P.S. this year have dance and drama students performing in the fabulous Star Struck Show on 18 and 19 June. If you would like to watch our students, and thousands of students from around the Hunter Region perform, tickets will be on sale for the general public from 11 May.

We will also be offering an excursion to students to Star Struck. The excursion will give the students the opportunity to witness the magic of Star Struck as they will be part of the audience at the matinee show on Friday 18 June. Further details regarding the excursion will be advertised at a later date.

Got It

The **GOT IT!** Team, from the local health service, have trained the K-2 teachers to be accredited facilitators for 'Second Step'. The Year 1-2 teachers are now able to run the program as part of classroom activities during Term 2. Stage 1 children will be doing activities to build their social & emotional skills/improve their self-confidence/problem solving skills/ability to get along with others/identify support people and to effectively cope with new/difficult situations. It engages children through games, role plays, puppets, stories and discussion.

The program also includes home practice tasks for 15 mins each week. Parents/carers will have access to a parent portal to keep up to date with your child's learning in 'Second Step' and online access to home activities. Your child's teacher will provide you with further access details to the online portal.

School Messages

Winter is here! Please ensure your child is wearing our winter school uniform. Our winter uniform is a dark blue jumper/jacket, dark blue long pants, light blue shirt or sports shirt, light blue or navy skivvy, dark blue beanie, dark blue scarf and black shoes. Coloured jumpers, jackets, pants or beanies are not part of our school uniform. Please label all jumpers, jackets, hats, beanies, scarves with your child's name so items can be returned to owner.

Do you know a child who is ready for **Kinder in 2022**? If so, please let the family know that they can begin to enrol their child today!

New Hats & Uniforms are available for purchase from school office:

- New school hats \$13.00
- New school sport shirts \$30.00
- New school jackets \$37.00
- New school long pants \$25.00



We have been advised that the expected due date for the hats is the end of May.

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

Office Hours 8:30am to 3:15pm

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

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.

NEW FRONT GATE

There is a new electronic gate at the front of the school. For entry please press the silver button on the black box on the wall. Once unlocked you will hear a recorded message "the door is open". Please push the gate closest to the black box – the gate will self close. When leaving, there is another black box on the gate upright, again push the silver button and the gate will be unlocked. Pull the gate using one of the upright bars.



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The School Contribution fee for 2021 has been set at \$50.00, this fee has been kept the same as 2020. This is a voluntary contribution, per family, to help offset the education costs associated within the classroom including books, stationery, paints, computers, software and resources. Payments can be made at the office or online at any time.



- ☺ **Mother's Day Stall** for students will take place **Thursday, 6 May**. Prices start from \$1.00 to \$10.00
- ☺ **Mother's Day Breakfast** on **Friday 7 May 8:00am to 9:00am**
- ☺ **Gold coin donation for sausage sizzle**



National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates for NRW remain the same each year: 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful [1967 referendum](#), and the [High Court Mabo decision](#) respectively. This week, together with Sorry Day, will be recognised in classes as to what these events mean to us at RTPS.

National Sorry Day is held on May 26 and marks the day that the landmark 'Bringing them Home' report was tabled in federal parliament in 1997. It is a time to remember the past policies of forced child removal, and reflect on the sad and painful stories of the Stolen Generations. It is a time to recognise the resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the power of saying Sorry.



Thou Walla Term 2 Programs

Thou-Walla means 'meeting place' in the Gathang language of the Worimi People



Thou-Walla Family Centre Term 2, 2021

Phone: 4987 4666

A School as a Community Centre Project (supporting Families with children 0-8 years)

Located on the grounds of Irawang Primary School, Geer St, Raymond Terrace. All families from across Port Stephens are welcome at our groups. All our groups are FREE!

Monday's

PRAM WALKING GROUP

9.30am

Leaving from Riverside Park. Followed by a story, song and play in the park in partnership with Raymond Terrace Public School.

BANNERS for BLESSINGS- SEWING GROUP

Make a banner and help sew them together. Sew your own project. All material provided including sewing machines. Monday afternoons 12.30-2.30pm. Dates: 26/04, 03/05, 10/05, 31/05. Childcare available.

Tuesday's

BABY PLAY PLAY GROUP

9.30am

Meet other parents in an informal setting and stimulate your child's growth and development as they play together!

In partnership with the Benevolent Society



thouwallafamilycentre.com

Wednesday's

SUPPORTED PLAY GROUP

9.30am:

Connect2Kids Supported Playgroup. From birth to 5 years. In partnership with the Benevolent Society.

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Parenting Program. Starts 26th May 12-30-1.30pm. Dates: 26/05, 02/06, 09/06, 16/06, 23/06

Childcare provided. Lunch provided.

Partnership with Interrelate and The Smith Family.

Thursday's

LITTLE YOGI'S YOGA

Starts 27th May 9.45-10.30am

Dates: 27/05, 03/06, 10/06, 17/06, 24/06. Little Yogi's for 18 month olds through to 5 years. Connect and have fun with your child!

Meet other families.

Build strength, improve flexibility and ease stress!

In partnership with Amee Angeline

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHALLENGE

Starts 6th May, 11am

For 4 weeks

Weekly gentle exercise sessions and healthy lifestyle discussions.

In partnership with Our Health Rules Project

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

Healthy lunchboxes with less waste.

Starts the 3rd June, 11am.

Dates: 03/06, 10/06 and 17/06

Child care provided.

In partnership with Our Health Rules Project

Friday's

MY TIME

9.30am

A hands on group providing local support for anyone caring for someone with a disability or chronic health condition. Meet others, make time for yourself while children play and find out about community support.

In partnership with Playgroup NSW

BANNERS for BLESSINGS

Come and make a gratitude banner. All Welcome! Child care provided.

Dates: 30th April and 21st May, 12.30-2.30pm

To book into a program or to find out more, call Thou-Walla Family Centre on 4987 4666 or 0400431 657 or find us on facebook @ThouWalla FamilyCentre

Attendance

Netball



RAYMOND TERRACE PUBLIC SCHOOL

RESPECT * FRIENDLY TALK * DO AS YOU ARE ASKED * IN THE RIGHT PLACE * HANDS OFF *

EVERY DAY COUNTS

attendance is the basis of all learning

1 DAY PER
FORTNIGHT
IS 20 DAYS
PER YEAR

THIS IS 260 DAYS
OF SCHOOL MISSED
FROM KINDY TO Y12
THE EQUIVALENT
OF

1.25
SCHOOL
YEARS

1 HOUR
PER DAY
IS 40 DAYS
PER YEAR

THIS IS 520 DAYS
OF SCHOOL MISSED
FROM KINDY TO Y12
THE EQUIVALENT
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25
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2 DAYS
PER WEEK
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PER YEAR

THIS IS 1040 DAYS
OF SCHOOL MISSED
FROM KINDY TO Y12
THE EQUIVALENT
OF

5
SCHOOL
YEARS

3 DAYS PER
WEEK
IS 120 DAYS
PER YEAR

THIS IS 1040 DAYS
OF SCHOOL MISSED
FROM KINDY TO Y12
THE EQUIVALENT
OF

8
SCHOOL
YEARS

Please give your child every chance to succeed

Raymond Terrace School Netball team has played two events, PSSA Netball competition on 22 April and Netball NSW Schools Cup on 27 April. The girls played well against Irawang Public School on 22 April but unfortunately didn't come away with the win. Ms Rumble was very proud of the girls as they showed strength and persistence through the game and didn't give up.

On 27 April RTPS was represented by a mixed team in the non-competitive competition. The team had a fun day playing against other schools. Our resilience going into each game outstanding, and by the end of the day the confidence of the students grew and they realised that netball is a great game to play for both boys and girls. Thanks Ms Rumble for your commitment with the school netball teams.



PSSA Netball Team



Netball NSW Schools Cup Team

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