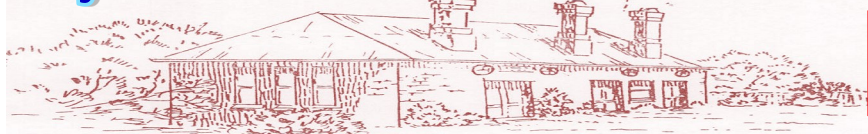


Raymond Terrace Public School Newsletter



**Term 2 2022
June Issue**



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From the Relieving Principal

Calendar

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

It has been great to move into a situation where we can have our community back into the school for some special and important events. Mother's Day Breakfast was great and we really do appreciate everyone's understanding around having it spread out across the school to help with our COVID safe requirements. The joy from students, families and staff permeated through the school and everyone here had a spring in their step for the day. Being able to have our families at the whole school athletics carnival was also a real thrill even though the conditions were pretty wild. We are hoping to continue with this style of event with up coming Education Week and the opening of our Cultural Corner. More details to come. Please bear with us as everything we do still needs to conform to COVID safe protocols.

Health and Attendance

As we move into the cooler months it has become obvious that this year's flu season looks to be a big one. The NSW government has this week announced that flu immunisations are free for anyone over the age of 6 months. This means you, me and our kids can all be immunised against quite a debilitating, and at times, dangerous disease. Our staff have already started with this and I encourage everyone to take advantage of this free service for yourselves and your children.

Every day at school is important for our children's learning. If for any reason you are having trouble getting your child to school please let us know. We will do almost anything to have the kids here.

P&C

A big shout out and thank you to our P&C. These guys are doing great things with our canteen (delicious and healthy) and fundraising for specific projects that benefit all our kids. Our P&C committee are friendly, inclusive and enjoy seeing our kids and school succeed. They are also the first point of call for when we want a parent or carer perspective. I encourage everyone who has kids at RTPS to touch base and join in where you can. You will enjoy.

Andrew Price, Relieving Principal

•June

- 27 May - 3 June** - National Reconciliation Week
- **6** - Stage 1 Public Speaking Finals
- **8** - Stage 1 Mungo Brush Excursion
- **14** - Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals
- **15** - Under 12s Rugby League PSSA Classic Shield
- **16** - Stage 2 Public Speaking Finals
- **17** - PSSA Hunter Cross Country
- **21** - School Photos
- **23** - Children University on Campus Day
- **24** - MC Boccia
- **28** - Cultural Corner Opening

July

- **1** - Last day for Term 2

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - 4-15 JULY

- **18** - Staff Development Day
- **19** - Term 3 starts for students
- **26** - 2023 Kindergarten Terrace Turtles

2022 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DATES

- Term 1 28th - 31 January
- Term 2 26th April
- Term 3 18th July
- Term 4 20th December

School 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.

NO canteen orders accepted through online payment. Canteen orders are CASH ONLY!

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.



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School Messages

STAGE 1 NEWS

As part of our geography unit this term, studying our local Aboriginal Connections, Stage 1 & Stage 1 MC will be having an excursion to Mungo Brush on Worimi Country. We will be walking the Rainforest Walk and the Beach Sand Dunes Walk. The \$20 paid to for the Purple Pear Farm Excursion will credit this excursion! Make sure you return your note asap.



STAGE 3 CENTRAL WEST EXCURSION

A reminder to keep making payments throughout the term and year for the Stage 3 Central West Excursion. A detailed itinerary with more information about the excursion will be sent out in the coming weeks..



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be on Tuesday, 21st June. Make sure that you're looking dapper!



Photo envelopes will go home on Wednesday, 8th June. All photo orders will be made online through MSP Photography.

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CORNER OPENING

On Tuesday of Week 10 (Tuesday, 28th June) we are proud to be officially opening our Cultural Corner which has been created to enhance and support the cultural connections of all students within the school. Years of planning and remodelling have gone in to this new space and it will be well used and loved for years to come. We will be opening the space with a Smoking Ceremony, speeches and dances.



2023 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2023?

NOW IS THE TIME TO ENROL!



Our transition to school program, 'Terrace Turtles' will be beginning soon. It is important that we start the enrolment process now to allow time for us to get to know you and your child and provide any supports or planning for a successful start to schooling in 2023.

How do you enrol?

Apply online – go to our school website <https://raymondter-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>. If you are an Australian or New

Zealand citizen or permanent resident you are eligible to complete the online enrolment application. You will then need to finalise the application at the school. If you are not eligible, or prefer not to enrol online, use the application to enrol form (PDF) from school website (same link as above) Please complete the form in English. If needed, a translated application to enrol is also available. For more information, visit primary school enrolment. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment/primary-school-enrolment>

Message from John Picton

Dear Parents/carers

Although I was first asked to work in my current position for two terms, for the past two and a half years I have had the privilege of working with principals of just over 300 schools in the Regional North directorate. I was due to return at the beginning of Term 3 this year. I have now just been offered the position on a full time basis. It is therefore now time for me to relinquish my position as principal of Raymond Terrace Public School – with very mixed feelings.

I would like to acknowledge the work Mr Price and the staff have done during this time (of which he has always kept me informed and the direction in which they have planned for the future).

The past sixteen years have been some of the most enjoyable and valued times of my teaching career. During this period we have seen many exciting changes to the school physically, success in our student outcomes, sport and attendance, staff promotions (3 Principals, 4 Relieving Principals, 3 Deputy Principals and 2 Assistant Principals), the establishment of a support class then a support unit, the instigation of the PBL Community program, to name a few.

My gratitude is extended to the school community – students, staff, parents, and particularly the Aboriginal community who have always made me feel welcome. These relationships I will value forever – thank you. I am proud of our achievements as a whole school community and the fact that this year, three of our leaders are of Indigenous heritage.

I look forward to joining you at the official opening of the Culture Corner and Culture Room in Week 10 – a vision finally coming to reality.

I thank everyone for your support, friendship and involvement (especially our dedicated staff) and I wish everyone a bright future.

Community News from Mrs Lidbury

Raymond Terrace Public School would like to extend our thanks to all our sponsors that help support the students, and the whole school community. Their ongoing contributions help us run some of our valued programs, such as Breakfast club, 007 Gold Card Leadership, Chuck Duck Xmas lunch and the Community Garden. With out these businesses Raymond Terrace Public School wouldn't be able to run the programs as successful as they are. So again, a **BIG THANK YOU!**



Hanson Quarries have donated safety vests for our younger students to wear while working in and around our school. Hanson have just had their own safety week which they believe all injuries are preventable and the safest projects are the most successful ones. Having some of our younger students wanting to help in and around our school, wearing the vests makes them visible and able to be seen in order to keep them safe while helping out.



Terrace Meats were able to help out our P&C Committee with the election BBQ and raffle. A huge thanks to Chris and his team for generously providing prizes for the election BBQ raffle. Thanks for your support towards Raymond Terrace Public School P&C which helps them to be able contribute to school projects and resources and providing opportunities for our students.



Our P&C are amazing so please if you would like to join them and meet some other parents at our school this is a great start.

Hopefully when the Community Room is back up and running in the next few weeks we can have a morning that parents can call in for a coffee, a chat and meet some other RTPS parents. COVID SAFE of course.

Library News from Mrs Wales



Thank you to all the families and friends that supported our students to dress up for National Simultaneous Storytime Congratulations to our winners Elliot (K), Elliette (S1), Imogen (S2), Emma (S3) and Jackson (MC) who took home a copy of the book *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke and Ronojoy Ghosh.



Scholastic Book Club Issue 4 goes home this week. Orders can be placed online through Scholastic Loop or via the office in cash with the Book Club form. Please let us know if it is a gift, so we can arrange for you to collect your order, rather than sending it home with your child. Orders are due by 1pm on Friday 17th June.

Term 3 will bring our second book fair of the year. This will coincide with our celebration of Book Week in week 3. More information will follow nearer the time.



Winter Uniform



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.



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

P&C and Canteen News

P&C President: Jenny Sarginson
P&C Treasurer: Sean O'Brien
Vice P&C President: Kylee Flanagan
Vice P&C President: Rachael O'Brien
P&C Secretary: Chad Lavis
Next P&C Meeting: 7 June @ 6.30pm via ZOOM

Thank you to all of our volunteers - without you our achievements would not be possible. We appreciate all you do.

Our canteen prices have been able to be kept affordable for everyone because of the support from all our wonderful canteen volunteers.

Thank you to our school community. Thank you everyone for supporting the P&C and Canteen. Our fundraising efforts have been so successful because of your support.

Canteen News

Don't forget to check out our Friday Specials on Spriggy.



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Ideas to Add More Vegetables



It can be tricky to think of new ways to add vegetables to the lunchbox. Here are some of our favourite tips.

- Pack raw vegetables with a dip or some cheese. Why not try tzatziki or tomato salsa?
- Cook extra vegetables the night before and store them in the fridge ready to be added to the lunchbox. Our favourites include [homemade sweet potato wedges](#).
- Use chickpeas, beans or lentils in your child's lunchbox. Why not try these [vegetarian koftas](#).



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good for life

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our programs

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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
OF

2.5
SCHOOL
YEARS

1 DAY PER
WEEK
IS 40 DAYS
PER YEAR

THIS IS 520 DAYS
OF SCHOOL MISSED
FROM KINDY TO Y12
THE EQUIVALENT
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2 DAYS
PER WEEK
IS 80 DAYS
PER YEAR

THIS IS 1040 DAYS
OF SCHOOL MISSED
FROM KINDY TO Y12
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3 DAYS PER
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IS 120 DAYS
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Please give your child every chance to succeed

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