

# Raymond Terrace Public School Newsletter



**Term 3 2022  
September Issue**

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## Message from the Principal

Hi everyone.

It is with real excitement that I announce we have a new Principal appointed to our school for the start of 2023. Ms Salena Langholz is the successful applicant and joins us from Wallsend Public School. In the coming weeks we will look for opportunities to introduce her and orientate her to our school. Salena has also offered her services as we plan for 2023 while still fulfilling her duties at Wallsend PS.

Cyber safety and digital citizenship is vitally important in this day and age. In recent times we have been experiencing some negative social interactions at school due to social media post occurring in the community. While we will continue to teach cyber safety as part of the NSW Curriculum we are also offering support to parents and families around managing these experiences in the home. Shortly we will be hosting the Australian Federal Police's cyber safety/citizen ship program at our school. This program is designed to support important adults (staff/parents) guide our students through being safe and positive on line. Please stay tuned for when the workshops are announced. In the mean time the Commissioner of eSafety has terrific resources for families. Please be aware of what children access in the cyber community, they really do need help to access this part of their world safely.

With the summer season approaching our Sun Safe procedures change. From the start of Term 4 children wishing to play in uncovered areas of the school will need to wear a school broad brimmed hat. Staff will direct students to covered areas to play if they are not wearing our hats.

Regards, *Andrew Price*

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

The last day of Term 3, Friday 23rd September is 'Pirate Day' at R.T.P.S. Year 6 will be hosting a fun filled day. Students can come dressed as pirates and bring a gold coin for donation as well as and gold & silver coins to play games and buy treats.

**Reminder: Lolly guessing competition runs until Wednesday 21st Sept**



Australian Government eSafety Commissioner

**Yr 6 Fundraiser**

**Guess how many lollies are in the jar!**

Closest guess wins the jar!

**Large jar \$1 a guess**  
**Medium jar 50c a guess**  
**Small jar 20c a guess**

**Recess & Lunch at the hall**

## Calendar

### September

**16th** Year 6 at HRHS for Sports Day

**22nd** Public Holiday

**23rd** Pirate Day Year 6 Fundraiser

Spring School Holidays 24th September to 9th October

### October

• **10th** Term 4 begins for all students

• **11th** Kinder 2023 Interviews

• **24th Oct- 4th Nov** Swimming Scheme

• **18th** Kinder 2023 - Interviews

• **25th** Kinder Orientation Day 1

### November

• **1st** Kinder Orientation Day 2

• **8th** Kinder Orientation Day 3

• **9th-11th** Stage 3 Central West Excursion

• **14th-15th** Stage 2 Sydney Excursion

• **15th** Kinder Orientation Day 4

• **29th** Year 6 orientation day to H.R.H.S.

### December

• **8th** Year 6 orientation day to I.H.S.

• **8th** Year 6 Farewell

• **14th** Presentation Day

Summer School Holidays  
20th December to 26th January



## Year 6 Fundraiser

**Year 6 Fundraiser**  
International Talk like a Pirate Day

**Friday 23rd September is Pirate Day**  
Students to come dressed as a pirate and bring a gold coin donation.  
Fun games and lunch & recess!

**Who will walk the plank?**

**FREE** Pirate Scavenger Hunt at lunch for students

**Prizes for best dressed pirates**

**CASH ONLY!**  
Pirate cupcakes & treats for sale at the canteen

**Pirate Games** at recess & lunch  
10 different games to play, some cost 50c

**Fun Assembly**

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## Community News from Mrs Lidbury (CLO)

Our School Community Garden is looking really good with a hive of activity from the students helping out in Gardening Club on a Monday. Mrs Dunn is back helping with planting and teaching myself and the students what to plant at this time of the year.



### From Garden to Display

Our parsley garden is doing well and once picked we deliver down to the team at **TERRACE MEATS** in the Centro Plaza for them to use in their displays.



We would like to extend our thanks to **Woolworths Centro** for their generous donation towards our Year 6 Hot dog Fundraiser. The students had a wonderful day and our Year 6 are raising funds towards their farewell and Year 6 gift to the school. **Thank you Woolworths for you continuous support to our School.**

It was lovely to see lots of fathers and father figures onsite enjoying time with their children for Father's Day this year. There were lots of handball and soccer games happening, with a few getting quite



serious. It was awesome to see the smiles on everyone's faces. The Staff at RTPS love seeing families enjoying time together here at school.

If there is anything I can help your family with, please do not hesitate to contact me through the front office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

**Jodie Lidbury – Community Liaison Officer**



## P & C 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:**

**Canteen will be closed last day of Term 3, Friday 23rd September.**

## Library News from Mrs Wales

Thanks to everyone that has supported the Scholastic Book Fairs and Book Club so far this year - we have raised over \$4000 in commission to purchase resources for our school. There will be two more Book Club Issues in Term 4.

It's not too late to sign up for Birthday Book Club, for students with a birthday in Term 4. Please ask your class teacher for a letter, if you wish to donate \$10 to have first pick of a brand new book to take home - the book will have a donation label to mark the event and will be presented to your student at assembly.

## Upcoming excursions

**Stage 3 Central West Excursion Term 4**  
**9th to 11th November.** Reminder that final payments are due 28th October.

**Stage 2 Sydney Excursion Term 4**  
**14th and 15th November.** Reminder that final payments are due 14th October.

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## Kinder 2023-Terrace Turtles

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2023 are now due. Please complete an online enrolment application or see the office for a form if your child will start Kindergarten at R.T.P.S in 2023.

Orientation and parent Interviews will take place in Term 4. Information about interview dates and times has been sent out to families who are enrolled. Please return forms ASAP so you can be allocated your 15-minute meeting time.

### Terrace Turtles

Terrace Turtles, our transition to school program has been running successfully during Term 3. It has been a wonderful opportunity for children and families to get to know our school and familiarise themselves with school routines and staff ready for 2023. This year we have had two full group sessions each Tuesday and have had a blast getting to create, learn and play together. Thank you to all families who have been able to attend. Our last Terrace Turtles session is on Tuesday 20th September.



## Kinder 2023 Orientation Dates

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**Session 1: Tuesday 25th October, 1:35pm - 2:55pm**

**Parent/Families Information Talk in Hall**

**Session 2: Tuesday 1st November, 1:35pm-2:55pm**

**Kinder Treasure Hunt**

**Session 3: Tuesday 8th November, 1:35pm-2:55pm**

**Story & Craft**

**Session 4: Tuesday 15th November, 1:35-2:55pm**

**Teddy Bears Picnic**

*When you arrive at school please assemble outside the gates. A staff member will open the gates and take you around to the sign on tables. After dropping your child to school you are welcome to stay and have some afternoon tea and listen to our information talks.*



## Attendance Matters

NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



## Healthy Lunchboxes



### Preparing lunchboxes with help from the kids

Children are more likely to eat what's packed in their lunchbox when they're involved in the planning and preparation.

- Use the [SWAP IT everyday lunchbox planner](https://www.swapit.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/resources/parent-resources/packing-an-everyday-lunchbox/everyday-lunchbox-planner/) to plan lunchboxes for the week.
- Involve your child with washing, peeling and chopping of fruits and vegetables.
- Try a new recipe with your child. What about [Japanese vegetable pancakes](#), or [pumpkin & sweet potato scones](#)? This is a great way to use vegetables that are in season!



<https://www.swapit.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/resources/parent-resources/packing-an-everyday-lunchbox/everyday-lunchbox-planner/>



Good for kids  
good for life

### Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss days per year

5 mins per day = 3 days

30 mins per day = 18 days

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Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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## Tell them from Me Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.



Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: [education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm](http://education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm)

## School Payments

## Uniform Prices

**ONLINE PAYMENTS** Log onto the school website at: <http://raymondterp.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.**

**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.



## NEW UNIFORM PRICES

as at 28th August:

**Sports shirt: \$31**

**Jacket: \$41**

**Pants: \$25**

**Hat: \$13**

Can be purchased from the front office.

## Spring School Holidays Ideas

**HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE**  
1 Wetlands Place, Shortland, NSW 2307  
PO Box 66, Shortland NSW 2307  
Ph: 02 4951 6464  
Email: [marketing@wetlands.org.au](mailto:marketing@wetlands.org.au) Web: [www.wetlands.org.au](http://www.wetlands.org.au)

**School Holiday Activities**

### SEPT / OCT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

#### Wrapping the Wetlands

**September 10th to October 7th**

We're Varn Bombing the Wetlands, turning it into a colourful knitted and crocheted installation. Come along and see all the imaginative decorations created by volunteers and members of the community. Follow the discovery trail and find bees in the trees, teddies having tea, twirls spinning, flowers blooming and lots more.

Monday to Friday - Make a turtle to add to our collection (or take home).  
Entry Fees: Adults \$7.50; Concession \$5; Children 4-15yrs \$5

#### Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day

**Saturday 8th October 9.30am to 11.30am**  
Get to know our local and Migratory Shorebirds and celebrate World Migratory Bird Day. Learn by painting these birds and their habitat, take them home and photograph them on the shore. Please wear closed in shoes and bring a hat and water bottle. Wear clothes you're happy to get paint on.

No booking required  
Free with entry

**There's always lots to do at the Wetlands.**

- Try dip-netting • Watch the bird feeding at 10.30am
- Visit the Animal House • Have fun on the playground
- Climb the Egret Tower
- Go Canoeing • Bring a picnic or eat at the Café.

[www.wetlands.org.au/whats-on](http://www.wetlands.org.au/whats-on)

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### September to October 2022 School Holidays

<b>Brain Wave with Kathy Langlade</b> 10.30 to 11.30am at Raymond Terrace Free   8 to 12yrs Have fun drawing with your whole brain	<b>MON 26</b>	<b>Family Games Afternoon</b> 1 to 4pm at Tomaree Free   All ages Challenge your friends and family to dozens of games	<b>FRI 30</b>
<b>Teddy Bears Picnic Storytime and Sleepover</b> 2.30 to 3.30pm at Raymond Terrace and Tomaree Free   2yrs+ Come to story time and then leave your teddy to sleep over at the library!	<b>TUE 27</b>	<b>The Vegetable Plot</b> 10.30 to 11.30am at Tomaree 2.30 to 3.30pm at Raymond Terrace \$10   All ages Music, singing, jokes and puns with the crew	<b>WED 5</b>
<b>Seed Paper Craft</b> 10am to 12pm at Raymond Terrace Free   8yrs+ Make plantable seed paper that you can use for gift cards and wrapping	<b>WED 28</b>	<b>Family Games Morning</b> 10am to 12pm at Raymond Terrace Free   All ages Challenge your friends and family to dozens of games	<b>THU 6</b>
<b>Seed Paper Craft</b> 10am to 12pm at Tomaree Free   8yrs+ Make plantable seed paper that you can use for gift cards and wrapping	<b>THU 29</b>	<b>Woodworking Workshop</b> 10.30 to 11.30am at Tomaree \$10   5 to 11yrs Make your own pencil case or trinket box with the Port Stephens Woodworkers	<b>FRI 7</b>

Need more ideas for family fun?  
Head to [portstephens.org.au](http://portstephens.org.au) for more activities and events in Port Stephens

Raymond Terrace 02 4988 0111  
Tomaree 02 4988 0670  
Mobile Library 02 4988 0111  
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**SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
Week 1 – 26 to 30 September 2022  
Week 2 – 3 to 7 October 2022

Bookings are essential as places are limited – contact the library to make a booking



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