

Raymond Terrace Public School Newsletter



Term 1 2023
February Issue

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From the Principal

Dear Raymond Terrace Community,
It is with great pride that I introduce myself as the new principal of Raymond Terrace PS. My name is Salena Langholz and I am very excited to be leading the Raymond Terrace team. I am looking forward to working with the community to ensure that our kids are provided with amazing opportunities to grow, learn and to reach their potential. I am committed to providing all our students with high quality education and opportunities to achieve their personal best.

I'd like to thank Andrew Price for the amazing job he has done leading Raymond Terrace for the last three years and for the support he has shown me as I transition into the role. I also would like to thank John Picton for his care, encouragement and guidance. The entire staff have made me feel very welcome. I feel privileged to work with such a dedicated group of people who support one another.

We have been very excited to welcome our students back to school last week and we are also looking forward to our community returning onsite for events throughout the year. We are trialling afternoon routines which we will refine over time and as Kindergarten transition into school. Gates will open at 2.50 and parents are invited in to collect their children. Stage 2 and 3 children can join siblings at other gates to be collected to ease the process for parents.

As a school we strive to engage and challenge our students. We have already planned wonderful opportunities for our students throughout 2023. This included our Stage 2 fishing excursion last week. Please complete any notes sent home as promptly as you can to assist us in our planning.

The school is accepting the Premier's Back to School NSW vouchers. The Premier's Back to School NSW Vouchers program helps families pay for school supplies. Parents, guardians and carers can apply for three \$50 vouchers, totalling \$150 for each eligible student. The vouchers can be used towards the cost of school uniforms, shoes, bags and other eligible expenses. The vouchers need to be used by the 30 June, 2023.

I have already had the opportunity to meet some of our great community. I will be out and about each morning and afternoon. Please come and say hello and introduce yourself. I have set myself a goal to know all the children's names by the end of the term and most of the families. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone as we build a strong community together. We are a team and together we can achieve great things. Onwards always.

Salena Langholz,
Principal

Calendar

February

- 13 - Stage 2 Salamander Bay Waste Management Excursion
- 14 - Safer Internet Day 2023
- 15 - Kinder **RED Day**
- 17 - Minister Induction
- 20 - Stage 2 Waste Management In School Visit
- 22 - Kinder **PINK Day**
- 24 - 007 Training



March

- 1 - Kinder **YELLOW Day**
- 2 - Stage 3 Flood Mitigation Walking Excursion
- 3 - Clean Up Australia Day
- 8 - Kinder **GREEN Day**
- 8 - Stage 2 Wetlands Excursion
- 14 - Zone Swimming Carnival
- 15 - Kinder **PURPLE Day**
- 22 - Harmony Day
- 22 - Kinder **ORANGE Day**

2023 School Term Dates for Students

- Term 1 27th January - 6th April
- Term 2 24th April - 30th June
- Term 3 17th July - 22nd September
- Term 4 9th October - 19th December

2023 Staff Development Dates

Staff Development Days for 2023: 27-30 January, 24 April, 17 July and 18-19 December

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/calendars#2023>

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School Messages

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Payments can be made online - 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.

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. It is important that we have on file updated 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.

STAGE 2

On Monday, 13 February Stage 2 & 4/5K are going to the dump! As part of our "Guardians of the Environment" unit, we are visiting the Salamander Waste Facility to see how our waste is managed. The excursion will be free as the school will cover the cost of the buses. We will then have a representative come to talk to us at school the following week. Ask your children about ways that you can minimise waste at school and in your household.

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://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply>

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



School Bus Timetables

Hunter Valley Buses

<https://cdcbus.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Raymond-Terrace-Public-School.pdf>

Port Stephens Buses

<https://www.psoaches.com.au/school-timetables>

Community News

Welcome to all our new families here at RTPS - we hope that you will all settle in. We are looking at a busy Term 1 already for 2023. We continue to thank our community sponsors that support our school in many ways. They support us with donations that benefit our school and students in many ways.



Mr Price and some of our students have had fun feeding worms and bugs from our garden to the fish as we started to clean out all the old plants to get ready to plant new ones. Our students are loving the garden experience and the opportunity to help and get their hands dirty.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM shop has taken off on SPRIGGY selling lots of items. As we receive new donations of used uniforms, I will update them onto the Spriggy app so keep checking for items as stock will come and go. **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** label all your child's clothing. If items have names on them we can return lost property back to the right student. There is a lot of lost property without names on them that we just can't return to the right owner.

If any families are finding it hard to settle into our school community, please feel free to contact me in the Community Room on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday via the front office. You will also see me around the school at drop off and pick up if you would like a chat.



Jodie Lidbury, Community Liaison Officer

Library News

Welcome back to the library for 2023!

Student **library days** are as follows – Monday: K-1T, 2A, 2L; Tuesday: 6D, 4-5K, 5M, 6M, Support Unit classes; Thursday: 1S, 1-2P, KM, KW; Friday: 4N, 3R, 3-4B. Students K-5 require a library bag to borrow, please ensure these are named. Year 6 may borrow one book at a time without a library bag, or up to 4 with a bag.

Scholastic Book Club



Issue 1 went home last week and all orders are due by 3pm Wednesday 15 February. Orders can be placed by returning cash with the order form to the school or using a credit card via the Scholastic LOOP platform. Orders from this issue placed through LOOP attract free books – one when you spend over \$30, two when you spend over \$50 or three when you spend over \$70.

Birthday Book Club also continues this year, a blue letter with more information went home last week.

If you would like to **volunteer** in the library, we are always looking for help covering books! Please get in touch on 4987 2083.

Amy Wales – Teacher Librarian

Amy Wales
Teacher-Librarian

Uniforms

New hats & uniform items are available for purchase from school office:

- New school hats \$16.00
- New school sport shirts -
 - ◊ Sizes 6 - 14 \$31.00
 - ◊ Sizes XS - 2XL \$33.00
- New school jackets \$41.00
- New school long pants \$25.00

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second hand uniforms can be purchased/ordered using the Spriggy Schools app.

Plain Shirt	\$ 1
Plain Jackets	\$ 4
Logo Jackets	\$15
Dresses	\$10
Sport Shirt	\$ 7
Skorts, Shorts, Long Pants	\$ 3
Jumpers	\$ 1

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

School Community/Attendance

School and Community Charter

NSW Public Schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning.

The School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

If you would like to know more about the charter follow the link below. You can also access the link on our school website.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/school-community-charter>

Attendance - Every Minute- Every Day - Matters

Students learn new things at school every day. Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes.

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. We monitor attendance closely as per the NSW DoE policy. You can find a link to the policy on our school website or by following this link <https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy>.

Teachers at Raymond Terrace Public School are instructed to phone home if an absence is unexplained after two days and they must record the act of phoning or contacting the parent/carer. We know that children do get sick and when they are sick they need to rest and recover at home. If your child is sick, can you please contact the school to let us know or reply to the SMS that will be sent on the day. Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school within seven days.

As a community we are working together to improve regular attendance at school to ensure that every child achieves their educational best.



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P&C and Canteen

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

Welcome back everyone for 2023.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be next Tuesday, 14 February 6.30pm via Video Link. All parents and carers are welcome to join the virtual meeting. To join the meeting, simply go to: <https://tinyurl.com/hn5v8cb8>

The meeting will also be advertised on the P&C Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pandcrtps>). All are welcome to join the group to keep up to date on latest news from the canteen, events and fundraising.

P&C Membership

To make decisions and vote at meetings, you will need to be a member of the association. Membership for 2023 is only \$1. Membership fees can be paid by direct deposit to

Account #: 346613, BSB: 032515

or at the school office. Remember to give your name and contact details (phone/email).

Why join your school P&C?

P&C members make a difference by:

- consulting on school policy;
- financial planning, budgeting and fundraising;
- managing on-site businesses (canteen);
- assisting with school functions;
- applying for grants;
- building school communities; and
- making the school a happier and more connected place.

You are welcome to volunteer as little or as much as you like!

Who can join your school P&C?

The P&C is open to **everyone**: parents, caregivers, grandparents, teachers and members of the whole community.

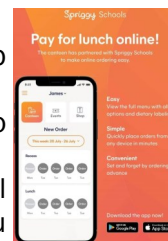
Facts

- Children who have actively engaged parents/carers have better education outcomes!
- Working with your P&C provides you with valuable work experience and new skills.
- Volunteering improves your health and wellbeing.
- Joining your P&C creates connections and friendships in your community.

Please remember to treat our canteen staff with kindness and respect.

All canteen orders are done online only.

- Download the Spriggy Schools app to place your order.
- Please order **before 9:15am** to avoid missing the cut-off.
- If you have any issues, please call and we are happy to help you navigate the app.



The canteen team are after volunteers. If you can spare an hour or two, a day a week/a fortnight/a month, please contact the school or canteen. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

2023 Staffing

Principal: Mrs Salena Langholz; **Deputy Principal:** Mr Andrew Price; **Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction:** Mrs Kylie Bull; Mrs Michelle Ballenden

Early Stage 1: (Kinder): Mrs Maryam Mahommed (KM); Mrs Sara Wiffen (KW); Mrs Tracy Mtao (K-1T); Miss Madeline Furneaux (RFF)

Stage 1: (Years 1 & 2): Mrs Michelle Abel, A.P. (2A); Mrs Sam Panuccio (1S); Mrs Kelly Lodge/Mrs Tara Agland (2L); Mrs Katie Page (1-2P); Miss Ann Lavis (RFF)

Stage 2: (Years 3 & 4): Ms Elicia Krisenthal, A.P., (4-5K); Miss Emma Rumbel (3R); Miss Kate Brady (3-4B); Mr Lachlan Nesbitt (4N); Mr Lachlan Rinkin (RFF)

Stage 3: (Years 5 & 6): Mr Chad Manning, Relieving A.P., (6M); Mrs Laura Mullard (5M); Mrs Belinda D'Arcy /Mrs Ragan Hickman (6D); Mr Brock Hunt; Mr Lachlan Rinkin (RFF)

Multicategorical classes: Mrs Katie Southgate, AP/Miss Sarah Price (K-6S); Mrs Rebecca Hinchey (K-6H); Mrs Erin Cook (K-6C); Miss Sara Price (RFF)

Support staff Mrs Donna Wade/Miss Jazzmin Kelly (K-6C); Mrs Jodie Lidbury/Ms Rebecca Ellis (K-6S); Mrs Alex Wastell, Ms Rebecca Ellis (K-6S)

Teacher Librarian: Mrs Amy Wales; **LAST:** Mrs Janine Chisholm; **Learning Suupport:** Mrs Brenda Crawford
School Admin Manager: Mrs Sue Noon; **School Admin Officer:** Mrs Lorena Pressley; Mrs Kylie Pacheco; **Aboriginal Education Officer:** Mrs Franky Maddrell; **Community Liaison Officer:** Mrs Jodie Lidbury; **General Assistant:** Mr Rod Wade; **Assistant Principal LAS:** Mrs Lyn Russell; **School Counsellor:** Mr Will Sands; **Support Staff:** Mr Michael Abel; Mr Todd Avis; Mrs Jess Blackie; Mrs Chris Davis; Mrs Kirsten Gascoigne; Mrs Chantelle Irving; Ms Jess Milmo; Ms Brooke Tippet
Speech Pathologist: Katrina Gordon

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Bus Safety

Did you know that by law you must slow down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing? As our students start the 2023 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>.



2023 School Leaders



Kyle, Cooper, Mitchell, William
 Evie, Maddison, Lillyanne, Charlotte

Kinder 2023

Our 2023 Kindergarten students have enjoyed their first couple of days at RTPS



NAPLAN

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



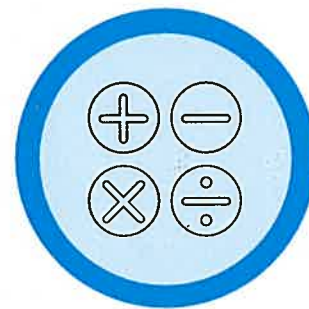
Writing



Reading



Conventions of language
(spelling, grammar and punctuation)



Numeracy

- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.
For more information on NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.



Dear Parents,

Hunter New England Health and Raymond Terrace Public School are involved in a joint program to bring occupational therapy and speech pathology services to the school. Raymond Terrace Public School will have an Occupational Therapist (OT), and Speech Pathologist (SP), Katrina Gordon, visiting each week to support student learning.

The aim of the support is to assist staff working with students to develop their motor skills, self-regulation skills and their ability to effectively communicate at school. This will involve screening students for any difficulties, working with teachers to develop strategies and programs, and in some instances, working with students. As part of these programs, the OT and SP may be working with your child. This may occur through classroom and individual screenings, therapy, as well as whole class lessons and small group work.

If you are happy for your child to be involved in the OT and SP programs you do not need to do anything - they will simply be included if and when appropriate. If for any reason, you **DO NOT** want your child to be involved in the school's OT and SP programs you will need to return the slip below.

If you have further questions about this program, please talk to your child's class teacher or the Program Coordinator – Andrew Price or Principal – Salena Langholz.

During this program, information collected from formal language and/or speech assessments will be filed with Hunter New England Health Medical records.

If your child engages with an OT or SP, or has had speech or occupational therapy outside of school, can you please advise your child's class teacher and provide a copy of any reports. This will help us develop in-class supports.

Regards

Principal Raymond Terrace Public School
January 2023

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I **DO NOT** want my child involved in the speech program at Raymond Terrace Public School.

Parent/Carer Name: _____ Signed _____ Date: _____



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



Cynthia Culhane



cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au



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Find out more at saverplus.org.au

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