

Raymond Terrace Public School Newsletter



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From the Principal

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Inspiring learning, building community, empowering students.

It was lovely to see all the Dads, grandparents, uncles and significant male role models attend our Father's Day breakfast. Thank you to the P&C for the hard work running the Father's Day stall and the raffle. We appreciate the contribution you make to our school.

Students have been participating in check-in assessments over the last couple of weeks. Classes have also been completing phonics assessments. We have been impressed with the growth we have seen in phonics. As you would know we have been focusing on this area as a school as part of our Strategic Direction 1. Consequently, we have seen significant growth in students in the Year 1 phonics assessment. This has been a direct result of the hard work of teachers who have been dedicated to ensuring best practice in phonics teaching and ensuring that our teaching meets the needs of our students. Staff have also been given the opportunity to watch each other teach during literacy sessions. We are consciously embedding mentoring and coaching opportunities to ensure continuous improvement.

As part of our focus on building community engagement, specific members of staff have been trained in 3C's Conversational Model training and completed Accidental Councillor training over the past couple of weeks. Tonight our Aboriginal dance group and our signing choir will be performing at the Hunter River HS showcase. We are always looking for opportunities to grow our relationships with community and our surrounding schools. These relationships help to build the whole Raymond Terrace community.

We have a huge array of opportunities for students happening at the moment, and we thank all the community members who are helping get our kids to games and performances. We have students performing, representing the school at public speaking, sporting opportunities, Children's university... the list goes on. We are so lucky to have

so many great opportunities for kids to be involved in. Proud to be Public.

We continue to strive towards our school vision of inspiring learning, building community and empowering every student to thrive in an environment that fosters high expectations. Let me know your suggestions on how we can improve. We intend to always work in partnership with parents and the community to build the best school we can.

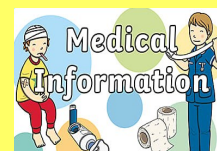
Salena Langholz - Principal

Community Charter

I would like to remind all parents that while you are on our school site, you are expected to behave in a manner that is respectful and does not negatively impact the wellbeing of students or staff. In the situation where your behaviour does not meet the [School Community Charter \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://nsw.gov.au), we have a legal responsibility to act and take measures to protect our students and staff.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. It is a privilege to be welcomed into our school. If unacceptable behaviour impacts the operation of the school or the safety of the students or staff, I will consider limiting your access to the school in the future.

Salena Langholz - Principal



In the event that your child's medical information or medication has changed, could you please ensure that the school is notified as soon as possible. It is important that we have up dated information in the event of emergency.

**** Respect ** Do As You Are Asked ** Friendly Talk ** Hands Off ** In The Right Place ****

Riding to school @ RTPS

- All students need a helmet - it's the law!
- Riders under 10 should be supervised by an adult.
- Riders under 16, or accompanying adults, may ride on the footpath

Students without helmets will not be allowed to ride home until a helmet is provided - it's the law!



Research shows helmets can reduce serious head injuries by about 70% and reduce fatal head injuries by 65%.

SHOWCASE 2024

AUSLAN SIGNING CHOIR

The choir will be performing tonight at Hunter River High School as part of Showcase 2024.

A big thank you to parents and carers that helped deliver their children to the performance. Without your help, we would not be able to participate.

An even bigger THANK YOU to our amazing students! The children that joined us each week, showed the RTPS spirit with much enthusiasm, persistence and respect. Well done!

Brooke Tippett & Alex Wastell

SHOWCASE CONCERT 2024 - HRHS

Join us for a wonderful night of music and dance performances at Hunter River High School on Wednesday 4 September 2024 from 6pm. Our talented Aboriginal dance group and Auslan Choir will be performing on the night. **\$5 Tickets are available AT THE DOOR.**

Hunter River High School Honoured at 2024 Public Education Awards



Sydney Town Hall was the site of celebration on Monday, August 5th 2024, as Secretary Murat Dizdar and Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Early Learning, Prue Car, announced the winners of the 2024 Public Education Awards. The ceremony highlighted the outstanding contributions made by schools, students, teachers, staff, and parents across New South Wales.

Among the recognised institutions was Hunter River High School, which has earned three Secretary Awards over the past four years at the NSW Public Education Awards. The school's most recent accolade was awarded for its Pathways to Success initiative, a program designed to help students transition into meaningful post-school pathways, whether through higher education or employment.

Since the launch of Pathways to Success, Hunter River High School has experienced a significant improvement in the post-school outcomes of its students. The initiative's success is largely attributed to personalised learning, mentorship, and subject pathways tailored to meet the unique needs of each student.

In addition to enhancing post-school opportunities, the school has seen substantial academic improvements over the past six years. The number of students achieving top HSC results has risen dramatically, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students making notable strides in reaching the highest performance bands.

The success of Pathways to Success is underpinned by several key factors, including quality teaching, effective school-wide practices, and strong leadership from Principal Deb Dibley and the Senior Executive Team. The school's commitment to fostering academic excellence has also been bolstered by its investments in Secondary Studies and the PTECH Program, which continue to empower students to achieve their full potential both in and out of the classroom.

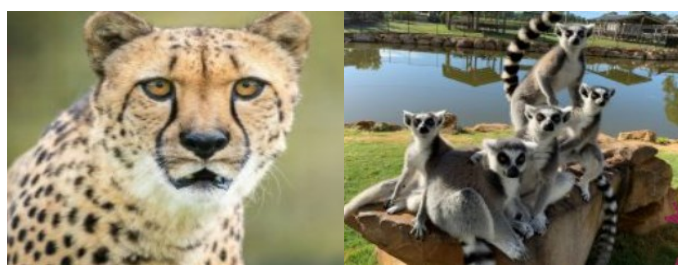


You Can Do It: Resilience Confidence Organisation Persistence Getting Along Quality Work

EARLY STAGE 1 - ZOO EXCURSION

REMINDER

We are going to the Zoo! It will be an exciting time for Kindergarten students as we are heading to the Hunter Valley Wildlife Park on Thursday 26 September. The cost is \$38.00 - this includes entry to the park, bus fare and a bag of feed to hand feed animals. Details of what to bring will be sent out in a note closer to the excursion date. **Permission notes have been sent out through School Bytes, so if your child is intending to go on the excursion, payment must be paid by 20 September and permission notes signed for your child to attend**



September, 2024

- 5 - U10s Rugby League Gala Day
- 5 - Yidaki group Citizenship Awards
- 9 - K-2 Aboriginal health check day
- 10 - Terrace Turtles
- 10 - JAECG meeting - Irrawang PS
- 11 - NNN training Stage 3
- 11 - St 2,3 & 4 Enrichment display IHS
- 12 - YB Transport Newcastle excursion
- 16 - Wild Robot movie - 5H, 6D & 5/6RF
- 17 - Terrace Turtles
- 18 - Building Thinking Classrooms Year 4 HRHS
- 19 - IHS Science Lab & Art Stage 3
- 20 - Year 6 Pirate Day fundraiser
- 24-26 - Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
- 24 - Terrace Turtles
- 26 - Kinder Zoo excursion
- 27 - YB campfire & olden days dress up day



Pirate Day - Year 6 Fundraiser

Year 6 will be hosting a fundraiser to raise money for a gift to the school from our Year 6 students.

There will be a fun assembly for all our pirates and prizes to be won for best dressed pirate from each class.

During recess and lunch games will be organised by our Year 6 students and staff. Most games are free but some will cost 50c to play, students will be able to win a prize. Also during recess and lunch there will be pirate cupcakes and treats for sale, CASH ONLY.

As part of Pirate Day, Year 6 will be running a lolly jar guessing competition at recess and lunch every day starting Week 8 Monday 9 until Week 9 Thursday 19 September. Guesses will cost 20c small jar, 50c medium jar and \$1 large jar.

Year 6 Teachers

School Swimming and Water Safety Program

The Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

The program will be running for 2 weeks in Term 4 from Monday 28 October to Friday 8 November. It is open for students in Years 2, 3, and 4. The program will cost \$58 for the two weeks to cover entry into the pool (season pass holders will be unable to use it for this program).

There will only be 60 places available. First in best dressed. If you have given permission, you must make full payment for your child to secure a place in the program or they may miss out.

Ms Rumbel - Swim Co-ordinator



School Messages

STAGE 2 - SYDNEY EXCURSION

The Stage 2 excursion to Sydney - Term 4, **Thursday 14 to Friday 15 November**. There will be a waiting list for students. The total cost of the camp is \$265.00. If there are any dietary requirements for your child, please let your child's teacher know. For families who are making instalments, make sure these payments are getting paid regularly to have the total amount paid before 28 October (3 weeks prior to excursion)

STAGE 3 - BATHURST EXCURSION

The Stage 3 excursion to Bathurst/Hill End is fast approaching - Week 10 Term 3, **Tuesday 24 to Thursday 26 September**. Final payment is due this Friday 6th September. All students attending the excursion need to have full payment made. Please make sure all paperwork for the excursion has been filled out and handed back to your child's teacher. If there are any dietary requirements for your child, please let your child's teacher know.



Thank You for your support

PS RAYMOND TERRACE PUBLIC SCHOOL
RESPECT * FRIENDLY TALK * DO AS YOU ARE ASKED * IN THE RIGHT PLACE * HANDS OFF *
FORWARD ALWAYS

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 OF	2.5 SCHOOL YEARS
2 DAYS PER WEEK IS 80 DAYS 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

Calendar

thank you!



Community News from Mrs



Thank you!



CENTRO PLAZA -
Fruit Break

Market Place
Breakfast Club



Breakfast

*Thank You
for your support*



Fundamental Movement Skills Activity: Balancing Act

Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) are the building blocks of movement. Just like kids need to learn to read and write, they need to learn how to master FMS for a lifetime of enjoying being physically active.

Try the activity 'Balancing Act' to develop balance!

Students try balancing different objects to see which shapes are easiest to balance.

What you need:

Various balancing objects, such as feathers, shoes, caps, broom handles, balancing poles (made from rolled up newspaper and sticky tape), etc.

What to do:

- Students balance various objects to see which shapes are easiest to balance
- Students use different body parts to balance the objects, such as the palm or back of their hand, or their knee, foot, elbow or chin

Change it up:

- Students try walking or lying down and getting back up again while trying to balance the object
- Students 'jump' the balancing object from one body part to another i.e., one hand to another
- Compete with others and see who can hold a balance the longest

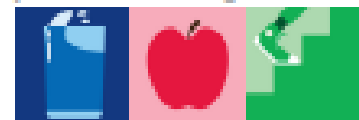


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What makes a balanced lunchbox?

A balanced lunchbox is made up of everyday foods from the five food groups: grain foods, fruit, vegetables, dairy/alternatives and meat/alternatives. Eating a range of everyday foods will give kids energy to learn, grow and play!

Follow this guide for packing an easy everyday lunchbox:

Crunch&Sip®: 1 serve of vegetables or fruit

Recess: 1 serve of vegetables or fruit & 1-2 everyday snacks

Lunch: A meal made with everyday ingredients such as sandwich, wrap, roll or leftovers

Drink: Water and/or reduced fat plain milk

Don't forget to pack an **ice brick** or **frozen water bottle** to keep food cool and safe!



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