

Raymond Terrace Public School Newsletter



**Term 1 2025
February Issue**

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From the Principal

Dear Raymond Terrace community

Welcome back! It has been a smooth transition back into learning and there have been classrooms buzzing with activity. For our Stage 1-3 students it has been straight into learning with our continuing focus on Explicit Teaching. For Kindergarten they are familiarising themselves with school, routines and participating in Best Start interviews. They have had a great start and have been enjoying themselves.

We have exciting things happening in our school over the coming weeks with leaders attending a morning tea with the Mayor, the swimming carnival, book fair and our community playgroup beginning on Thursday. Keep an eye on the School Bytes app or your emails for important information as we begin the year. We offer so many opportunities for our children to cater for the vast array of interest and gifts that our students possess.

We will continue to use DOJO this year. To be able to be added to the platform you will need to give permission through our Third-party permission note that is coming home shortly. I will send more information when we have the platform up and running. Teachers will only access the platform during school hours and school days. If a message is missed, as can happen, you can contact the school via phone or email. Thank you for using this platform in a kind, respectful, safe way.

It is wonderful to see families coming in and meeting the teachers in the afternoons and before school. We will continue to open the gates at 2.45pm and have students exit from the COLA. Please keep walkways and verandahs free so that children are not getting jostled as they move to their families.

We are looking forward to a very exciting 2025.

Raymond Terrace PS inspiring learning, building community and empowering every student to thrive!

Salena Langholz - Principal

Calendar

February, 2025

- 14 - 2025 Ministers Induction assembly
- 17 - Ministers morning tea with Kate Washington
- 18 - RTPS swimming carnival
- 24-27 - Book fair
- 24-26 - Digi Ed Stage 3
- 26 - Zone swimming carnival
- 28 - Clean up Australia Day

March, 2025

- 05 - Whole school photo day
- 28 - P & C Colour Run



2025 School Term dates for students

Term 1 - 6 February - 11 April

Term 2 - 30 April - 4 July

Term 3 - 22 July - 26 September

Term 4 - 14 October - 19 December

Office hours: 8:30am to 3:15pm

All students who arrive late must report to the 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.

Change of Details

Parents make sure all family details are up to date: emails, address, phone numbers, etc - please ensure that the school is notified as soon as possible if there are any changes. It is important that we have correct information in the event of emergency.

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School Messages

STAGE 2 - GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP EXCURSION

A two day/overnight excursion to The Great Aussie Bush Camp has been booked for Week 3 - Term 3, **Monday 04 August and Tuesday 05 August**.

There will be a non-refundable deposit of \$50 which is due by Friday 11 April. More information with costing will be sent by email early next week.



2025 SCHOOL LEADERS

Following the speeches from the nominated students and voting by the students and staff, we are pleased to announce the school leaders for 2025 are:

Ministers

Sienna Ainsworth/Captain

Leo Henderson

Bentley Frost/Captain

Kash Pannowitz

Kloe Blackie/Vice Captain

Riley Frazer

Gregory Eaton/Vice Captain

Aisea Tivoli



Welcome back for 2025. Book Club Issue 1 flyers go home this week. Please order via LOOP or send your money and form to the office. All orders must be placed by 1pm Friday 21 February. Late orders placed online will incur a \$10 delivery charge.

Library lessons for 2025 are as follows:

Monday: 1M, 1-2B, 2S, 4-5K

Tuesday: K-6C, KLA, 3N, 3-4F

Wednesday: K-6H, KM, 4M, 6D, 6HD

Thursday: K-6D, K-1R

Friday: 5H

Students K-5 need a library bag to borrow, Yr6 students may borrow one book at a time without a bag. Students with bags can borrow up to 4 books at a time, which are due back after 2 weeks.

Students with overdue books will receive a 'pink slip' reminder to return or replace items.

Letters about Birthday Book Club will be sent home in the next week.

Amy Wales - Librarian

NAPLAN 3 & 5

Years 3 & 5 will complete NAPLAN in Term 1. Students complete four tests: Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. All tests are completed online except for Year 3 writing. The tests will be conducted between 10 & 24 March (Term 1 Weeks 7 - 8). Mr Manning is the NAPLAN Co-ordinator this year. If you have any questions regarding the tests, please see him at school or call the office - 4987 2083.



Writing



Reading



Conventions of language
(spelling, grammar and punctuation)



Numeracy

2025 RTPS Swimming Carnival

RTPS swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 18 February 2025. ALL students aged 8-13 (The age which they have turned/are turning in 2025) will be attending the carnival. Year 2 students that are 8 or turning 8, should only attend the swimming carnival if they are capable swimmers.

Permission & payment needs to be paid through School Bytes by this Friday 14 February.

P&C
COLOUR RUN
HELD ON 28TH
MARCH

School Messages

Yawutung Burray

For those of you who are new to our school, or who weren't aware, we have 3 Support and Inclusion 'Multi-Categorical' classes at RTPS. We have 7 students in each class and students from Kindy to Year 6. Last year we renamed our Support Classes "Yawutung Burray" which means 'the journey of the child' in the Gathang language of the Worimi people. We are lucky we get to experience the best of both worlds, we can access mainstream programs and school experiences while delivering a highly personalised education for each student based on their needs. You will often see references to 'YB' in our school community and this is who we are.

Yawutung Burray Swim Scheme

We will be starting weekly swimming lessons for our YB students again this term. Lessons will start in Week 5 - 27 February and run on a Thursday. More information to come asap.

Ms Krisenthal - 'Yawutung Burray'
Assistant Principal Inclusion and Support

School Safety

Port Stephens Council's Ranger Team will be conducting their annual School Safety Campaign during the month of February.

The aim of the campaign is to increase the safety of school children and highlight parking rules around schools. The Ranger Team will do this by handing out flyers to parents and caregivers about the safe and legal places to park when dropping off and picking up students, and being on hand to answer any questions that parents, caregivers or school staff may have in relation to school safety.



RTPS Class Teachers

Early Stage 1

KM Mrs Tracy Mtao
KLA Mrs Kelly Lodge & Mrs Tara Agland
K/1R Miss Emma Rumbel

Stage 1

1M Ms Maryam Mahommed
2S Miss Caitlin Searle
1/2B Miss Kate Brady

Stage 2

3N Mr Lachlan Nesbitt
3/4F Mr Ian Fletcher
4M Ms Laura Mullard
4/5K Miss Kylie Hughes

Stage 3

5H Mr Broc Hunt
6HD Mrs Ragan Hickman/Mrs Chelsea Duhring
6D Mrs Belinda D'Arcy

Yawutung Burray (MC) -

K/6C Mrs Erin Cook
K/6D Mr Duane Harrison
K/6H Miss Christina Hoepfer
Librarian Mrs Amy Wales

Early Stage 1 - Mrs Sam Panuccio - Rel AP

Stage 1 - Mrs Michelle Abel - AP

Stage 2 - Mr Chad Manning - AP

Stage 3 - Mr Andrew Price - AP

Yawutung Burray (MC) -

Mrs Elicia Krisenthal/Mrs Erin Cook - AP

Community Playgroup

Come and join us every Thursday in School Terms

Starting 13th February 2025

0-5 years

Free for all families in Port Stephens area

Where: Raymond Terrace Public School Hall

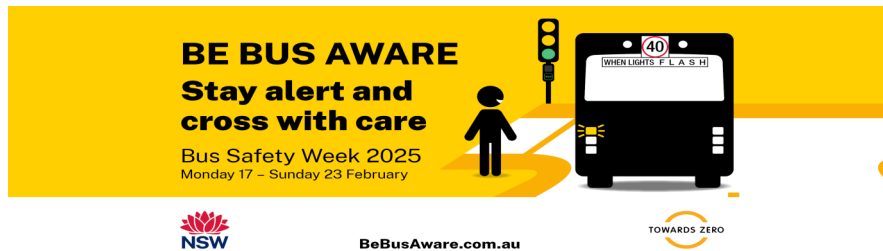
Time: 9:00am-10:30am

Morning Tea supplied

For more information please
Contact
Gina Thou-Walla 49874666
Jodie RTPS 49872083



School Messages



Bus Safety Week reminds all road users to 'Be Bus Aware'

Our school bus operator Busways is reminding all road users, parents, and students to 'be bus aware' as part of Transport for NSW's Bus Safety Week campaign, running Feb 17 - 23.

Part of the 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, Bus Safety Week sees governments, bus operators, and emergency services raise awareness about the importance of being safe in and around buses and spread the message to 'Be Bus Aware'.

Bus Safety Week provides a timely reminder to parents to have a talk with their children about bus safety; to motorists when giving way to buses; to pedestrians to make sure they are alert of their surroundings; and to cyclists to ensure they can see where buses are.

The 'Be Bus Aware' campaign has been developed with input from Bus NSW, NSW Police and Transport for NSW.

For more information on bus safety or to learn about Transport for NSW's 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, visit <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/-be-bus-aware>.



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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

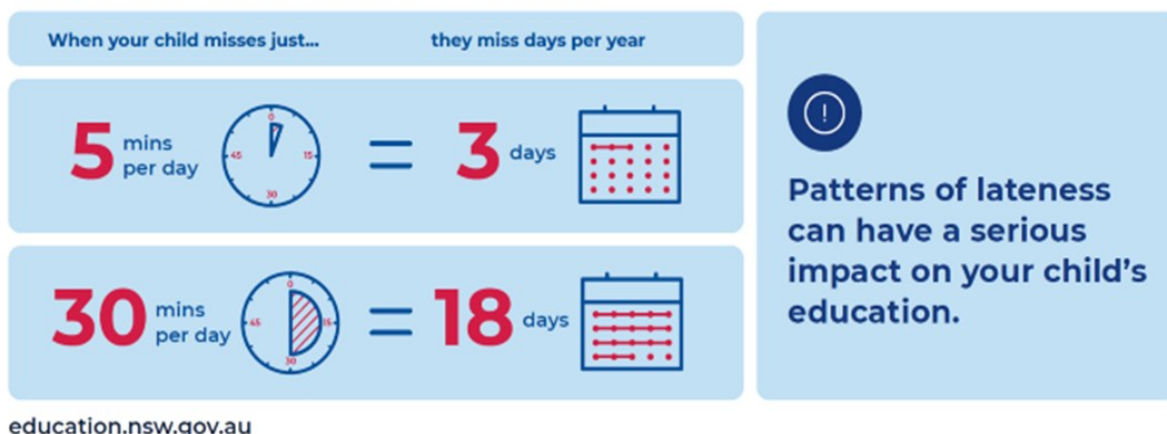
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2005-0259>

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.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

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



Complaints Handling

Complaints, compliments and suggestions We are committed to working with parents, carers, students and families to ensure all students are happy and thrive at school. If you have a question, issue, complaint, feedback or compliment about our school, we'd like to know. Start by talking to the class teacher. The teacher knows your child best and can offer support. If the class teacher is unable to help, approach the stage supervisor who will offer any assistance they can give. If you would like further discussion you can then contact our school principal. For more information regarding complaints, compliments and suggestions visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students>

Everyone deserves to feel safe at school



Please treat our staff
and students with
kindness and respect



Aggressive behaviour
will **not be tolerated**



Together, we can create
**a safe and harmonious
environment** for our
students and staff



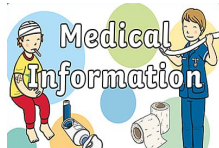
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Community News from Mrs Jodie Lidbury

Student Health
Care Plans



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Thank You!



Terrace Meats



Market Place
Breakfast Club



CENTRO PLAZA -
Fruit Break



Breakfast Club



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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

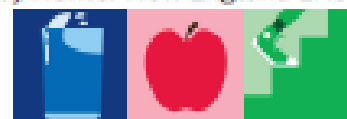


Source: Playing for life (www.sportaus.gov.au)



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Good for kids

good for life



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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