

# Raymond Terrace Public School Newsletter



**Term 2 2025  
July Issue**

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## From the Principal

Dear Raymond Terrace Community,

We have had the most amazing term of learning and opportunities. It has been packed and next term looks just as exciting. It seems to have gone so quickly. Next term we have excursions, carnivals and concerts. Can't wait.

The disco was a wonderful success. Students busted a move and had a wonderful time. Thank you to the P&C for organising the event and for the volunteers who helped on the night

Reports will come out today over School Bytes. They are in a new format in accordance with changes brought forth by the Department of Education and because of consultation with community. If you require a printed version, please ask at the office. You can print your own version from School Bytes.

Next term is our concert term! The students are already excited. Look out for more information over the coming months. We love seeing our kids shine on the stage. A huge thank you to the teachers and staff making this concert happen for our students.

We have a very busy team of teachers who look after the support needs of our students. They are a dedicated, hardworking team who are committed to our students. We have processes and practices for accessing learning support in line with departmental policy. Regular learning support meetings occur where students are discussed. If you have concerns for your child and would like them to be discussed at learning support, please contact the classroom teacher or stage Assistant Principal who can initiate discussions. Processes for accessing support classes are determined by departmental processes which we follow.

Our NAIDOC march has been postponed due to predictions of high winds and bad weather. Dates for the rescheduling will be announced in the future.

It has been very chilly of late. Thank you to everyone who is sending their children in school jackets. It helps them feel part of Team Terrace.

Have a wonderful holiday. We return to school on the 22 July and are looking forward to an exciting Term 3.

Warm regards,  
Salena Langholz - Proud Principal



## Calendar

### July, 2025

- 03 - Stage 3 Public Speaking final
- 03 - NAIDOC march (cancelled)
- 04 - NAIDOC assembly
- **21 - Staff development day (no students)**
- 23 - Whole school AFL clinic
- 24 - Social Media Cyber Safety Talk Stg 2&3
- 24 - Film by the Water day
- 30 - Hunter Schools Dance festival
- 30 - Maths Olympiad & Explorer contest
- 31 - HRHS Maths Building Thinking Yr 5
- 31 - Netball Gala day

### August, 2025

- 01 - Athletic Carnival
- 04 & 05 - Stg 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp
- 04 to 08 - RTPS Book Week
- 08 - Book Character parade
- 06 - STEM Yr 6 Girls - HRHS

### 2025 School Term dates for students

Term 2 - 30 April - 4 July

Term 3 - 22 July - 26 September

Term 4 - 14 October - 19 December



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## School Messages



Our annual RTPS Book Week will be in week 3 of Term 3 and includes a Book Fair. On Friday 8 August, students are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book. We will be holding a book character parade, which families will be welcome to attend. Details to come early next term.

Thank you to all the families who have ordered from book club so far this year. You have helped us earn almost \$200 in rewards! There will be 4 more issues of book club before the end of the year.

The Premier's Reading Challenge closes on Friday 19 September (week 9 of Term 3). Students have been working hard in class, during library lessons and through their borrowing to complete the challenge. Congratulations to all students that have met the challenge and received their badges. Certificates from the Premier will arrive in Term 4.

Amy Wales  
Librarian



Storybook Character Parade

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE PERMISSION NOTES ON TIME?



The office try to get permission notes out with enough time for parents to get organised for the event



Often there might be information that the office are waiting on, such as transport to co-ordinate

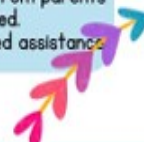


We have tried to make the process easy and efficient to save parents time

When parents don't complete permission notes on time it creates a lot more work chasing the required information, often more than once



Please complete notes straight away and make payment at the same time. Any insights on this process from parents would be appreciated. Contact the school if you need assistance



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Happy  
Holidays!

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### STAGE 3 - CANBERRA EXCURSION

**Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 August 2025**

**All seats have now been filled.**

There are only 8 weeks until the excursion, please remember to make regular payments to office or online via School Bytes. Final payments **MUST** be made by 8th August. More information about excursion will be sent home early next term.



### TOUCH FOOTBALL

On Monday 23 June, our boys' and girls' touch football teams competed in a knockout gala day held here at RTPS. Both teams played their opening matches against Grahamstown Public School. Our girls started strong, securing a 4-0 win, while the boys showed great effort but went down 3-1. The girls then faced Irrawang Public School in their second game and continued their winning streak with a convincing 4-1 victory. Well done to all players for their teamwork, sportsmanship and school spirit.

### STAGE 2 - GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP EXCURSION

A two day/overnight excursion to The Great Aussie Bush Camp will be happening in Week 3 - Term 3, **Monday 04 August and Tuesday 05 August.**

This is a reminder that final payments are due by this Friday 4 July, end of Term 2. Please ensure that all necessary paperwork has been submitted to your class teacher. This includes important details regarding medical and dietary requirements.

### K-2 SIMPLIFIED LOGON

During the winter school holidays, the usernames of students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be set to the department's new shortened format (student initials and the last four digits of their student reference number, such as JS1234 for example). Your child's teacher will be able to print off a login credentials card if you need it.

### RAYMOND TERRACE PUBLIC SCHOOL CELEBRATES NAIDOC WEEK 2025 ON WORIMI COUNTRY

Raymond Terrace Public School proudly celebrated NAIDOC Week 2025 on Worimi Country, honouring the rich culture, history and ongoing contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme, *"The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy,"* builds beautifully on 2024, where we united to *"Keep the Fire Burning."*

During our NAIDOC celebrations this week, RTPS students engaged in meaningful learning activities led by students, staff, and the community. They shared the stories, voices, and perspectives of Aboriginal Culture, particularly those of the Worimi people, on whose land we learn and grow. Through art, music, storytelling, and ceremony, our school community came together to reflect, honour, and celebrate the enduring strength, knowledge, and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples — past, present, and emerging.

This Friday 4 July RTPS will conduct their NAIDOC Assembly starting 9.10am.

Kate Brady—Teacher

### HUNTER CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday 27 June, 2 students from our school, Portia B and Arlen S, represented the Port Stephens area at the Hunter Cross Country Championships. Both students had great races and improved on their performances from zone. Portia finished 26th overall, pushing the leaders for much of the race. Arlen also had a fast start to the race and was with the leading group. He finished in 18th overall. [Congratulations](#) to both of these students.



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### EARTH ROCKS! AND SO DOES R.T.P.S

School Concert - Save the Date!

2025 is a concert year and we are very excited to be bringing "EARTH ROCKS" to you at the end of Term 3. Our biennial school concert is always an exciting time for our students, teachers and the wider school community. It would be appreciated if you could keep the following dates in mind when making plans as we hope all students will be available for both of our evening performances. If you have other commitments, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible so they can plan class performances around them. More specific information will come home throughout the year.

Tuesday 23 September - Evening performance  
Wednesday 24 September - Matinee and Evening Performances.



### PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

In Week 9, students from Years 3-6 participated in the annual Spelling Bee, competing within their respective stages. All students demonstrated impressive confidence and resilience throughout the event. The Stage 3 final was especially thrilling, culminating in a tense spell-off that had the audience on the edge of their seats. A big thank you to the supportive parents who came along to cheer on our spellers. **Congratulations** to Archie (Stage 2) and Indy (Stage 3), who will represent R.T.P.S at the Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Final via Zoom in Term 3.

*Wonderful spelling*



Terrace Meats



### GIRLS ONLY HOLIDAY CLINICS



**DATE:** 17/7/2025  
**TIME:** 9.30 am - 11.30 am  
**AGE:** 5-12 Years  
**COST:** \$59

**WHERE:**  
DUDLEY REDHEAD JRLFC  
Gardner St  
Dudley  
NSW 2290



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## JOIN US THESE HOLIDAYS

7 - 21 July 2025

Winter

<b>MON</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> JULY 9am-3pm Fitness Pickleball Naidoc Painting Oztag	<b>TUE</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> JULY 9am-3pm Gymnastics STEM Dodgeball Gaga Ball	<b>WED</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> JULY 9am-3pm Free G Boxing Dodgeball Origami Friendship Day	<b>THU</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> JULY 9am-3pm Dodgeball Winterfest Crafts Oztag Disco Dance Party	<b>FRI</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> JULY 9am-3pm Ultimate Frisbee Painting Gymnastics Pickleball
<b>MON</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> JULY 9am-3pm Free G Fitness Dodgeball Origami	<b>TUE</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> JULY 9am-3pm Gaga Ball Disco Dance Party Beads Gymnastics	<b>WED</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> JULY 9am-3pm Free G STEM Oztag Fitness	<b>THU</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> JULY 9am-3pm Painting Boxing Beads Mini Olympics	<b>FRI</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> JULY 9am-3pm Floorball Gymnastics Gaga Ball Winterfest Crafts Winter Pyjama Day
<b>MON</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> JULY 9am-3pm Painting Gymnastics Disco Dance Party Oztag	<b>Drop off from 8am and Pick up until 4pm</b>  Further Extended Hours available 7-8am and 4-5pm at an additional cost \$10pp  \$55/Day  <b>Book 3 Days and Get the 4th Day FREE</b>		Join us this July for our Full Day Programs - A Fun Introduction to Mixed Activities in Safe and Friendly Environments!  Ages 5-12 years  <b>PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PCYC MEMBERS</b>	



17-19 Sturgeon St,  
Raymond Terrace

4983 1703



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



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## RAYMOND TERRACE PUBLIC SCHOOL

RESPECT \* FRIENDLY TALK \* DO AS YOU ARE ASKED \*  
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  
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THIS IS 520 DAYS  
OF SCHOOL MISSED  
FROM KINDY TO Y12  
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SCHOOL  
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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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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*

## 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



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

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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




Community News from Mrs Jodie Lidbury

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## Screen Free Week

Get involved in the global event during the first week of May and step away from screens for recreation.

It's a great opportunity to spend time doing things that don't involve technology, like being active, learning new hobbies, and enjoying family time.

During Screen-Free Week, we encourage students and families to:

-  Play outdoor games or sports
-  Explore nature and enjoy the outdoors
-  Learn a new dance
-  Spend quality time with family, like having a board game night or going for a walk
-  Try a new hobby, like drawing, cooking, or crafting



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Local Health District

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<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

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**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.

*Thank You  
for your support*



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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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### 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](http://www.sportaus.gov.au))

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