

Raymond Terrace Public School Newsletter



**Term 2 2025
June Issue**

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From the Principal

Dear Raymond Terrace Community,

We have contended with some difficult weather conditions lately and it has shown us how resilient our community is and how we band together and support each other. I would like to thank the community for your patience and understanding and for your unwavering support of our beautiful school.

I had the pleasure of attending the Grip Leadership Conference with our student leaders last Tuesday. It was inspiring to see the ideas they came up with and we are now planning to make some of these happen. This is part of our student voice initiative. It is very powerful to see our kids sharing their ideas and working as advocates for others.

Does your child have a talent that we may not know about? As part of our High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) initiatives we are wanting to celebrate the skills our students have, in and outside the classroom. Let us know if your child has a special skill, they may be keeping quiet about. We would like to celebrate them.

Lately, we have been dealing with problems that happen on social media between students, often occurring overnight or on weekends. Many of these issues arise on platforms that some students are too young to use.

Different games and social media platforms have age ratings to help parents decide if their children should use them. For example, Snapchat has an age limit of 13, and some parts of the app are restricted to those 18 and older. Roblox has a PG rating, which means parents should guide children while using it. Fortnite is rated M in Australia.

These platforms often allow chatting, which means children can talk to people they don't know or chat without supervision. This can lead to unkind behaviour or make them feel vulnerable. Young children may not understand how to make safe choices online, and even some adults find it

challenging. Kids may not realise that what they say online can last forever and might say things they wouldn't say face-to-face.

Social media can have negative effects on children as they try to understand who they are. We have discussed online safety with our students and had lessons about it. This is a team effort. Please use parental controls and keep an eye on what your children are viewing. As a community, we need to work together to help children navigate online interactions safely.

For more information on keeping children safe online, please check these websites:

[NSW Cyber Safety](#)
[eSafety](#)

I have also sent out over School Bytes our Mobile Phone and Smartwatch guidelines for the community to review. Let me know any feedback you have. These will be reviewed at the next P&C meeting.

Again, I would like to thank you for the support you have shown during the flood event. We have had many parents thank us for the extra things we do for our kids and teachers personally thanked for battling the traffic to be at school. It is great to hear this positive feedback and makes it all worthwhile. We are now hoping for a dry spell and some outside play. They need the rain in other parts of Australia.

Warm regards,
Salena Langholz - Proud Principal

EARLY ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL

We have had many children arriving before 8.25am. We currently do not have supervision for students before this time, and the mornings can be quite cold for those sitting under the COLA. We ask that you utilise OoSH if you need to have children at school before school hours.

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

School Messages



Stages 2 and 3 had a great visit from Sami Bayly on Monday. She had the students engaged and excited about all kinds of animals with her humorous stories and amazing illustrations. We also have some talented artists here at RTPS! What a great way to support our learning in the library.



Congratulations to the NSS lucky draw winners: Izabelle (KLA), Ruby (1M), Sierra (2S), Zayden (3N), Sienna-Mae (3-4F), Indi (5H) and Cooper (6D) & Mr Fletcher! Thanks to everyone who dressed up and enjoyed a special lunch order!

Congratulations also to Izabelle and Francis, who were picked out of the borrowers' draw at assembly all students who have borrowed 10 time or more have an entry. These students have \$20 to spend through Book Club. There will be another draw with each Book Club Issue for the rest of the year.

Book Club Issue 4 closes on Friday 13 June. Orders can be made online via LOOP, or by sending cash and the Book Club form back to school. Thank you for supporting our school by purchasing from Scholastic Book Club.

Amy Wales - Librarian

YAWUTUNG BURRAY - Village Breakfast

On Friday 30 May, our Yawutung Burray students welcomed their families to share in a breakfast campfire. Students proudly shared stories about their learning while families got to know each other over shared experiences. We look forward to sharing out students learning journeys with families each term over our campfire as we strengthen ties within our school community.

Mrs Erin Cook - Teacher
'Yawutung Burray'



Calendar

June, 2025

- 05 - Community Playgroup (9.00am - 10.30am)
- 06 - Star Struck combined choir rehearsal
- 06 - HRHS Year 7 HPGE selection day
- 09 - Public Holiday - King's birthday
- 10 - P & C meeting
- 11 - Star Struck dress rehearsal
- 11 - Maths Olympiad and Explorer contest
- 12 - Star Struck dress rehearsal
- 13 - Star Struck matinee
- 18 - AECG members and JAECG meeting
- 24 - Y3-6 Spelling Bee final
- 25 - School P & C disco
- 26 - Stage 2 Public Speaking final
- 27 - YB Maitland park train excursion
- 30 to 04 July - NAIDOC week
- 30 - BanBan Bila Stage 1 cultural day

July, 2025

- 01 - Kindergarten excursion—Little Beach
- 03 - Stage 3 Public Speaking final
- 04 - NAIDOC assembly

2025 School Term dates for students

Term 2 - 30 April - 4 July

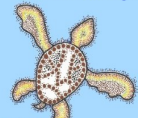
Term 3 - 22 July - 26 September

Term 4 - 14 October - 19 December



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2026

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STAGE 3 - CANBERRA EXCURSION

Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 August 2025

Week 6 - Term 3

All seats have now been filled.

There are only 13 weeks until the excursion, please remember to make regular payments to office or online via School Bytes. Final payments should be made by 8th August. More information about excursion will be sent home towards the end of this term.



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 are only 10 weeks until the excursion, please remember to make regular payments to office or online via School Bytes. Final payments should be made by 4 July (end of term 2) the coming weeks. There will be a paper based form that must be filled out so we get important details such as medical, dietary, etc.

FILMMAKING WORKSHOP

In Week 3, ten talented Stage 3 students from our school were given the opportunity to join a filmmaking workshop at Irrawang High School with 18 other Public Schools from Port Stephens.

It was an exciting day full of creativity and teamwork, where students learned about storyboarding and editing as well as developing students' visual literacy and filmmaking skills.

Our students are now beginning the next part of the journey - making original films to enter in the Film by the Waters competition in September. We're looking forward to seeing their ideas come to life on screen!

Stay tuned for updates.
Stage 3 Teachers



Buzz, Buzz... It's Spelling Bee Time!



Get ready for some *bee-riliant* spelling action! The Years 3–6 Spelling Bee is just around the corner. Word lists have flown home over the past week. Students should have one to practice at home and another to use at school. Class rounds will be held during **Week 7**. The Stage 2 and Stage 3 finals will be a combined event on **Tuesday Week 9 (June 24)**.

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

ILLUMINATE

RAYMOND TERRACE

Saturday 14 June 2025

4pm to 8pm

Boomerang Park,
Raymond Terrace

pscouncil.info/illuminate-2025



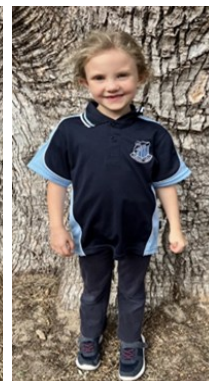
Community News from Mrs Jodie Lidbury

PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL Illuminate festival will be held here in Raymond Terrace on Saturday 14 June 2025. This week some of our students made lanterns at school to hang up around at the festival. We had so much fun making them and the finished lanterns look amazing, I can't wait to see them all lit up on the night of the festival.



Uniforms

RTPS is a uniform school so please make sure your child is dressed correctly. At the moment we are working towards all students wearing school jumpers. If you are unable to supply your child with a school jumper we have a large supply in our community room and we can help out. So any student needing a jumper please come and see Mrs Lidbury. Winter is in the air, and it is getting colder so please be mindful of the days ahead and send your child with a navy blue jumper or jacket **LABELED** with their name on it. Long pants can be worn with boys wearing grey or navy blue and girls in navy blue. Uniform helps children to feel part of the Raymond Terrace team and there is power in belonging.



Mrs Lidbury - Community Liaison Officer



Looking for something to do with your little ones 0-5yrs. Why not try our Community Playgroup here at RTPS in the hall, it is free for all families in the Port Stephens area 9:00 - 10:30am. We have lots of hands-on activities such as water play, sensory table, playdough, climbing equipment and home corner.



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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



 **Spelling Bee**



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

All students who arrive late must report to the front office.

Change of routine

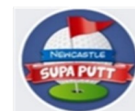
Please notify the school via a note or phone call by 2:15pm if your child needs a change of routine e.g. catch a bus or being picked up

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!



Developed by Hunter New England LHD



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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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