

### CALENDAR

#### Week 8

Monday 26 November – Year 6 White Ribbon Day visit to Randwick Boys HS

Wednesday 28 November – Kindergarten excursion

Thursday 29 November – Student Leader nominee election posters displayed in the Gallery Of Learning

Friday 30 November – PSSA; 2pm Infants Assembly (1MF) in the Gallery Of Learning; 4pm Years K-2 Disco in the Hall; 5.30pm Years 3-6 Disco in the Hall

Saturday 1 December – 2pm Gardens Working Bee

#### Week 9

Support Unit Swim School

Tuesday 4 December – 9.30am Student Leader election speeches

Wednesday 5 December – Government High Schools Orientation Day (Year 6)

Friday 7 December – 2pm Special Awards Assembly

#### Week 10

Support Unit Swim School

Monday 10 December – 6pm P&C Meeting (AGM)

Tuesday 11 December – Presentation Day

Wednesday 12 December – Year 6 Fun Day

Thursday 13 December – 8.30am Appreciation Morning Tea; Year 6 Farewell

Friday 14 December – Semester 2 Reports distributed

#### Week 11

Wednesday 19 December – Talent Quest; Students' last day for 2012

### Haemophilia Colouring Competition

During the recent Haemophilia Awareness Week, the Haemophilia Foundation Australia ran a colouring competition. A number of RSPS students participated in the competition. Congratulations to Sian (1M) who won the 6-9 age group! Aside from her beautiful colouring Sian's entry for 'What's Your Dream?' was *I wish I could be a doctor because doctors help people.* Well done Sian!



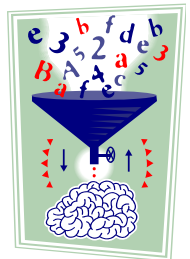
### Number Crunchers

How good is your mental arithmetic? How quickly can you answer these questions?

1.  $255 \times 4$
2. Convert 112% to a decimal
3. Find the next two terms in this pattern  
2, 12, 72, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name a solid which has 6 faces and 12 edges
5. Sequence from smallest to largest  
 $\frac{2}{5}$  25% 0.45

Jerry (5/6D) recently represented RSPS at the Sydney Region Number Crunchers

Final. Number Crunchers is a mathematical challenge similar to a Spelling Bee but with mathematical questions. Jerry came equal second in his group and was presented with a medal. Well done Jerry!



### 2013 Bus Passes

All students moving from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2013 will need to complete a new blue application form as they now must meet eligibility criteria.

All students moving from Year 6 to Year 7 in 2013 will need to complete a new blue application form.

Any student who has changed address or will be changing address before return to school in 2013 should complete a new blue application form showing the new address for the pass to be processed.

Forms are available from the Office.

### Garden Tools

Do you have any unwanted garden tools at home? The Garden Club is looking for rakes, spades, forks, brooms etc. that they can use for their working bees. They are also seeking star pickets.

If you have any spare tools or star pickets that you would like to donate to the school please meet Claire in the Gallery of Learning between 8.30 and 9.15 on Tuesday 27 November. For safety reasons, please do not leave tools and pickets unattended. Thank you.

## Two Safety Requests

### *No Dogs Reminder*

Just a reminder to all RSPS community members, as per the Department of Education and Communities policy, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. Thank you for your assistance with ensuring this policy is implemented.



### *Food For Students*

A reminder to all families that we do not share food or give food to students at RSPS. A number of students at our school have food allergies or special dietary requirements so please do not give any food to children other than your own. Thank you.

## Year 6 Graduation Dinner And Disco

Students in Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) are invited to attend the Year 6 Graduation Dinner on 13

December at the Randwick Labor

Club from 5pm to 8pm. This is a fabulous evening where the Year 6 graduates get to say farewell to the students they have known for a long time and celebrate the completion of their primary education. The cost per student is \$35.00 which includes dinner, disco, graduation cake and hire of the venue.

A note was sent home this week with full details. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Counsel. We hope that all students in Stage 3 will attend this special occasion. Please return the permission notes with payment to classroom teachers by Friday 30 November. Thank you.

*Mrs Counsel*



## From The Library...



### *Library Stocktake And End Of Year*

All RSPS library books should be returned next week. The time has come to check under the bed for any missing library books! We will be conducting a stocktake of the library later in the term which requires all books and teacher resources to be returned to the library. Please ensure all books are returned promptly, letters will be sent to families requesting payment for any books not returned. If you are leaving for holidays early, please return books before you leave. Thanks for your help with this!

### *Congratulations*

Well done to all the students who have regularly borrowed books during the year. I have been looking closely at the data which tells me how many books you have borrowed this year. The number of books is an incredible list! Keep reading over the holidays and

let me know of any new books you think we should get for our library.

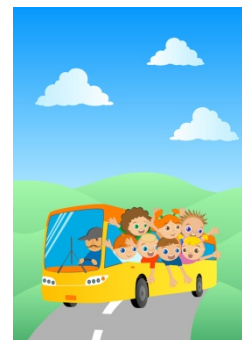
*Nicole Mayhew*

*Teacher Librarian*

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## Stage 2 Camp 2013

Traditionally Years 3 and 4 at RSPS have had the opportunity to attend a Sport and Recreation camp both years. We also have a camp for Years 5 and 6 each year, currently to Bathurst and Canberra alternate years. This means students can attend camp every year from Year 3-6. Whilst all camps support teaching and learning programs, they can be expensive, with some families not able to afford the camp or choosing for their child not to attend.



This year 50% of Years 3 and 4 students attended the Stage 2 camp. The cost was approximately \$190 per student. This has meant no additional excursions for these grades during the year. We are currently evaluating whether we should reconsider the Stage 2 Camp organisation. This would mean students would have the opportunity to participate in more school excursions such as the Art Gallery, HSIE excursions, plays and performances. The usual cost of an excursion is \$25- \$30 (including buses). We anticipate there would be 2 or 3 excursions during the year.

Possible options include:

- No camp at all for Years 3 or 4;
- Camp every second year. Students would attend in either Year 3 OR 4, not both, with excursions during the alternate year;
- Keep Year 3 and 4 camp as it is, with one additional excursion during the year.

Staff have discussed the options and have not made any decisions. We would like to ensure every child has the chance to participate in school excursions to support teaching and learning programs at RSPS. Please discuss these options with your child and consider them as a family. Feedback is sought from you until Friday 7 December 2012. If you have any questions please come and see me or email me.

Feedback can be sent to

[nicole.mayhew@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nicole.mayhew@det.nsw.edu.au)

We look forward to your suggestions and ideas.

*Nicole Mayhew*

*Relieving Assistant Principal*

### SRC News – Book Drive

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all of the students and families who have donated books to the Student Representative Council Book Drive 2012. This has been a tremendous success with the SCR collecting over 200 books!



Over the next few days, the SCR will distribute these to classroom libraries for reading time. I would also like to thank each member of Council for their hard work in gathering and sorting the books, with particular thanks to Mirika and Jordan in 5/6D.

Well done everybody!

Mrs Counsel

### Website of the Week

[http://www.nma.gov.au/education-kids/classroom\\_learning/multimedia/interactives/gold-rush](http://www.nma.gov.au/education-kids/classroom_learning/multimedia/interactives/gold-rush)

By completing this Gold Rush – Flash Interactive developed by the National Museum of Australia, you will recognise the challenges that miners faced finding gold, and the importance of the Gold Rush era in shaping Australia.



Mr Svanfelds

Computer Coordinator

### When Your Teen's New Best Friend Is A Bad Influence

Best friends are a key part of adolescents' lives. But what do you do when you suspect your child's best buddy is a bad influence? Experts discuss different approaches.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behavior/when-your-teens-new-best-friend-is-a-bad-influence>

### Copying And Plagiarism

Copying other people's work and presenting it as your own is plagiarism. It's an increasingly common problem in the online world where material can easily be copied and pasted from websites. Students need to acknowledge the ideas of others when they use them in projects, assignments and assessments. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/copycats-beware>

### Help Your Kids Enjoy Reading

How do you make reading a joy and not a chore for your child? One way is to find information and interesting facts about things that intrigue or interest your child in books, magazines or on the internet. Read and talk about what you find out. Here are some other tips:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/ten-ideas-to-help-your-child-with-reading>

## 3-6 Student of the Week

### Week 6

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3L	Nicholas	Trying really hard in class activities.
3M	Ping Ping	Being a hard worker at all times.
4G	Helen	Always working hard and trying her best.
4/5A	Douglas	Great effort in procedure writing.
5/6D	Matt	Showing sensitivity to the needs of others.
5/6M	Thomas	Being an active class member in discussions.

### Week 7

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3L	Trisha	Trying really hard in class activities.
3M	Hayden	Being a kind and helpful member of the class.
4G	Veronica	A wonderful effort in Science lessons.
4/5A	Andrew	Improved concentration in class.
5/6D	Liam	Exceptional creativity during Visual Arts.
5/6M	Farah	Always displaying excellent manners.

## Rainbow Badges

Year	Students
3	James
4	Braith, Zizi, Soleh
5	Amberly

The Annual Rainbow Street End of Year

# DISCO



**Friday 30 November 2012**

4pm to 5.30pm Kindy to Year 2  
5.30pm to 7.00pm Year 3 to Year 6

*In the new hall*

\* Entry Price - \$5.00, avoid the queues, please pay on the day of the disco, before and after school at desk near canteen, or pay on the night \*  
Entry price includes drink and ice block

Supervised by parents and teachers

Music by the  
fabulous "Dance 2B  
Fit" team

Thank you in advance from  
Rainbow Street P&C



**Rainbow Street Public  
School Working Bee**



You are invited to join the Rainbow Street Public School Working Bee. This is a chance to help out in the playgrounds and gardens.

Please join us anytime between 2 and 5pm on Saturday 1 December 2012.



You don't need to be a skilled gardener, there are plenty of jobs to be done. This time we will mainly be weeding, mulching and tidying up our wonderful school grounds. No need to RSVP - come for an hour or stay all afternoon.

Tea and coffee provided.



## Community News

**Disclaimer:** Rainbow Street Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events which may be of interest. RSPS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organization of these events.

# Go4Fun®

**FREE fun program for kids to  
become healthier, fitter and  
happier!**

Go4Fun® is a healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight. Go4Fun® runs for 10 weeks during school term for children and their parents. Sessions are run twice a week for two hours after school and include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes plus much more!

**A program will be running during school term 1, 2013  
at:**

Centennial Park School  
78 Avoca St, Randwick  
Tuesday and Thursdays, 4:30-6:30pm  
Starting Tuesday 5 February 2013

**To book in to a program please phone 1800 780 900  
or Emma Sainsbury (project officer) on 9382 8646**



**SENC Family Support  
Parent Information Session**



## CPR and 1st Aid for Children

Presented by Dr Debbie Perkins  
From Sydney Children's Hospital

Topics include; choking, drowning, sunburn & burns,  
poisonings, bites and stings.  
Learn also about CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) for  
children and see a demonstration.

**On: Wednesday 5th December 2012  
10:00am-12:00pm**

**At: Gardener's Rd  
Public School**  
Gardener's Rd entrance,  
Rosebery

Childcare is available, booking is  
essential. Cost—\$5 per child  
Please phone  
SENC Family Support on  
**8338 8506.**

