

CALENDAR

Week 11

Tuesday 18 December – Support Unit bowling excursion

Wednesday 19 December – 9.30am Talent Quest; Students' last day for 2012

2013

Tuesday 29 January – School Development Day (Staff only)

Wednesday 30 January – Students in Years 1-6 return to school

Thursday 31 January – 2013 Kindergarten students commence; Swimming Carnival at Des Renford Aquatic Centre

As we draw nearer to the end of the school year I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, students and parents for a fabulous 2012 at Rainbow Street Public School. It truly is an excellent place to go to school.

To the dedicated and skilled teaching and administration staff at RSPS who give that added extra every day in all areas of school operation – thank you.

Thank you to the P&C and the many, many parents who have supported the school during the year. We cannot do without this vital assistance which adds to your child's educational experience.

Congratulations to our students who come to school with a wonderful, positive attitude to life and learning.

I wish all families a safe and happy Christmas and holiday time and look forward to seeing you back next year.

Please note that this will be the last edition of the Rainbow Rambler for 2012.

P&C

It is with sadness that we say farewell to three of our outstanding P&C members: Lisa Cumes whose family are moving overseas, Helen Campbell whose children

finish their primary education and Rachel Zehner whose family has moved house.

Lisa Cumes – Lisa led the P&C team in 2012 and has ensured that all parents feel welcome and a part of the school community. She has worked very hard to enhance the links between the school staff and the parent community and supported the vision that we have for RSPS.

Helen Campbell – Both of Helen's children have attended RSPS and Helen and her husband Phil have supported the school for so many years. From being P&C President, to Haunted Houses to sausage sizzles to two successful Art Shows, basically, any event that the school or P&C have run Helen has been involved in! Her support of, and commitment to, RSPS is unequalled.

Rachel Zehner – Thank you for your amazing fundraising efforts. It is a result of your work that we have many interactive whiteboards in our school. Rachel also coordinated the Class Parent program introduced this year which has further enhanced parent involvement in our school.

All of you embody the school values of RSPS: Caring, Learning and Effort. Best wishes and thank you, thank you, thank you!

Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as the Student Leaders for 2013.

Captains	Uma Baumeister Henry Lopez Lopez
Vice Captains	Lauren Loxton Aymen Abiad
Prefects	Juliet Farrelly Sophie Henderson Johno Ballard Jai Maguire

P&C Executive

Congratulations to the new P&C Executive who were elected at the Annual General Meeting last Monday night.

President	Belinda Simmonds
Vice Presidents	Priscilla Scott Claudia Wendler
Secretary	Melanie Notaras
Treasurer	Jasmine Hancock

Staff Changes

I would like to thank Miss Martins for her work with SW during the year. We have been very lucky to have Miss Martins on the RSPS team. She will be working with the Autism class at Vacluse Public School in 2013.

Year 6 Farewell

A great night was had last night celebrating the Year 6 students' end of primary schooling. Thank you to Mrs Counsel, Mr Davies and Mr McMahon who organised the event. Thank you also to Mrs Rice and her daughter, Jo, who produced the fabulous farewell cake pictured below.



Best wishes to all of our Year 6 students as they begin high school next year. We look forward to the students visiting us in 2013 to tell us all about it.

Day 1 2013 – Wednesday 30 January

Students who will be in Years 1 and 2 in 2013, please meet under the COLA outside the hall.

Students who will be Years 3 to 6 in 2013, please meet in the Primary Assembly area.



From The Library...

Thank You

Thanks so much to all our parent and grandparent helpers throughout this year. From reshelving books, tidying up, the never ending task of covering books, organising Book Club and coming in to have a chat about books your child may like to read, it is always a pleasure to have you in the library. I look forward to seeing you in the library again next year.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The certificates finally arrived on Tuesday! In the past certificates have arrived printed with student names. Unfortunately that is no longer the case and the certificates have to be printed with student names at the school level- around 270 certificates at RSPS! This is a very busy time and I have decided to present certificates early next year. The exception will be our Year 6 students- I will do my best to have them ready next Monday for you.

Well done to all our K-2 students and their teachers for their participation in 2012. Our Year 3-6 students participated and showed determination and independent learning skills to achieve their certificate. I look forward to even more Year 3- 6 students participating next year.

Holiday Reading And Activities

Please remember to visit your local library during the holidays to stock up on some good books. It is very important to keep reading during the holidays to ensure you return to school after the break with even more reading under your belt! There are some great workshops on at Margaret Martin Library (Randwick) and Bowen Library (Maroubra). The State Library of NSW also has some wonderful activities on. Please check the links below for more information:

http://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/A_sense_of_community/Library/Kids_world/index.aspx

http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/series/kids_at_the_library.html

Have a lovely break, and I look forward to seeing you in the RSPS library in 2013.

Nicole Mayhew
Teacher Librarian

Stage 2 Camp

Earlier this term we asked for feedback regarding our Stage 2 Camp program. Feedback from students, staff and parents indicates a preference for camps in alternate years due to the age of the students and the cost. There were some families who indicated they would like camp both years (3 and 4), as well as some

who indicated no camp at all for Stage 2. As part of the School Development Days, staff will look at the feedback and excursion options for the units of work we will be studying next year. Early next year, we will outline the decisions, and what has been planned.

Nicole Mayhew

Assistant Principal (Relieving)

Reminder - Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival is on the second day back at school (Thursday 31 January 2013)! If you have not yet returned your child's payment and permission note, please do so by Wednesday 19 December.



Website of the Week

<http://www.teachingtreasures.com.au/>

Teaching Treasures offers Mathematics and other subjects with online interactive activities and educational games. The website brings you educational resources in literacy and numeracy including printable worksheets and educational games that benefit children with learning problems or disabilities, dyslexia, and ESL students.

Mr Svanfelds

Computer Coordinator

2013 Homework Planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out School A to Z's 2013 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.



Find out more

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

Hundreds Of Holiday Activities

There's no time to be bored these school holidays when you have Go Play's list of family and budget-friendly activities at your fingertips. Take a look at the calendar of events, or download the free Go Play app for ideas in an instant.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/school-holidays-5-things-to-do>

Helping Your Child Choose Right From Wrong

In a fascinating podcast broadcaster James O'Loghlin talks to Dr Simon Longstaff from the St James Ethics Centre about how to raise ethically aware kids. Ideas discussed include getting involved with your child's school, providing some well-defined boundaries,

knowing how to talk to your child and being a role model at home.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-your-child-choose-right-from-wrong>

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.

FUTURE VET Kids CAMP

for the aspiring veterinarian in your child

Plans for the January School Holiday?

Is your child fascinated by animals?
Do they adore their own pet or long to have one?
Have they ever expressed an interest in becoming a veterinarian one day?

Fun AND educational, FUTURE VET KIDS CAMP is just the place for your child to explore all things furry, fuzzy, four legged, creepy, crawly, feathery or scaly!

Learning about and working with animals helps develop compassion, confidence, patience, trust and a sense of adventure for trying new things and developing new skills. All of us at FUTURE VET KIDS CAMP are dedicated to providing a unique camp experience that educates, inspires and entertains your child. We offer a safe, comfortable environment that explores and nurtures the human animal bond all under the supervision of highly qualified, enthusiastic instructors and specialized animal handlers.

Wombat program for 9-12 year olds
Kookaburras program for 12-14 year olds
Brand new Junior Vet program for 14-16 year olds

The camp operates out of Waverley College Junior School, 44 Henrietta St, Waverley, NSW

For more information, or to register online, please visit us at;
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