

CALENDAR

Week 10

Tuesday 10 December – 2pm Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) Parent Information Session

Wednesday 11 December – Presentation Day at Randwick Boys' High School

Thursday 12 December – 8.30am Appreciation Morning Tea in the Hall; 5pm Year 6 Farewell at Randwick Labor Club

Friday 13 December – Semester 2 Reports distributed

Week 11

Tuesday 17 December – Support Unit Bowling excursion

Wednesday 18 December – Talent Quest; **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**

2014

Tuesday 28 January 2014 – All staff return to school
Wednesday 29 January 2014 – Students in Years 1 to 6 return to school

Thursday 30 January 2014 – Kindergarten students commence school

Wow! Turn Back Time!

Years 3 to 6 put on a fabulous concert last night! Not only did they perform wonderfully, but the music, costumes and hairstyles brought back a lot of memories for parents and friends who attended. We were transported back to the 50s, 70s and 80s as staff chose a song from the year they were born for their class item. The stage was 'pumping', feet were tapping and parents were spotted singing along throughout the concert! Leila in Year 4 even asked me if the vinyl records on the walls were 'real' as she had never seen one before!

Thank you to the students who reminded us yet again how amazing they all are. They sang and danced their hearts out. Congratulations to Lauren, Henry and Zoe for compering with style – and getting away with a few jokes at the teachers' and parents' expense! Well done.

Thank you to the staff for your creativity and endless hard work. As I said on the night, the Rainbow Street

staff are always willing to go above and beyond to provide fantastic experiences for the students and school community.

Thank you to the parents who helped with costumes and makeup. Thank you also for how promptly the students were collected after the concert – it was a long day for staff and they really appreciated that it didn't take too long to get home after the concert!

Thank you also to TRAC for the child minding they offered.

The Rainbow Street PS spirit was certainly on show last night!

P&C Elections

Congratulations to the following parents who were elected to the P&C Executive at last Monday's AGM.

President	Belinda Simmonds
Vice-Presidents	Sally Notaras Priscilla Scott
Secretary	Melanie Notaras
Treasurer	Jasmine Hancock

We look forward to working with you in 2014.

Thank you to Judit Varga, who leaves Rainbow Street at the end of the year, for all of her work over the last few years as a member of the P&C.

Presentation Days

Our annual K-2 and Years 3-6 Presentation Days will be held at Randwick Boys' High School in the Hall next Wednesday (11 December 2013). All parents and friends are most welcome to join us.

- 9.30am Kindergarten to Year 2 (includes Kindergarten Graduation)
- 10.45am Years 3-6

Appreciation Morning Tea

We would like to thank all parents and family members who have assisted us this year in the classrooms, at school and P&C events etc. Please join us at the Appreciation Morning Tea next Thursday morning.



Reports

Teachers are in the process of finalising Semester 2 reports which will be distributed next Friday 13 December. It has been fabulous over the last week when reading reports to read of the wonderful achievements of our students. Teachers have put a lot of time and effort into providing parents with a comprehensive outline of students' achievements in each of the six key learning areas, work habits, effort, additional activities and general school life.

For students in Years 1-6, achievement is measured against achievement of syllabus outcomes using what is called the 'common grade scale'. The same scale is used in public schools across NSW. Students who are achieving at grade level i.e. where they should be at this stage of their learning, are defined as 'Sound'. This is different from when many of us were at school and can lead to confusion. Students working above grade level receive either 'High' or 'Outstanding' whilst those who aren't yet achieving at grade level receive either 'Basic' or 'Limited'. Of course, a student's level of achievement can be limited by their level of English language.

The full descriptors for each grade level are:

- **Outstanding (A):** The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

- **High (B):** The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
- **Sound (C):** The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
- **Basic (D):** The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
- **Limited (E):** The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Students in Kindergarten and the Support Unit classes receive a comment about their achievement in each of the key learning areas.

If, due to family circumstances, you require a duplicate copy of your child's report, please advise your child's class teacher.

Teachers are available to discuss your child's report and progress. They are more than happy to meet with you, but please remember to make an appointment time as they have numerous duties, meetings and, of course, their own personal commitments outside the 9am-3pm school hours.

Student Leadership 2014

Well done to our Year 5 students who prepared their posters and presented their speeches to Years 2-6 on Thursday. You spoke very well and outlined the contributions you have made to Rainbow Street PS and plans you would like to implement next year. The students and staff certainly had a very difficult task deciding who to vote for. We look forward to the announcement of our 2014 Student Leaders at the Years 3-6 Presentation Day.

2014 School Start Dates

- Tuesday 28 January 2014 – Staff return to school
- Wednesday 29 January 2014 – Students in Years 1-6 return to school
- Thursday 30 January 2014 – Kindergarten students start school

2014 Swimming Carnival

The 2014 school swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 4 February at Des Renford Aquatic Centre. As it is so early in the year, Mr Davies will be sending a note home with information shortly.

2014 Camps – Advance Notice

Camps have already been booked for 2014! Each camp will cost approximately \$310. School camps are attended by teachers from RSPS and travel will be by private coach.

2014 Stage 3 students (Years 5 and 6) will be travelling during Term 2 in Week 4 (Monday 19 May- Wednesday 21 May 2014) to Minnamurra Rainforest, The Original Gold Rush Colony in Mogo where they will be staying, Mogo Zoo and Kiama Blowhole. The deposit of \$100 for the Stage 3 Camp will be due in Week 4 of Term 1, with the balance due before the end of Term 1.

2014 Stage 2 students (Years 3 and 4) will be developing their outdoor education skills at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp in Week 2 of Term 4 (Monday 13 October-Wednesday 15 October 2014). Students will participate in various outdoor activities. The deposit of \$100 for this camp will be due at the end of Term 2, with the balance due during Term 3.

Please put these dates into your calendar now.

Nicole Mayhew

Assistant Principal



From The Library

Return Of Books

Please ensure all library books are returned to the library next week. It is very important for us to be able to prepare for our stocktake later in the term. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who have covered books, assisted in the library and returned books to the shelves during 2014.

The library is a busy place with every student visiting every week. Without your help it would be impossible! Thanks also to Melinda who is our library assistant. She comes in every week with lots of great ideas to improve our library, accessions our books and she helps staff and students whenever she can. I know I really appreciate her work and so do the staff and students.

Nicole Mayhew

Teacher Librarian



App Of The Week

This week's app is "Music Matching with Lisa Loeb" available for free on iPhone/iPad. The app is a memory matching game that teaches kids about musical instruments and sounds led by an animated cat.

Darren Svanfelds

Computer Coordinator



RAINBOW STREET'S SECOND-HAND CLOTHING POOL

* Want to re-cycle your child's old uniforms?

* Looking for a bargain?

The Rainbow Street P&C are trialling a clothing recycling pool.

Donate your clean, unwanted uniform items on **Friday 6th December** or **Friday 13th December from 8.45-9am**, to the Clothing Pool Co-ordinator, near the canteen.

If we have enough items, a stall will be held on **13th December**. All items will be sold for \$5 each. Proceeds will go to the P&C, to be used for the benefit of all school students.

More dates will be announced soon.

If you have any questions or would like more info please visit our website: - www.rainbowstpandc.org.au



Summer Holiday Fun

Sport and Recreation is giving away a kids' camp for two. Simply tell them in 25 words or less why you'd love to win a Sport and Recreation holiday, and like their [Facebook page](#). The competition closes on 13 December, 2013.

Enter the competition: dsr.nsw.gov.au/win

For The Love Of Science

Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won't always be right. Listen to the podcast: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-tips/for-the-love-of-science>

Pleasures Of Free Play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination. Under scheduling your child: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the P&C throughout 2013, through organising, volunteering, donating and supporting our various activities. We have had a very successful year, with many activities that have brought the school community together, and we have raised over \$20 000!

We held our P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 2 December and elected our new office bearers for 2014. I would like to congratulate and thank the following people – Melanie Notaras, Secretary, Jasmine Hancock, Treasurer, Sally Notaras and Priscilla Scott, our Vice Presidents. I will be continuing as President for 2014. I would especially like to thank Claudia Wendler for being our Vice President for the past 3 years. I am sure that she will still be very active within the P&C!

We will be trialling a Second-hand Uniform Pool, which will be co-ordinated by Tahmina, with help from Lisa. They will be collecting donated, clean school uniforms on Friday 6 December and Friday 13 December near the canteen from 8.45 to 9am. If there are sufficient uniforms, a stall will be held on Friday 13 December, with all items being sold for \$5 each. The proceeds will go to the P&C, to be spent on items for the school.

Please remember to return your Raffle tickets, so that you can be in the running to win some wonderful prizes. This is our final fundraiser for the year. The first prize is an LED LCD television, kindly donated by Top Gun Appliances, as well as many other wonderful prizes including petrol vouchers, toys, wine, jewellery and many other goodies. The winners will be announced at Morning Assembly on Tuesday 10 December.

See you at school!

Belinda Simmonds
P&C President

DID YOU KNOW - the P&C website can be translated into 65 languages!

Take a look: www.rainbowstpandc.org.au



End Of Term Canteen News ..

There won't be any changes to next year's menu, all prices will be remaining the same as this year, so keep hold of your menu, or see me for a new one.

Please don't forget that you can also order online at: www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Credit Accounts

For those parents who have accounts at the canteen can you please ensure that they are in **credit or paid in full** by the end of this term.

Thank you to all my great customers, have a Merry Christmas & a very Happy New Year!!!



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.



3 December 2013

Dear resident

SewerFix night work – Rainbow Street, Randwick

Sydney Water's contractor, Water Infrastructure Group, will be maintaining wastewater pipes in Rainbow Street, Randwick.

The work needs to be done at night when wastewater flows are at their lowest, and to minimise traffic disruptions.

Work will be done between Sunday 8 December and Thursday 19 December 2013. Work will take about two nights to do, weather permitting. Work hours will be 9 pm to 5 am.

The work involves:

- opening and accessing maintenance holes
- cleaning and inspecting wastewater pipes using closed circuit television (CCTV)

During the work, residents may notice additional noise, odours, lighting, or vehicle movements. Traffic control will be in place to safely direct traffic and pedestrians around the work area. Water Infrastructure Group works in accordance with Sydney Water's protocols and every effort will be made to minimise any impacts on the community.

There are no planned interruptions to water or wastewater services.

This work is part of Sydney Water's SewerFix Program to improve the wastewater system and protect public health and the environment.

To know more, please call Water Infrastructure Group's Community Liaison Officer, Kristina Gorman on 9794 3482. For 24 hour emergency service, please call Sydney Water on 13 20 90.



School Holiday Camps

December / January School Holiday Camps

Moore Park and Matraville

Our Sports Fun Holiday Camps are for children aged 3 – 8 years old. The Camps are multi-sport camps, with between 3 and 5 sports taught each day. The Camps run at the following times:

8.30-3.00pm (full day) - \$60.00 per child per day – 10% discount for 3 or more days, groups of 5 or more & siblings.

9.30 – 1.00 (half day) - \$50.00 per child per day – 10% discount for 3 or more days, groups of 5 or more & siblings.

Moore Park Tennis:

Tues 17th to Fri 20th December
Mon 6th, Wed 8th & Fri 10th Jan.
Mon 13th, Wed 15th & Fri 17th Jan.
Mon 20th, Wed 22nd & Fri 24th Jan.
Bookings: Dan on 0422 138 324

Matraville Sports Centre:

Tues 17th to Fri 20th December
Tues 7th & Thurs 9th Jan.
Tues 14th & Thurs 16th Jan.
Tues 21st, Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th Jan.
Bookings: Jamie on 0408 033 113

or email esu@sportsfun.com.au for more details.

Also weekly sports classes for 2.5 to 7 year olds run at both venues, including Saturday mornings at Matraville, and we also run classes at Alexandria on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

www.sportsfun.com.au

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