

TERM 4
WEEK 5
2014

RAINBOW RAMBLER

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CALENDAR

Week 6

Monday 10 November – 3.15pm Staff Appreciative Inquiry Summit

Tuesday 11 November – Kindergarten hospital excursion (KR and K/1N); Stage 3 Just Like You talk

Wednesday 12 November – Stage 1 The Rocks excursion

Thursday 13 November – SRC Appreciative Inquiry Summit

Friday 14 November – Round 13 PSSA; 2pm 3-6 Assembly (SD)

Week 7

Tuesday 18 November – 9am Randwick Girls' and Randwick Boys' HS visiting for Year 6 transition; 10.15am Digital Citizenship talk for all Primary students

Thursday 20 November – 1.45pm Showcase performance for student body

Friday 21 November – Round 14 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (KD)

Week 8

Tuesday 25 November – Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' High School visits (Year 4)

Friday 28 November – Round 15 PSSA; 2pm 3-6 Assembly (5/6M)

Come Together Awards

On Tuesday night it was an absolute pleasure to accept an award at *Come Together – A Celebration Of Excellence*. I received a Directors, Public Schools NSW Community of Schools and Partnerships Award for contributions to Public Education. The Principals of Banksmeadow PS, Daceyville PS and Gardeners Road PS, and I were acknowledged for our work as the Positive Learning Alliance.



Come Together celebrated student, staff and community achievements and showcased outstanding student performances in the arts. It was an honour to receive the award and I thank Sue Shelley, Director Botany Bay, for the nomination.

Deadly Kids Awards

The Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards highlight and recognise the achievements of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Congratulations to Pharaa King-Brooks who has been nominated by the staff at Rainbow Street PS for an award. Pharaa's award will be presented at a special ceremony at the University Of Technology next Friday.

Parent Appreciative Inquiry Summits

35 parents participated in Appreciative Inquiry (AI) Summits yesterday, providing consultation for the 2015-2017 school plan. The summits followed the AI process. Parents:

Defined – When RSPS is at its best.

Discovered – What RSPS is doing well, what this means for RSPS and what difference it makes.

Dreamt – What RSPS would like in 3 years time.

Designed – What we would need in the school plan to make it so.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and be involved.

Joann Sayers
Principal

Big Band Bash

Congratulations to all of our senior band students who performed in the Daceyville Band Big Bash last Thursday! The day provided an opportunity for school bands of all levels, from all over Sydney, to perform in front of an audience. We were also delighted once again by the sounds of the Royal Australian Navy Rock Band. Our students performed extremely well, and of course, enjoyed the likes of fairy floss as a well-deserved reward. Well done to the band!

Mrs Engles

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a nationally recognised day of commemoration when we pause for one minute's silence to remember the servicemen and women who gave their lives in wars, conflicts and peace operations. Rainbow Street Public School will continue this tradition by stopping at 11am on Tuesday 11 November to reflect on the service and sacrifice of more than 102 000 Australians. Four of our Student Leaders will conduct the ceremony on the day starting at 10:35am.

Ms Diacogiorgis and Mr Svanfelds
Coordinators



From the library...

More students have been donating books to our school library. A big thank you to Ryan (K), Nancy, Finn and Rebecca S for their generosity. Now even more children can enjoy your lovely books!

Book Returns

There will be four more weeks of borrowing from our school library. We will be completing a stocktake of the library later in the year and would like all books to be returned by Friday 5 December 2014. Please start looking for any 'missing' books at home. I know how they disappear down the side of the bed when you fall asleep!

Nicole Mayhew
Teacher Librarian

Australia Post's Santa Mail



Those families in our community who celebrate Christmas may be interested in the Australia Post Santa Mail program. Students who write a letter to Santa via Santa Mail and provide an Australian return address will receive a special reply from Santa. Letters can be written with pen and paper or using the letter writing interactive on the Santa Mail website <http://auspost.com.au/education/santamail/>

Website Of The Week

This week's website is "ABC Splash" found at: <http://splash.abc.net.au/home>. The site provides Australian content from across ABC TV and Radio plus high-quality video from around the world. You can also view hundreds of videos, audio clips and games.

Mr Svanfelds
Technology Coordinator

K-2 Student Of The Week

Week 3

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Eva	Being a super, fantastic reader!
KE	Annika	A brilliant effort in reading.
KR	Nina	Her positive attitude towards learning.
K/1N	Magnus	Always displaying enthusiasm towards learning.
1D	Ben	A hardworking attitude towards all tasks.
1F	Haarits	For great improvement in writing.
1/2M	Fred	Fantastic work in maths groups.
2C	Henry	An excellent oral presentation about his invention.
2M	Milla	Being a kind and caring friend.
2/3C	Thea	Creating a beautiful postcard about 'Herman and Rosie'.
SH	Samson	Great behaviour and a great attitude to learning.

Week 5

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Rakan	For excellent behaviour during our excursion.
KE	Grace	An improved effort in writing.
KR	Kevin	His enthusiasm and effort in class.
K/1N	Markos	A fantastic effort in reading.
1D	Jonathan	Making excellent choices!
1F	Himay	For always trying his best in all curriculum areas.
1/2M	Parham	Excellent contribution during science discussions.
2C	Daniel	Always being polite and hard working.
2M	Jihoon	Wonderful effort with his story writing.

Rainbow Badges

Grade	Student
K	Pedro, Dylan, Sharon, Oliver, Max, Rafael, Joel, Dora, Misha, Aliyah,

Grade	Student
	Jacob, Sophia, Tyson, Noah, Grace, Finn and Thomy
1	Rawiri, Alper and Coco,
2	Diego, Tio, Ashvanth, Selene and Emilia



Our Annual General Meeting will be on Monday, 1 December 2014. We will be electing office bearers for 2015, including P & C President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to six additional Executive positions. If you are interested in becoming an office bearer and would like to know what is involved, please talk to one of the P & C executive, see the information sheets at <http://pandc.org.au/> or email me at belindasimmonds@optusnet.com.au TRAC provides free childcare for children over 3 years during the meeting. Please contact Tanya by 28/11/14 at tracwork@iprimus.com.au to make a booking.

GreenMoney, the rewards program used by Randwick Council to promote and reward recycling, is having a competition between



schools in the Randwick Council area. *GreenMoney* converts the weight of your recycling each fortnight into points which you can then redeem for coupons at local businesses. The school with the most new residents to join the program wins \$1 500! Rainbow Street has signed up for the competition which closes on 11/11/14. We are currently ranked number 2 in our area!

To help our school WIN \$1 500 all you need to do is:

1. Create your household's FREE account at www.GreenMoney.com.au

2. After creating your account, nominate *Rainbow Street Public School* from the dropdown list.

3. *Like* and *Follow* the GreenMoneyAU Facebook page for School Challenge updates and weekly leaderboards.

Even if we don't win \$1 500, we have the chance to win a \$300 voucher from Rebel Sport to go towards sporting equipment, or \$300 to spend on plants from the Randwick Community Nursery. Remember, the school with the most new registered members wins – so invite your friends, family and neighbours to join *GreenMoney* and give Rainbow Street Public School a real chance at winning \$1 500. See the following website for more information.

www.greenmoney.com.au/Signup

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

Randwick Boys' High School News

Great NAPLAN News From Randwick Boys' High School

Each year, I take some time to explore the NAPLAN results and I like to report key findings to the community. While numeracy continues to be strong, literacy traditionally has been the weaker area for boys across the nation. For several years, we have been concentrating on the literacy aspects of NAPLAN, as these have been the areas where boys traditionally have underperformed. This year, Year 9 has beaten both DEC and State averages for average growth scaled scores in every category of literacy!

The results are summarised as:

Literacy Category	% above State Boys Growth	% above DEC Boys Growth
Reading	23.9%	24.9%
Writing	4.3%	44.2%
Spelling	25.1%	31.8%
Grammar and Punctuation	37.5%	43.1%

Wayne Duncombe
Principal