

### CALENDAR

#### **Week 10**

Tuesday 9 December – Presentation Day

Thursday 11 December – Appreciation Morning Tea;  
5pm Year 6 Farewell

Friday 12 December – Semester 2 Reports distributed

#### **Week 11**

Monday 15 December – Disco

Wednesday 17 December – Talent Quest; Last day for  
students

#### **2015**

Tuesday 27 January – Staff return

Wednesday 28 January – Students in Years 1 to 6  
commence

Thursday 29 January – Kindergarten students  
commence

#### **Presentation Day - Reminder**

All parents and friends are invited to join us for our annual K-2 and Years 3-6 Presentation Days which will be held at Randwick Boys' High School in the Hall on Tuesday 9 December 2014.

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

#### **Reports**

Teachers are in the process of finalising Semester 2 reports which will be distributed next Friday, 12 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 expected grade level receive either 'High' or 'Outstanding' whilst those who aren't yet achieving at expected 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.

### 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.



### Student Leadership 2014

Well done to our Year 5 students who prepared their posters and presented their speeches to Years 2-6 yesterday. 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 2015 Student Leaders at the Years 3-6 Presentation Day.

### P & C Executive

A massive thank you to this year's P & C Executive: Belinda Simmonds, Priscilla Scott, Sally Notaras, Jasmine Hancock and Melanie Notaras. Your contribution to Rainbow Street Public School has been outstanding! What a team!

Congratulations to the following parents who were elected as members of the P & C Executive at this week's Annual General Meeting.

<i>President</i>	Sally Notaras
<i>Vice Presidents</i>	Greg Dodwell Jackie Fitzgerald

<i>Secretary</i>	Lilly Roberts
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jasmine Hancock
<i>Additional Executive</i>	Katrina Allen Phillippa Bourke Isabel Cetin Hui-Chuen Hoh Melanie Notaras Priscilla Scott Belinda Simmonds

We look forward to another productive year of working together to ensure that Rainbow Street Public School is the best that it can be.

### 2015 Absence

It is essential that we have accurate numbers for 2015 class development. If you are travelling and will not return for the first day of school next year (28 January 2015) AND you did not indicate this on your enrolment confirmation form, please collect an Attendance Exemption form from the Office and complete it as soon as possible. This will ensure that we can 'count' your child and they will have a place for next year. Thank you.

### Group Photos

All group photos (SRC, Sport, Music etc.) are now available for viewing in the Gallery of Learning. The cost of each photo is \$16 OR 2 for \$30, 3 for \$42, 4 for \$52 or 5 for \$60. Any additional photos thereafter are \$10 each. This discount is only available per family order. If you would like to purchase a photo, please collect an envelope from the office. All orders must be returned to school by Friday 12 December 2014.

*Margaret Nalovski*  
*Assistant Principal*



### Sports News

#### 2015 Swimming Carnival

The 2015 school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 5 February at Des Renford Aquatic Centre.

### Year 5 And 6 Visit To Canberra 2015

Bookings are currently being confirmed for the Year 5 and 6 three day excursion to Canberra during Term 2 of next year, Week 4 (Monday 18 - Wednesday 20 May 2015). This excursion will support student learning about government. Students will visit venues such as Parliament House, the Parliamentary Education Office, Telstra Tower, the Australian War Memorial, Electoral Education Centre, Questacon, National Museum of Australia, Mount Ainslie lookout

and the Australian Institute of Sport, and undertake a driving tour of the embassy and lodge district. The cost will be approximately \$310.

Nicole Mayhew

Assistant Principal



**From the Library**

*Return Of Books*

Please ensure all library books have been returned to the library. It is very important for us to be able to prepare for our stocktake next week. Your cooperation is much appreciated. Reminder notices will be sent from next week.

*Thank You*

A huge thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and friends that 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!

**Reading Recovery Acknowledgements**

Four students were presented with a book at this week's K-2 Assembly for their participation in the Reading Recovery Program. This took the total number of students involved in the intensive early literacy program this year to twelve. Well done to Himay, Haarits, Onyx and Ilana. More information about the successes of our Reading Recovery Program and students will be included in the 2014 Annual School Report.

Mr Svanfelds

Reading Recovery Teacher

**Website Of The Week**

This week's Website of the Week is "The Australian Made Campaign" found at:

<http://www.australianmade.com.au/resources/school>

= [http://www.australianmade.com.au/resources/school-kits/?utm\\_source=FTFS&utm\\_medium=Banner&utm\\_term=School+Kits&utm\\_campaign=FTFS+School+Kits](http://www.australianmade.com.au/resources/school-kits/?utm_source=FTFS&utm_medium=Banner&utm_term=School+Kits&utm_campaign=FTFS+School+Kits).

The site provides resources relating to the importance of buying Australian Made and Australian Grown products, as well as identifying the Australian Made Campaign logos. It also includes an e-book, student facts and activity ideas.

Mr Svanfelds

Technology Coordinator



**DISCO EXTRAVAGANZA!!!**

**WHEN:** Monday 15 December  
**VENUE:** New School Hall  
**TICKETS:** \$6.00 each (Ticket includes drink, ice block & slice of pizza) Tickets will be sold before school on Thurs 11, Fri 12 & Mon 15 December near the canteen.  
*The disco is only for children that attend the school. Parents who are not helping on the night please drop and go! :)*

**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>

**K-2 Student Of The Week**

Week 8

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Kieran	Excellent contributions in class discussions.
KE	Zac	Wonderful work in reading groups.
KR	Max	Fantastic effort in the computer lab.

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
K/1N	Zane	Fantastic effort in reading.
1D	Abdul	Being a polite and kind member of 1D.
1F	Ilana	Great improvement in reading.
1/2M	Asya	Fantastic listening and comprehension skills in reading groups.
2C	Ruby	Always works hard in all key learning areas.
2M	Diya	Being a positive and kind member of our class.
2/3C	Danica	Always producing quality work.
SH	Pedro	Trying his best with reading and handwriting.

Grade	Student
1	Mahan, Charlie, Piper, Clarissa, Ronin, Magnus, Aidan, Samantha, Angel, Valarie, Alannah, Jamison, Kenny, AJ, Laelia, Eric, Nathan, Onyx, Emilie, Asya, Illeanna, Sofia, Finlay, Thomas, Tadhg, Peter and Fayaz
2	Thuriya, Massimiliano, Ethan, Merrill, Jihoon, Matthew, Henry and Seeya

### Week 9

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Aidan	Great effort in handwriting.
KE	Caleb	An improved effort in the classroom.
KR	Tyson	Excellent work when sounding out during reading.
K/1N	Aidan	Always being polite and sensible.
1D	Onyx	Wonderful participation in group work.
1F	Tequila	A great effort in storyboard activities.
1/2M	Peter	An improved effort in writing activities.
2C	Adriel	Being a positive, helpful class member.
2M	Tio	A great effort with all his work.



We had our **Annual General Meeting** on Monday, 1 December 2014, and I would like to introduce you to our new office bearers for 2015. Sally Notaras is the President, Jackie Fitzgerald and Greg Dodwell are our two Vice-Presidents, Lilly Roberts is our Secretary, Jasmine Hancock will continue as Treasurer, and Phillippa Bourke, Hui-chuen Hoh, Isabel Cetin, Priscilla Scott, Melanie Notaras and myself, Belinda Simmonds, are in additional Executive positions. Thank you to all of the members who attended and nominated for positions. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers interested in our school and its P & C Association. Thank you to TRAC for providing childcare during our meetings this year, and to Ms Sayers, all of the Assistant Principals, and staff for their ongoing support during this year.

We have some exciting news from the GreenMoney program. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> and have won a \$300 voucher from Rebel Sports for the school. Thank you to all of the people who joined in.

We are having an end of year raffle and tickets will be sent home soon. Frank and Nicky from Top Gun Appliances have kindly donated a Samsung Flat Screen TV as first prize. Other prizes include vouchers from Kidstuff, hairdressing and Mr Soccer.

Finally, the school disco will be on Monday 15 December, with Kindergarten to Year 2 at 4pm and Years 3 to 6 at 5.30pm. If you are able to help with

## Rainbow Badges

Grade	Student
K	Kevin, Seth, Luca, Zac, Joel, Max, Ryan, Jude, Isaac, Rakan, Mason, Rebeka, Alexander, Kieran, Eva and Emily

setting up, selling tickets before school or supervising on the night, please see Jess at the canteen.

This will be my final Rambler article as P & C President. I would like to thank the 2014 Executive team of Sally Notaras, Priscilla Scott, Melanie Notaras and Jasmine Hancock for all of their support this year. I would also like to thank the school community for their support of all our activities. It has been a fun and busy year, and we have donated \$14 000 to the school to purchase maths resources and an interactive whiteboard. We raised \$24 514 between November 2013 and November 2014, so we have money in the bank for next year to purchase more resources for our school.

Wishing you a happy, safe and enjoyable festive season.

*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](http://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au)

**WANTED**

The P & C are requesting your attendance at a special meeting of the Rainbow St P & C on Friday 12 December 2014 at 9:05am outside the school hall to vote on a motion to move some P & C funds to a separate bank account.

The motion reads:

*That Rainbow St Public School P & C put the \$15 000 donated by Randwick Council on the 29th of April 2014, into a separate interest bearing account.*



**FAREWELL CONCERT**  
The NSW Public Schools Symphonic Wind Ensemble  
and the NSW Public Schools Jazz Orchestra

**CLANCY AUDITORIUM**  
University of New South Wales  
Gate 9, High Street, Kensington

**FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER, 7:30PM**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**CONDUCTORS / DIRECTOR**  
Stephen Williams, Jason Isaac and Tim Crow

**FEATURED SOLOISTS**  
Mr David Elton (Principal Trumpet, Sydney Symphony Orchestra)  
Mr Simon Sweeney



## Canteen News

### *New Menu for 2015*

Please look out for the new menu, which will be published in the Rambler in the coming weeks. There will be quite a few changes to this year's menu in price and hot food items, so don't forget to print it off and stick it on your fridge. Also for those who order online please be prepared for the online system to be "offline" the first few days of Term 1 2015 until classes have been finalised.

### *Credit Accounts*

For those parents who have a credit account at the canteen can you please ensure that it is **IN CREDIT** by the end of this term. Any credit will be carried over to next year; any accounts in arrears will be put on hold until the accounts have been paid.

### *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.

# SPORTS fun Holiday Camps

## Spring School Holiday Camps Moore Park and Matraville

Our Sports Fun Holiday Camps are for children aged 3 – 10 years old. The Camps are multi-sport camps, with between 3 and 5 sports taught each day. The Camps run at the following times:

8.30am - 3.00pm (full day - \$60.00 per child per day)

9.30am - 1.00pm (half day - \$50.00 per child per day)

– 10% discount for 3 or more days, groups of 5 or more & siblings.

### Moore Park Tennis:

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> & Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

Mon 5<sup>th</sup>, Wed 7<sup>th</sup> & Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Jan

Mon 12<sup>th</sup>, Wed 14<sup>th</sup> & Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Jan

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>, Wed 21<sup>st</sup> & Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan

### Matraville Sports Centre:

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Jan

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Jan

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan

**Bookings: Jamie on 0408 033 113**

email [esu@sportsfun.com.au](mailto:esu@sportsfun.com.au) for more details.

Weekly sports classes for 2.5 to 7 year olds run at both venues.

[www.sportsfun.com.au](http://www.sportsfun.com.au)



It's **AMAZING** what can happen when you start for the **FUN** of it!

Tiny Musos for 2 year olds

Mini Musos for 3 year olds

Junior Starter for 4 year olds

Junior Course for 5 & 6 year olds

Super Starter for Beginners in school years 2-5

Adult Beginners and Rusty Fingers

VIVA VOICE singing course ages 10 - Adult

**Eastern Suburbs classes enrolling now!**

Call for a **FREE** trial class **9314 7282**

[www.australianmusicschools.com.au](http://www.australianmusicschools.com.au)

5th - 23rd January 2015  
Monday to Friday 9:00 - 17:00

A world of Art, Music, Movement, Cooking, Sport & Social drama games.

**Age**  
Children between 5 - 13 years will be divided into age appropriate groups.  
5 - 7 years  
8 - 10 years  
11 - 13 years

**Location**  
Randwick Tafe NSW  
Located in the Auditorium (Level 2 Building B)  
Cnr Darley Rd & King St  
Randwick 2031  
Onsite Security and Free Parking

**Cost - Early birds**  
**Short Day - \$45** (9:00 am - 13:30 pm)  
**Long Day - \$55** (9:00 am - 17:00 pm)

**Enquiries**  
• 0424 112 724  
• [info@koolkidzz.com.au](mailto:info@koolkidzz.com.au)  
• PO BOX 155 Rose Bay 2029

Dance Cooking Drama Sport Art

Program & Booking online  
[www.koolkidzz.com.au](http://www.koolkidzz.com.au)

Sunday 14 December  
5.30pm Free BBQ • 6.30pm Carols

# Wild Street's got Carols

Who's got the real X FACTOR this Christmas?

Enjoy some amazing talents, sing lots of famous carols, meet surprising judges and see who's the real winner this Christmas!

*Also join us for Christmas*  
Christmas Eve 9pm  
Christmas Day 8am Traditional 10am Family

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