



TERM 1
WEEK 1
2015

RAINBOW RAMBLER

RAINBOW STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

90 RAINBOW STREET
RANDWICK NSW 2031

PH: 9398 1986 FAX: 9399 8287

EMAIL: rainbowst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

WEBSITE: www.rainbowst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

CALENDAR

Week 2

RSPS trials for PSSA AFL and Softball/T-ball will be held this week

Monday 2 February – 6pm P & C Meeting in the Gallery (near the Office)

Thursday 5 February – 9am Swimming Carnival at Des Renford Aquatic Centre

Friday 6 February – 2pm 3-6 Assembly

Week 3

Tuesday 10 February – 3.30pm ESPSSA Zone trials for AFL at Chifley

Thursday 12 February – ESPSSA Zone trials for Soccer and Netball; Parent Information Evening

Friday 13 February – 2pm K-2 Assembly

Welcome everyone to the 2015 school year! A very special welcome to all of our Kindergarten students and to all other new enrolments to our school. I know that our school community will make all new arrivals feel extremely welcome.

I hope that all families had a wonderful Christmas and holiday time. We look forward to a busy, productive and enjoyable year, full of quality learning, performing arts, sports and cultural activities.

Staff News

You may have already noticed that there some new faces on the Rainbow Street staff.

Ms Melissa Reid will be Relieving Assistant Principal and 1/2R class teacher. Melissa is relieving in Mrs Counsel's position whilst Mrs Counsel is on leave. Melissa has extensive teaching experience and has also been a Literacy and Numeracy Leader and Literacy and Numeracy Leader supporting Gifted and Talented students in South West Sydney Region.

Mr James Roche will be teaching Year 5. James is also an experienced teacher, most recently at Park Lea PS. James is passionate about the arts and technology.

Mr Steven Boersma gained, through merit selection, the Support Unit classroom teacher position. Steven is an experienced teacher who most recently has been teaching a multi-category class at Wentworthville PS. Steven's passions are special education and sport.

Miss Louise Budd will be relieving classroom teacher in the Support Unit during Term 1. Louise was previously teaching at Wairoa SSP. Louise is passionate about inclusion and early intervention for children with special needs.

We are very lucky to have these wonderful teachers join our staff.

We are still awaiting information from DEC Staffing as to how the Support Unit Assistant Principal position will be filled.

Mrs Marsh, Mr Miller and Mr Loxton are continuing their leave and will not be teaching at RSPS this year.

Miss Cuthbert got married at the end of last year and she will now be known as Mrs Roomi.

School Communication

We have two primary ways of communicating information to our school community: this newsletter, the *Rainbow Rambler*; and the school website www.rainbowst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

The *Rainbow Rambler* is published each Friday and copies emailed to families. If your email address has changed, please notify the Office so that we can ensure that the *Rainbow Rambler* is sent to the correct address. The *Rainbow Rambler* is also available for download from the school website.

At times, notes may be sent home with your child (so please regularly check their bag) and SMS reminders/information messages are also sent.

The school P&C also has a website <http://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au/> and a mailing list.

TRAC, The Rainbow Activity Centre (before and after school care) also has a website
<http://tracrandwick.com.au/>

Make sure you keep up to date with everything that is happening.

Classes 2015

Students have been placed in class groups. Stage and grade teachers met in groups at the end of last year to form 2015 classes. Many factors were taken into account when forming classes and teachers spent a great deal of time and care in this process.

2015 Staffing

EXECUTIVE	
Principal	Miss Joann Sayers
Assistant Principal – Kindergarten	Mrs Margaret Nalovski
Assistant Principal – Years 1 and 2	Ms Melissa Reid
Assistant Principal – Years 3 and 4	Ms Nicole Mayhew (Mon-Thurs) Miss Kerri Goldspink (Fri)
Assistant Principal – Years 3-6	Mr Adrian Davies

CLASS	TEACHER
KD	Ms Kathy Diacogiorgis
KH	Miss Laura Hagan
KR	Mrs Lauren Roomi (nee Cuthbert)
1M	Ms Kathy Munk
1N	Mrs Margaret Nalovski
1/2R	Ms Melissa Reid
2M	Miss Lisa McNab
2S	Mr Darren Svanfelds
2/3M	Miss Bo Molloy
3G	Miss April Goonan
3R	Miss Julia Reid
4A	Mr Sean Annetts
4F	Miss Natalia Fester
5R	Mr James Roche
5/6G	Miss Kerri Goldspink
6D	Mr Adrian Davies
SB	Mr Steven Boersma
SD	Miss Kim Davis and Miss Marisa Cruz
SL	Miss Amanda Lekovski
SU	Miss Louise Budd

SUPPORT STAFF	
English as an Additional Language/Dialogue (EAL/D)	Mrs Betty Argerakis Mrs Nicola Hargrave
Learning Support	Mr John Floyd

Reading Recovery	Mrs Rebekah Engles
RFF Programs	Mr Nick McMahon
RFF Programs (Support Unit)	Miss Marisa Cruz
School Counsellor	Mrs Wanda Skowronska
Teacher Librarian	Ms Nicole Mayhew

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF	
Administration Manager	Mrs Jenny Gollan
Administration Officers	Ms Orla Kirwan Ms Cheryl Van Gestel
Learning Support Officers	Mrs Kym Brown Mr Michael Calacouris Mrs Marianne Huxtable Mrs So'nie Nicholl Mrs Cherrilee Subrata
General Assistant	Mr Steve Kozarovski

Please note that staffing will not be finalised until the end of Week 3. We need to confirm all returning students and to know the numbers and grades of new enrolments. The Department of Education then informs us of our staffing allocation so that we can finalise staffing for the year.

Change Of Details

If you have changed your address or telephone number(s) during the holiday period, please notify the Office. It is very important we have up to date information should we need to contact you about your child.

If your child's medical support needs have changed, please notify the Office.

If custody or access rights to do with your child have changed, please notify the Office.

Accurate information ensures that we can support you and your child.

School Times

A reminder that lessons commence at 9am each morning. We ask that students arrive after 8.30am as there is no supervision until 8.30am. If you need to bring your child to school earlier than 8.30am, please contact TRAC, our before and after school care facility.

Lessons finish at 3pm, please collect your child promptly from the playground. For safety reasons, please do not arrange to meet your child in Paine Reserve – some children have been there unsupervised until 4.30pm in the afternoon!



DATE FOR THE DIARY

Parent Information Evening

Thursday 12 February

- 5.30pm Kindergarten – Year 2
- 6.15pm Years 3-6

More details to follow but please mark the date in your diary.

We are in the process of putting the full calendar on the school's website.

Good Relationships And Safety

A couple of reminders:

- Please do not park over our neighbours' driveways.
- Please only park legally around the school.
- Please do not ride, or allow toddlers/children to ride, bikes or scooters in the playground as it is not safe for students and other people.

Homework Planner

2015 homework planner



Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Printable monthly planners are available at <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

Parent Resources

Four new books for parents are available in our school library:

- Help Your Child Learn To Read



- Help Your Child learn To Write
- Help Your Child Learn Do Maths
- Help Your Child Learn Grammar

Please see Ms Mayhew if you would like to borrow any of the books.



Sport News

Swimming Carnival

A few reminders about our Swimming Carnival which will be held at Des Renford Aquatic Centre on Thursday, 5 February 2015.



- Buses leave school at 8.40am.
- Carnival concludes at 12pm so buses will return to school at approximately 12.45pm.
- Students are asked to bring their recess and two water bottles along with their swimming gear (costume, towel, goggles, hat etc.).
- Lunch will be eaten back at school. Orders can be placed with the Canteen as usual.
- Parents are most welcome to join us however will need to make their own way to the pool.

PSSA Sport

Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) team trials will be held this coming week. Summer sports are softball/t-ball and AFL. Trials will take place at Paine Reserve. Mr Davies will be sending a permission note home today. If your child would like to trial for one of our school teams, please complete the permission note and return it to your child's class teacher on Monday.

ESPSSA Zone Teams

The level above our school representative team is the zone representative team, made up of students from the 14 schools in our Eastern Suburbs zone. These trials are held at various times during the year. Upcoming trials will be advertised in the Rambler. Students are to see Mr McMahon if they are interested in trialling for one of these teams. A copy of some recent amendments to the Eastern Suburbs PSSA Zone Selection Policy is attached to this bulletin for your information.

Sports In Schools

Each year a special program is run by Sports In Schools in Term 1. This program teaches the fundamental movement skills that students need in order to participate in most commonly played sports. This is done using a wide range of equipment, which schools do



not have access to, adding to the excitement and development of positive attitudes towards regular physical activity. The program also involves weekly health lessons about topics such as healthy eating and sun safety. These activities address many of the mandatory outcomes contained in the NSW Department of Education Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus document. Mr Davies will be sending a note home about this shortly.



From the Library

Welcome back to the library for 2015.

A big welcome to our new Kindergarten students! I am looking forward to meeting you all and teaching you in the library. Library lessons will begin in Week 2. Each class will visit the library each week. All K-4 students need a library bag, to keep the book safe from food and drink, if they would like a book to take home. School library bags are available from the front office, or any sturdy bag will be fine. Year 5 and 6 students may borrow a book without a bag. Library days are still being finalised, so the best thing to do is put your child's library bag into their school bag on Monday.



Our stocktake went very well at the end of last year, with many books returned that had been 'missing'. If you have any books still at home, please send them in.

We are often looking for parents to help with covering our new books with clear contact. If you would like to help, please see me in the library or email me at the address below. You are welcome to take the books and contact home and return the books when complete – there is no pressure to rush!



Did you see the library display at the end of last year? Melinda Lamont designed and painted a fabulous ship with the title 'Sail Away On A Story...'

which prompted students to write the beginning of their own story about the same theme. Melinda is working on a new display for the coming weeks. I can't wait to see it!

Remember the library is open during the second half of lunch Monday to Thursday. Students can read books, play chess or draw. Stage 3 students may book in to use the computers for research purposes or completion of school work.

I look forward to seeing all students back in the library during Week 2 for another year of enthusiastic reading, borrowing and learning in the library.

nicole.mayhew@det.nsw.edu.au



RAINBOW STREET'S SECOND-HAND CLOTHING POOL

* Want to re-cycle your child's old uniforms?
* Looking for a bargain?

Donations:

DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED!

Please donate whenever it suits you, into the plastic 'Clothing Pool' box, outside the canteen

Next sale:

Friday 6th February 2015,
8.45 to 9.15am, near the canteen

Donations of unwanted uniforms should be clean.
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.

If you have any questions or would like more info please email
Tahmina:tahminasmth@hotmail.com



Welcome families and friends to Rainbow Street Public School. 2015 promises to be an exciting year for the P & C. Last year we raised almost \$25 000 through a variety of fun events and we donated \$14 000 for resources to be purchased for our children to use at school.

Our first P & C meeting is on Monday 2 February, from 6pm-8pm in the Gallery of Learning (near the front office). TRAC (The Rainbow Activity Centre – the Out of Hours Care provider) provides **free** childcare for children over 3 years of age during the meeting whether you are a regular user or not. Please contact Tanya by 6pm on Friday 30/1/15 at tracwork@iprimus.com.au or tracrandwick@gmail.com to make a booking.

For new families, P & C stands for Parents and Citizens Association. The role of the P & C is to promote the interests of the school, to raise money for the school and encourage participation within the school community. Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month during term time. At each meeting the Principal reports on what has been happening at school including important dates for your diary, the P & C President reports on past and planned activities including fundraising and social events, and other items of interest to the school are discussed such as Garden Working Bees, social events and general ways to improve our school. There is a short break with light refreshments provided, followed by Connect Time. Connect Time is an information session run by the school Principal or staff about programs at the school or ways to help our children at school and/or home. **This month our Connect Time topic will be information about the programs at our school for 2015.**

If you can't get to meetings, but want to know what is going on, drop us an email via the P & C website, www.rainbowstpandc.org.au and we'll put you on our mailing list to receive the minutes. This is good for families who can't make meetings but still want to volunteer at BBQs or have their say – so you can still feel part of the action! The P & C website allows you to put your hand up for fundraising, ask a question or offer an idea to make our school a better place for our kids. The website provides The Rainbow Rambler, our school newsletter, in 42 different languages. A translating tool on the website will let you choose your language of choice.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year ahead and hope to see you at our meeting on Monday!

Sal Notaras
P&C President

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.

The BRAVE PROGRAM.

Need help managing stress or anxiety?
If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the

prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of *beyondblue*, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8 -17 years old who are living in Australia.

BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.



TENNIS4U Kidz!

WHAT'S ON OFFER IN YOUR LOCAL AREA!?

- AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES AND SATURDAY CLASSES
- GROUP/PRIVATE/SEMI PRIVATE LESSONS AVAILABLE
- FREE RACKET HIRE
- SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS
- ROUND ROBIN COMPETITIONS
- FAMILY TENNIS EVENTS
- **PRE-SCHOOLERS LESSONS NOW AVAILABLE!**

For all enquiries & bookings in your local area contact Liz on:

0413 072 666 or
lizohare2@gmail.com

Tennis Australia Accredited and
ATPCA Accredited

TENNIS4U