

### CALENDAR

#### Week 5

Monday 2 November – 6pm P & C Meeting  
Tuesday 3 November – 9.30am 2016 Kindergarten Transition  
Friday 6 November – Round 10 PSSA; 2pm 3-6 Assembly (3-6 Support Unit)

#### Week 6

Wednesday 11 November – Remembrance Day  
Friday 13 November – Round 11 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (KR)

#### Week 7

Monday 16 November to Friday 27 November – Swim School  
Friday 20 November – Round 12 PSSA; 2pm 3-6 Assembly (6D)

#### Week 8

Tuesday 24 November – Year 4 visit to Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' High Schools  
Wednesday 25 November – NRMA Science and Road Safety Day  
Friday 27 November – Round 13 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (KD)

### Car Boot Sale

What a lovely day it was on Saturday! It was great to see the Rainbow Street community out in force at the Car Boot Sale. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time. A special thank you to Sally and her band of helpers who coordinated the event – a lot of planning going into ensuring it is smooth sailing on the day.

### School Upgrade Consultation

We would like your help in gathering some information for the school upgrade project.



#### Surveys

There are online surveys asking about how you get your child(ren) to and from school each day and also for

suggestions you may have for the upgrade. The surveys should only take around 2 or 3 minutes to do. The surveys will be open from now until midnight Monday 9 November 2015. Thank you for taking the time to complete the surveys.

- Rainbow Street PS Consultation Survey (School Community):  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G377ZMT>
- Rainbow Street Traffic Survey (School Community):  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8WFHCZZ>

#### Consultation Booths

The first school community consultation booth will be held at Rainbow Street PS from 8am to 9am on Thursday 5 November 2015. There will be further opportunities to provide information throughout the term.

The wider community will have opportunities to put forward ideas at the consultation booths at Royal Randwick Shopping Centre on 3 November and 1 December 2015.

### Enrolment Confirmation Notes

Earlier this week a very important note was sent home with your child, an *Enrolment Confirmation For 2016* form (on fluorescent yellow paper). We are asking all parents of students in Years 1-5 to indicate if their child/children will be returning to Rainbow Street Public School next year. This information is very important as it allows us to start planning class structures for next year. Please complete the form and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Well done to KD who returned all of their forms the following day!

### Staff News

Both Mr Miller and Mrs Counsel will be returning from leave in 2016.



### Dates For The Diary

If you haven't already done so, please mark the dates of the following major end of year events in your diary.

- Student Leader Elections – 11.30am Thursday 3 December 2015
- 3-6 Concert – 6pm Friday 4 December 2015
- Presentation Day – Tuesday 8 December 2015
- Year 6 Farewell – 5pm Thursday 10 December 2015
- Disco – Monday 14 December

### Whooping Cough Information For Schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW

Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).

**Want to learn to play an instrument? Join the...**

# School Band

If you're in Years 3-6 next year you could learn to play the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet or percussion!

Come along to the COLA (outside the hall) and hear the senior band in action, collect an information sheet and sign up for next year!!

**Performances: 8:40am Friday 6 November 2015  
8:40am Friday 13 November 2015**

**Parents welcome!**

If you have any questions please see Mrs Engles.

### Selective High School 2017 Applications - Reminder

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school entry to Year 7 in 2017, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer. Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement). The application website closes on 16 November 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, contact the Unit for assistance.

### 3-6 Concert

All primary classes are currently very busy preparing for their item. Letters will be sent home next week outlining the costume requirements for each individual class.

Please note there is some very important information about ticket sales:

- Tickets go on sale during Week 7.
- 2 tickets per family will be available.
- Tickets will be allocated prior to the night on a 'first in, best dressed' situation based on when the order is returned to teachers.
- Please note every person, no matter what age, requires a ticket to enter the concert (unfortunately no babies or toddlers will be able to sit on laps or in aisles).
- If you require wheelchair access please let us know.

*Miss Goldspink*

*On behalf of the concert committee*

### Music: Count Us In

Yesterday Rainbow Street Public School students met in the hall to sing a song called "Gold" as part of the Music: Count Us In program.

This program unites students from all over Australia to perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time. The song is about never giving up and being positive. It is a fantastic way to bring music into the classroom. Well done Rainbow Street!

Miss McNab



### Reading Recovery

Congratulations to Sharon, Annika, Allegra and Aedan who have successfully completed the program and become fantastic readers! Thank you for your effort at school and at home!

Thank you also to your parents for supporting you in this accelerated program. Great job!

Mrs Engles

Reading Recovery Teacher



### School Swimming And Water Program 2015

- Is your child in Years 2 to 6? ✓
- Is your child a new arrival in Australia? ✓
- Does your child have special needs or have a disability? ✓
- Has your child reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills? ✗
- Is your child able to swim 25 metres confidently unaided in deep water? ✗

If this sounds like your child, then it is **highly recommended** that your child attends the

School Swimming and Water Safety Program from Monday 16 November (Week 7) to Friday 27 November (Week 8). The program costs \$115 for the ten days (with lessons being free and payment being for the bus and pool entry each day).

Mr Svanfelds

School Swimming and Water Safety Program Coordinator



### Free Stage 1 Video Conference Incursion

Stage 1 has been booked into the Sydney Opera House's Digital Education Program "Staging Stories" next Monday 9 November (2M and 1N) and Tuesday 10 November (1M, 1/2R and 2/3M). Students will explore how to write narratives (stories) and how to act them out with drama skills through the interactive 45 minute session. Please ensure that if your child

received a permission note this week that they return it by Friday 6 November. NOTE: 2S participated last term.

Mr Svanfelds

## K-2 Student of the Week

### Week 3

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Rachel	Settling in well to her new school.
KH	William	A great attitude to learning during all lessons.
KR	Sara	Being an enthusiastic and hardworking student.
1M	Kieran	Great effort in all of his work.
1N	Max	Being more involved in class discussions.
1/2R	Jason	Excellent attitude to learning.
2M	Dusan	Improved concentration and completing more of his work.
2S	Thomas	His impressive spelling and use of vocabulary (and teaching Mr S a word or two).
2/3M	Jamison	Amazing multiplication computations.

### Week 4

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Charlie	Improvement in reading and writing.
KH	Seoyeon	Confidently presenting her news to the class.
KR	Ruby	Excellent manners and behaviour during all classroom activities.
1M	Sophia	Taking care with the presentation of her work.
1N	Sharon	Great improvement in reading.
1/2R	Luca	Excellent Public Speaking.
2M	Unnati	Settling into her new school well.
2S	Ra	His well planned and delivered prepared speech.
2/3M	Josephine	Maintaining beautiful bookwork.

## Rainbow Awards

Year	Student
K	Kayra, Juno and Bebe
1	Jude, Celeste, Ryan, Rebeka, Tyson, Tiffany, Isaac, Alexander and Mason



**Our Car Boot Sale was a great day. We raised approximately \$4250!** Thank you to all the families who held stalls, donated and/or volunteered on the day. Without your support we could not have raised this money for our kids. A special mention goes to Hui Chuen for organising the volunteer roster and to Mrs Nalovski and Miss Davis for helping with face painting and the jumping castle. We also loved having some of our Year 6 students help with face painting – Thanks!

**Our next P & C meeting is on this Monday, 2 November.** At this meeting we are looking for your opinions and ideas for 2016. We will have some time for sharing your thoughts to help us find out what you want from your parent representatives. Please come along and have your say. Tea, coffee and snacks are provided. If you need childcare to attend the meeting, TRAC provides **free** care for children over 3 years of age. Please remember to make a booking with Tanya at TRAC before Friday 30 October at [tracrandwick@gmail.com](mailto:tracrandwick@gmail.com)

### Have you logged onto the school website lately?

[www.rainbowst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.rainbowst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

There are two quick surveys about the redevelopment of our school. One of these is a traffic survey. Please make your opinion heard by the right people and complete both of these surveys.

Thanks to the parents who were at Library Friday today. Come along next time (every two weeks) for a free coffee and a chat while we cover some library books and home readers.

Sal Notaras

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)

### 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 organisation of these events.*

### Improving Dyslexic Children's Reading Abilities?

#### The Role Of Video Games

The University of Sydney is running a study looking at improving reading ability in children with dyslexia using video games. The activities will be carried out at the University of Sydney for 11 days (90 minute sessions) during the summer holidays. Participation in the study is free and parking is provided. To participate in the study or for any questions you may have, please feel free to contact Dr Piergiorgio Trevisan at [piergiorgio.trevisan@sydney.edu.au](mailto:piergiorgio.trevisan@sydney.edu.au) or on 0421 948 022.