

RAINBOW RAMBLER

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CALENDAR

Week 3

Thursday 12 February – Parent Information Evening

Friday 13 February – 2pm K-2 Assembly

Week 4

Monday 16 February – 3.30pm ESPSSA Zone trials for Basketball at Randwick Boys' HS; 5pm Welcome BBQ

Tuesday 17 February – 3.30pm ESPSSA Zone trials for AFL at Chifley

Wednesday 18 February – 3.30pm ESPSSA Zone trials for Tennis at Snape Park

Friday 20 February – Round 1 PSSA; 2pm 3-6 Assembly

Week 5

Monday 23 February – ESPSSA Zone trials for Soccer and Rugby League at Banksmeadow

Tuesday 24 February – 3.30pm ESPSSA Zone trials for Hockey

Thursday 26 February – ESPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival at Botany Pool

Friday 27 February – Schools Clean Up Day; Round 2 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly

We have been back at school for 8 days now and already so much has happened! Our 63 new Kindergarten students have settled quickly and all classrooms are 'buzzing along'. The school Swimming Carnival has been held and Kindergarten students have undertaken their Best Start Assessment. Teachers are now busily entering the BEST Start data into PLAN software with reports due to be sent home on 20 March 2015.

This Thursday, class teachers will be conducting Parent Information sessions to outline their class teaching and learning programs. An invitation was sent home last week. Times are:

5.30pm-6.15pm KD, KH, KR, 1M, 1N, 1/2R, 2C, 2S,
Year 2 parents from 2/3M, SB, SD,
SL and SU
Meet in your child's classroom

6.15pm-7pm Year 3 parents from 2/3M, 3G, 3R,
4A, 4F, 5R, 5/6G and 6D
Year 3 and 4 parents meet in the
Gallery (near the Office)
Year 5 and 6 parents meet in the
Library

We hope to see all parents on Thursday evening.

Rainbow Rambler

This is the last 'printed' week of the Rainbow Rambler. From next week, the Rainbow Rambler will be emailed to families. If you have changed your email address or are unsure if you have provided your email address to us, please contact the Office. Copies of the newsletter are also available for download from our school website

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

P & C Meeting

It was great to see some new faces along with all of the regulars at the P & C Meeting last Monday night. The P&C has lots of great activities planned for the year including the Welcome BBQ on Monday 16 February and a Trivia Night early in Term 2. Keep involved with what the P & C is up to by subscribing to their newsletter. Get all the news and subscribe to the newsletter at

<http://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au/>

Student Leaders and House Captains

<i>Captains</i>	Katrina Hamish
<i>Vice Captains</i>	Rebecca C Max
<i>Prefects</i>	Megan Laura Gus Kevin

Sports House Captains

As per our school Leadership policy, House Captain elections were held during House Meetings in Week 1 of this term. Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers to lead the sporting house:

<i>Banks</i>	<i>Captains</i>	Georgia James
	<i>Vice Captains</i>	Lauren Branden
<i>Cook</i>	<i>Captains</i>	Sherin Alex
	<i>Vice Captains</i>	Rebecca S Henry
<i>Endeavour</i>	<i>Captains</i>	Olivia Mikey
	<i>Vice Captains</i>	Zhenyao Thomas
<i>Solander</i>	<i>Captains</i>	Abena Andrew
	<i>Vice Captains</i>	Julie Amal

Student Representative Council (SRC)

The SRC is a group of students in a school elected by their fellow students to represent all students in the school and who organise ways for students to participate in school life. SRCs work democratically to represent the student body in school decision-making. Students work together, with help from a staff member, to improve school life and to contribute students' ideas.

Nomination Of Candidates

Students are eligible to represent their class on the Rainbow Street Public School SRC if they:

- ✓ Display good leadership skills;
- ✓ Wear full school uniform at all times;
- ✓ Show willingness to assist at all times;
- ✓ Are a positive role model for other students in the classroom and playground and when representing the school;
- ✓ Display exemplary behaviour at all times;
- ✓ Take responsibility for their actions at all times;
- ✓ Are never violent;
- ✓ Show respect for all adults at all times;
- ✓ Uphold all classroom and school rules;
- ✓ Can represent the class at SRC meetings; and
- ✓ Display good Public Speaking skills.

Elections will be held this week for students in Years 1 to 6.

Nuts

We would like to remind all parents that we have a number of students at Rainbow Street PS who have severe allergies. Contact with the food(s) they are allergic to leads to an anaphylactic reaction which is life threatening. Children's throats swell and they are unable to breathe.

Please do not bring to school any:

- Nuts, for example, peanuts, brazil nuts, hazelnuts, cashews, almonds, walnuts etc.;
- Nutella, peanut butter or other spreads made from nuts;
- Chocolate bars containing nuts, for example, Snickers;
- Muesli bars containing nuts.

Please check the ingredients listed on the pack for any food item that your child will be bringing to school. It is also important to let relatives or carers know as well as sometimes they might be getting lunches organised instead of you. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep children safe at school.

Safety

A reminder that the playground equipment is only to be used by students under the direct supervision of RSPS teachers or TRAC staff.



Sport News

Swimming Carnival

Our 2015 PSSA Swimming Carnival was held yesterday. It was fantastic to see an increase in the number of students who entered races, so many that we had to do the war cry competition back at school! Mr Davies will shortly announce the Zone team. The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 26 February 2015 at Botany Pool.



PSSA Sport Trials

Well done to all students who tried out for our school PSSA AFL, softball or tee ball team this week. The teachers will be announcing the teams shortly. The first round of the PSSA competition is on Friday 20 February.

Zone Team Trials

Just as we have school representative teams so does the Zone. Rainbow Street and other schools in the area belong to Eastern Suburbs Primary School Sports Association (ESPSSA). Over the next few weeks trials in the various sports will be held, mostly after school, for students from all of the local schools who have the skills to represent ESPSSA at Regional level. Mr McMahon and Mr Davies have been informing our students about the zone trials. Students interested in trialling for one of these zone representative teams must complete a form and return it to Mr McMahon. Please contact Mr McMahon for more information.

Website Of The Week

Welcome to the first Website Of The Week, which this week comes from *Sheppard Software*. The site contains free educational games, including maths, animals, and for the older students, geography. To play these fun web-based learning games visit http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games_menu.htm.

Mr Svanfelds

Computer Coordinator

3-6 Student of the Week

Each week the names of students who have been recognised with an award at Assembly are published. Congratulations to the first group of students whose names are listed below - a great start to the year! Next week the names of students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will be listed. The lists will then alternate in line with our fortnightly assemblies.

Week 1

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3G	Marissa	Producing quality work in all lessons.
3R	Diego	Effort and enthusiasm in class tasks.
4A	Dylan	Always being prepared and ready to work.
4F	Sela	Settling in so well.
5R	Anna	Outstanding participation in all learning.
5/6G	James	Showing maturity when it matters most.

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
6D	Andrew	Outstanding leadership as Solander House Captain.

Week 2

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
2/3M	Miles	Trying his best at the Swimming Carnival.
3G	Tupou	Making a fabulous start in her new school.
3R	Ava	Excellent contributions to class discussions.
4A	Hugo	Listening to teacher instructions in class.
4F	Eliza	Being an enthusiastic and helpful class member.
5R	Emmet	Being a studious and considerate learner.
5/6G	Georgia	Her commitment to House Captain duties.
6D	Olivia	Outstanding leadership as Endeavour House Captain.
SL	Ben	Working hard in class.

Rainbow Awards

The Rainbow Street Public School Rainbow Award system aims to positively recognise, value and celebrate students' achievement in the following of our five school rules.

Our Rainbow Award System sets reasonable and reachable goals in which students can travel on their '*Journey Over The Rainbow*'. It continually and consistently reinforces positive behaviour. This enables all students to feel secure and happy while at school.

Once students have collected all seven arches (seventy stickers), their journey over the rainbow will be complete and their 'Rainbow Award' chart will be laminated and presented to them at an assembly along with a medal of merit in recognition of their successful journey.

As the chart carries over from year to year, some students will be presented with their medal of merit (Rainbow Badge) at next week's assembly. NOTE: A letter is sent home to parents indicating the date of the assembly at which their child will receive their badge.



We hope you have all had a smooth and happy start to 2015.

We had a fabulous turnout for our first meeting of the year on Monday night. Welcome to all the new P & C members and thank you to all those who have already volunteered to help with fundraising, gardening, the clothing pool, the Welcome BBQ and as Class Parent Representatives. We appreciate you offering to help with our various activities. If you did not get the chance to add your name to a list and would like to help in any of these areas, please email me on sally.notaras@optusnet.com.au

On Thursday 12 February it's meet the teacher night at school. This is not an interview but an information session. It's a wonderful way to be informed about what and how your child will be learning this year. TRAC is providing free childcare for children over 3 years of age from 6pm so get in early and make a booking with Tanya at tracrandwicck@gmail.com.

On Monday 16 February the school and P & C will be hosting a Welcome BBQ from 5-7pm in the playground. TRAC will kindly be providing fun activities for the kids to enable you a chance to meet the staff and other parents while enjoying a free sausage sandwich (halal or vegetarian) for dinner. Please bring your water bottle or reusable cup for a drink.

We are looking at starting 'Library Fridays' once a month from 9-10am to allow parents a time to chat whilst helping with simple tasks such as book covering, raffle ticket stapling and making rainbow tickets for the teachers etc. Further details will come soon.....

Our next meeting is on Monday 2 March from 6pm-8pm in the Gallery of Learning (near the front office).

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

Randwick Boys' High School News

Outstanding Mathematics Results

Randwick Boys' High School's HSC achievements over the years have shown that the school consistently adds value to our students. We were very proud of the achievements of our 2014 cohort and the outstanding Tertiary Entrance results achieved.

The stellar performance was in the elite Extension 2 Mathematics results, which were the best of any government school, including selectives, in the eastern suburbs. At 7.94% above the state average in this most challenging of courses, we were delighted to recognise the work of all of the students involved in this course!

Wayne Duncombe
Principal

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.

