

CALENDAR

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 (2M)

Week 6

Monday 2 March – 6pm P & C Meeting
Tuesday 3 March – 9am NAPLAN Information Session for parents
Friday 6 March – Round 3 PSSA; 2pm 3-6 Assembly (6D)

Week 7

Monday 9 March – High School EOIs issued to parents
Thursday 12 March – Selective High School Test
Friday 13 March – Round 4 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (2S)

Welcome BBQ

It was a great turn out on Monday night for the Welcome BBQ. Hopefully everyone made some new friends. Thank you so much to all of the helpers, TRAC staff and to the teachers who gave up their time after a very busy first four weeks of school.

2014 Annual School Report

The 2014 Annual School Report is now available for download from the school's website www.rainbowst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au *Our School, Annual School Report*.

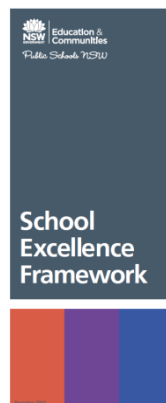
School Planning

Following the Appreciative Inquiry summits held last year we have three strategic directions:

- Quality Teaching and Learning
- A Positive School Community
- Quality Learning Environment

The 'dream' data collected has been collated and grouped under the strategic directions. These

summaries are currently on display in the Gallery Of Learning for viewing.



Staff have been exploring the School Excellence Framework which will underpin the school plan. The framework has three key dimensions:

- Learning
- Teaching
- Leading

We have been looking at each of the elements within those dimensions and evaluating where our school sits.

If you would like to view the framework, it is available for download at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms/school-excellence-framework>

Religious Education

Thank you to Mrs Argerakis who is coordinating the religious education program. Classes commenced yesterday. We are currently awaiting more trained Ethics teachers which is why not all Ethics classes commenced yesterday. If you are interested in being trained as an Ethics teacher, please send a note to the Office and we will pass that information on to Phillippa Bourke who is the Ethics Coordinator.

Calendar

The calendar for the year is now available on the school website. It has all of the known activities to date. Whilst we do our best to maintain the calendar, please check the Rambler each week for the latest calendar information.

NSW Public Schools Primary Dance Ensemble

Congratulations to Alyssa who was selected in the NSW Public Schools Primary Dance Ensemble. The group will perform at the Sydney Regional Dance Festival, State Dance Festival and Schools Spectacular.

Attendance

Students are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance Of Arriving On Time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents. NOTE: If your child arrives late to school, you are required to complete a 'Late Arrival' slip at the front Office and give this to your child's class teacher. 'Late' or "Getting ready for school" are not justified reasons.

What If My Child Has To Be Away From School?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the

request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

Information from *Compulsory School Attendance: Information For Parents*

High School 2016 Placement

On Monday 9 March, mainstream Year 6 students will be issued with their *Expression Of Interest Placement in Year 7, 2016 in a NSW government school* form. Completed forms will be due back by Friday 20 March 2015.

Review meetings for Year 6 Support Unit students will be held on Friday 13 March 2015.

Lots of high schools are currently having open days/nights for prospective enrolments. Make sure that you visit the schools to see what they can offer your child. Coming up soon:

- Randwick Girls' High School – Tuesday 3 March 2015 at 6.30pm in the MPC (Hall)
- Randwick Boys' High School – Tuesday 10 March from 5pm to 7.30pm

Term 1 Assembly Roster

The following classes are scheduled to run assemblies this term:

Week 5	2M
Week 6	6D
Week 7	2S
Week 8	5/6G
Week 9	1/2R

2015 Student Representative Council (SRC)

The SRC is a formal group of students who are elected by their peers to represent their class in 2015. The SRC facilitates leadership and decision making by all students in the school and is an important way in which our school can provide meaningful leadership opportunities for students. Our school captains and prefects are also members of the SRC.

Elections for the 2015 Student Representative Council (SRC) have been held and we would like to congratulate the following students for gaining a position on this year's council.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Class	Elected Student
1N	Nate
1M	Celeste
1/2R	Adam
2S	Finn J
2M	Emilie
2/3M	Miles
3R	Ava
3G	Isobel
4F	Eliza
4A	Lily
5R	Dhruv
5/6G	Orlando
6D	Marshet
SL	AJ
Captains	Katrina and Hamish
Vice Captains	Rebecca C and Max
Perfects	Megan, Laura, Gus and Kevin

All members of the SRC meet once a fortnight to discuss a range of school issues. The first SRC meeting for this year will be held next Thursday, 26 February 2015, during first half of lunch, in the 5/6G classroom.
Miss Goldspink
SRC Co-ordinator

Helping Your Kindy Kid Succeed At School

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

Speech Problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>



Sport News

Zone Team Trials

Congratulations to...

- Maddox who has been selected in the ESPSSA basketball team.
- Eoin who has been selected in the ESPSSA AFL team.

- Hamish who has been selected in the ESPSSA tennis team.

Well done boys!

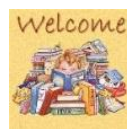
Zone Swimming Carnival

31 students will be representing Rainbow Street Public School at the Eastern Suburbs Zone Swimming Carnival next Thursday, 26 February 2015. These students have received information about the carnival arrangements. For the first time, students will be able to purchase a school swimming cap for \$5 if they would like to wear one at the carnival.



Netball Shirts

We have recently purchased Rainbow Street PS netball shirts for our PSSA netball teams.



From The Library

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as Library Monitors for 2015. Students will receive their badges at the 3-6 Assembly on Friday 20 February and begin assisting in the library in Week 5. Well done to Aaron B, Alyssa, Anna J, Bettina, Gaby, Georgia, Julie, Lauren, Levi, Orlando, Sienna M and Sofia C. I look forward to working with you in the library.

Nicole Mayhew

Teacher Librarian

Website Of The Week

Kids Math Games is this week's website. The site contains a range of free maths games, interactive learning activities and fun educational resources. To have fun learning online, go to:

<http://www.kidsmathgamesonline.com/>.

Mr Svanfelds

Computer Coordinator

3-6 Student of the Week

Week 3

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3G	Matthew	Being an enthusiastic learner.
3R	Zarif	Being kind and considerate towards other students.
4A	Tim	His commitment to learning.
4F	Lily	A fantastic effort in writing.
5R	Lauren	Demonstrating a willingness to learn in all subjects.

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
5/6G	Toby	Insightful observations in Science.
6D	Bart	His efforts when working with Ms Hargrave.

Week 4

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
2/3M	Matthew	Being a great leader in the dragon dance.
3G	Parham	Working hard in all class tasks.
3R	Riya	Settling well into her new school.
4A	Zara	Interesting responses in whole class discussions.
4F	Gerald	Using mental strategies in maths very effectively.
5R	Liam	Being a keen and co-operative learner at all times.
5/6G	Jack	Improved attitude towards his learning.
6D	Megan	Her cheerful attitude and polite manners.
SL	Katie	Settling well into class routines.
SD	Mike	Improvement in Maths work.
SU	Paul	Doing good listening at school.

Rainbow Awards

Year	Student
3	Chloe, Danica and Hakim
5	Sienna



It was great to see so many families at the Welcome BBQ on Monday. Thank you to TRAC for entertaining the kids with balloon creations and face painting. A huge thanks to John, Frank, Greg, Priscilla, Sue, Isobel, Belinda, Kath, Danielle, Jasmine, Claire, Alfred and Mel for cooking and serving everyone. Thanks also to Miss Sayers, Ms Mayhew and all the wonderful staff for helping with the organisation and smooth running of the evening.

Our next meeting is on Monday 2 March, from 6pm-8pm in the Gallery of Learning (near the front office). We will be discussing our upcoming events and will

need to vote on a motion regarding signatories on our bank account. Our Connect Time topic is *The New Science Syllabus – What has changed? How and what will science be like in the classrooms at RSPS*. This session will be presented by Melissa Reid (Reliving Assistant Principal).

TRAC (The Rainbow Activity Centre – the Out of Hours Care provider) provides free childcare during P & C Meetings for children over 3 years of age. Please contact Tanya by 27 February 2015 at tracrandwick@gmail.com to make a booking. See you at school.

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


Open Night for Randwick Boys' High School

I am often asked when I visit Primary Schools when our Open Night occurs. The various government high schools in the area attempt to coordinate Open Nights so that they do not occur on the same night, to give parents who are "shopping around" the opportunity to visit different schools.

For 2015, Randwick Boys' High School Open Night will be held on Tuesday March 10 from 5.00 – 7.30pm. Primary schools will receive information shortly detailing the events for Open Night. It is a great opportunity to meet key staff and students to talk about the school. Don't just take my word for it, you can ask others at Open Night and learn what a great school Randwick Boys' High School is.

Wayne Duncombe
Principal


RANDWICK BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
Guiding young men to success
OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 10th March, 5 - 7pm



Come and speak to our student leaders and hear about our outstanding educational, cultural, sporting & civic programs. We'll have:

- > Displays in English, History, Maths, Social Science, Visual Arts, and Design and Technology.
- > Drama and Music performances.
- > Science & PDHPE demonstrations.
- > View our technology rooms, workshops & Library.
- > P&C BBQ and light refreshments.

Randwick Boys' High School is a co-operative, caring school with a tradition of academic, sporting and creative achievement.

For a copy of the Open Night Program please visit our web site or contact the school.

For further information contact:
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 Our Avoca and Rainbow Streets, Randwick
www.randwick-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
 Email: randwick-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au


Randwick Girls' High School
OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 3rd March
6.30pm
In the Multi Purpose Centre




- Group tours of whole school
- Meet with staff from all faculties
- Meet and chat with current students
- Individual faculty information kiosks
- Academic and co-curricular information

Randwick Girls' High School
 Facta non Verba – Actions not Words
 Educating today's girls to be tomorrow's leaders.

Enrolment Enquiries
 Phone: 02 8345 8200
 Email: randwick-g.school@det.nsw.edu.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 organization of these events.

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 Thursday 19 Feb. 4.00-6.00pm
 Saturday 21 Feb. 1.00-4.00pm

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www.maroubrarlfc.com.au
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 Term 2 - Commences Saturdays 2 May ends 4 July | 10 weeks
 Term 3 - Commences Saturdays 26 July ends 26 Sept | 10 Weeks
 Term 4 - Commences Saturdays 17 Oct ends 19 Dec | 10 weeks

First class of each term casual trial class \$20
 then by term enrolment only.
 \$160 for Term 1 &
 \$180 for terms 2,3,4

Discount rate for siblings
 2 siblings \$18 per class per child for the term
 3+ siblings \$16 per class per child for the term

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