

CALENDAR

Week 2

Wednesday 22 July – Opportunity Class Test; Kindergarten and SB Snugglepoot and Cuddlepoot excursion

Friday 24 July – Round 8 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (Support Unit)

Week 3 – Education Week

Tuesday 28 July – 8am ICAS English; Open Morning

Thursday 29 July – Maths Olympiad 3

Friday 29 July – 11.30am 3-6 Assembly (4A – note the change of class); Round 9 PSSA

Week 4

Monday 3 August – 6pm P & C Meeting

Tuesday 4 August – 7pm Banksia Concert (violin and recorders) at the Sydney Opera House

Friday 7 August – ESPSSA Zone Athletics Carnival at ES Marks; Jeans For Genes Day; 2pm K-2 Assembly (2S)

Week 5

Monday 10 August – Connect East workshop; ESPSSA Cricket trials at Chifley PS

Tuesday 11 August – 8am ICAS Maths Assessment; Connect East workshop; Life Education commences

Wednesday 12 August – Connect East workshop and evening performance; Life Education

Thursday 13 August – Life Education

Friday 14 August – Life Education; 11.30am 3-6 Assembly (5R); Round 10 PSSA

Term 3

Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to our new families. We have a very busy and exciting term coming up. Some of things we have planned include:

- Excursions to see live theatre and Observatory Hill Environmental Education Centre
- Recorders and violin students performing at the Sydney Opera House
- Showcase At The Juniors
- Connect East
- Life Education (personal development program)

- Maths Olympiad
- National Science Week activities
- Book Week activities and parade
- ESPSSA Zone Athletics Carnival
- Daceyville Big Band Bash
- K-2 Athletics Carnival
- K-2 Concert
- Year 6 Fun Day

And of course all of the fabulous learning experiences that are taking place in classrooms every day.

Staff News

As you are aware Ms Melissa Reid is leaving RSPS today to go on maternity leave for the birth of her second daughter. We have been extremely lucky to have Ms Reid teaching 1/2R and leading the Stage 1 team this year. Ms Reid has provided rich learning activities for the students in her class and worked with the Stage 1 team to implement the new Maths and Science syllabuses and cater for the individual needs of students in their classes. She has been actively involved in all student activities and school events and has been an asset to the school. We will miss her sorely and hope to have her back at RSPS in the future.

We welcome Mrs Helen Ganis into the role of Relieving Assistant Principal and class teacher of 1/2R. Mrs Ganis has extensive teaching experience. This year she has been teaching a Year 1/2 class at Bexley Public School. Ms Ganis has also worked as a Regional consultant in the areas of behaviour and learning support. Mrs Ganis will be a wonderful asset to the RSPS community.

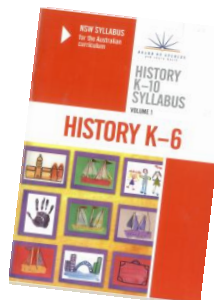
And we have two more babies on the way! Congratulations to Mrs Roomi who is pregnant with her first child and to Mr Davies whose wife is also pregnant with their first child.



School Development Day

Our School Development Day last Monday focused on the new History syllabus which is mandatory to

implement from 2016. Staff were engaged in activities to become familiar with the syllabus, understand the process of historical inquiry, review resources and examine how the new syllabus might look in their classroom. Work on this will continue throughout the remainder of 2015.



Both the History syllabus and the newly released Geography syllabus are available at <http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/> if you would like to view the documents.

Professional learning activities planned for this term include:

- KidsMatter (all staff)
- Positive Psychology (all staff)
- Classroom Observation Program (thirteen staff)
- CMIT (four staff)
- Focus On Reading (five staff)
- Quality Teaching Rounds (three staff)

Individual teachers will also be developing their skills in areas such as grammar, comprehension and gymnastics to name a few.

NSW Education

**Celebrating
LOCAL HEROES
EDUCATION WEEK 2015**

Rainbow Street Public School

We have 'local heroes' achieving great things in every single one of our NSW Public Schools.

Please join us to see the fabulous work of the students and staff at Rainbow Street Public School.

Open Classrooms - Tuesday 28 July 2015

- 9.15am-10am K-2 and Support Unit classrooms
- 10am-10.45am Years 3-6 (including 2/3M) classrooms

ICAS Digital Technologies Results

Congratulations to the following students for their great results in the ICAS Digital Technologies Assessment:

Certificate Of High Distinction – Danica and Abrar

Certificate Of Distinction – Ariva, Chloe T, Edward W, Jack W, Joshua C, Eliza and Gus

Certificate Of Credit – Ryne, Noah E, Parham, Ava, Jaydan C, Rohan, Tim B and Alyssa

Certificate Of Merit – Henry C, Seeya, Angela, Lawrence, Zara M and Amy

Reports

A reminder that teachers are available to discuss your child's Semester 1 report. Please contact your child's class teacher to organise a mutually convenient time to meet.

NOTE: If your child is in 1M and have not yet had their report signed (Ms Munk was absent at the end of last term), please give Ms Munk the report for signing.

2016 Enrolments

Schools are required to submit their 2016 anticipated enrolments in early August each year. If you have a child that you would like to attend Rainbow Street PS in 2016 and have not yet completed an enrolment application form, please see the Office for a copy. NOTE: Existing enrolments do not need to complete anything; this is only for new enrolments.

2016 Kindergarten enrolment interviews commence on Monday. All families who have submitted an enrolment application form have been advised of this. We look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten students over the next few weeks.

Attendance At School

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

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.

A reminder that holidays should take place during school holiday times not during term times.

Further information for parents can be found at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/studentsupport/programs/attendance/attend_parents.pdf

Earn And Learn

Starting on Wednesday 15 July, when anyone from our school community - staff, parents, friends, shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on sticker sheets they have been provided. They'll get one sticker for every \$10 they spend. Once they complete their sticker sheets they can place them in a collection box, at either our school (in the Gallery Of Learning) or local Woolworths.



Lost Property

On Monday the Lost Property bin was cleaned out. Any items containing names were returned to the child's class. All other items have been given to the clothing pool.

Please ensure that all of your child's items have their name on them so that we can locate the rightful owner should we find any items.

Consideration For Neighbours

We have had a few recent phone calls from Rainbow Street Childcare Centre. They have asked us to remind our parents not to park in their car park, it is for the use of parents of children at Rainbow Street Childcare Centre ONLY.



Please also do not park across driveways in Paton and other local streets.

Lunchbox Inspiration



Kids can become bored with the same foods packed in the lunchbox each day. Try some of these tips to keep lunch interesting and healthy:

- **Wholegrains:** Swap sandwiches for a wholegrain roll, wrap, savoury crackers or pasta.
- **Meat & meat alternatives:** Boiled egg, hummus spread, turkey or chicken slices, canned tuna or salmon, beans & lentils.
- **Vegetables:** Cut vegetables into different shapes and sizes. Select a rainbow of colours try cherry tomatoes, green, red or yellow capsicum, carrots, snow peas, cucumber, celery.
- **Fruit:** Mix it up. Select fruit that is in season for sweetest flavour and best value.
- **Dairy:** Reduced fat cheese cubes, yoghurt or milk are all great options to increase your child's calcium intake – important for strong, healthy bones.

For more information on packing a healthy lunchbox visit www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Assembly Swap

Please note that 4A will be hosting the Primary Assembly during Week 3. 5/6G will have their turn in Week 9. Apologies for any inconvenience caused by the swap.

Miss Goldspink

K-2 Concert

Well boys and girls, and parents/carers, this is it, this is the term of our K-2 Concert. Teachers have been busy during the holidays arranging costumes and cutting and editing music for their students to perform to. Did you know, I saw a UFO but nobody believed me? This is just one hint about one of the items you'll see at the concert on Wednesday 16 September 2015. Watch this space for more little clues about other possible class themes in the upcoming Ramblers as we prepare for our big show.
Mr Svanfelds (on behalf of the K-2 Teachers)

NAIDOC Week Competition

Thank you to all students who entered our NAIDOC Week Competition. The standard of work submitted

was of very high quality and made judging the best three from each category extremely difficult. We received everything from a t-shirt to rocks on canvas, through to a light-up fire in a cave and artwork on paper bark. Miss Sayers, Ms Goldspink and Mr Svanfelds will finalise the winners shortly with them to be announced in next week's Rambler.

Ms Goldspink and Mr Svanfelds

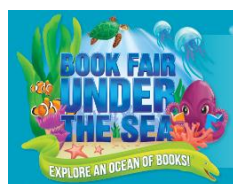
NAIDOC Week Organisers



From the Library...

Book Fair

Education Week will be celebrated again this year at RSPS with the inclusion of the Scholastic Book Fair. The fair will be held in the Gallery of Learning. The fair will be held after school during Week 3, (Monday 27 July to Friday 31 July) from Monday afternoon and then every morning from 8.30am to 9.00am and again after school from 3.00pm to 3.30pm. Students are encouraged to purchase a book for themselves. You may like to purchase a book to donate to the school library as well.



If you would like to help at the Book Fair, please return the note that will be sent home next week to Ms Mayhew. If you are unable to act as a volunteer, you can still help by simply spreading the word about our Book Fair with other families. Any help would be appreciated!

Join us in making our Book Fair a big success for our school!

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is moving along well, with many of our students in K-2 classes already complete! Teachers and myself are reading the books with the students. So far we have 43 students in Years 3 -6 already finished – well done! There is still plenty of time to complete the challenge, all books must be logged before 21 August 2015 to receive a certificate. If your child needs any assistance to log their books please let me know.

Ms Mayhew

Teacher Librarian

Stage 2 Excursion

Students in Years 3 and 4 will be travelling to Observatory Hill Environmental Education Centre at The Rocks during Week 8 to support their learning in HSIE. They will travel by bus to the

centre to learn about 'Contact, Community and Change' and will develop their knowledge and understanding about people and cultures from different times and places with a focus on childhood experiences. They will also visit 'Susannah Place'. The cost will be approximately \$30. A permission note will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Ms Mayhew

Assistant Principal

National Science Week

Our National Science Week Science Fair returns this year after several parents and students asked about it last year when we had the *Jollybops Science Show* instead. This year students are being asked to bring in their Science displays, posters, dioramas, models and experiments that they have worked on at home on Monday 17 August (Week 6). Remember that this year's theme is *Making waves - the science of light* based on the *International Year of Light*.

Mr Svanfelds

National Science Week Organiser

Website Of The Week

This term Stage 2 are learning about extreme weather so this week's website comes from the Bureau of Meteorology. The *Stormwatchers Game* by the Queensland Government Education Queensland is an age appropriate tropical cyclone awareness educational package to assist children in their understanding of the risks associated with tropical cyclones. The game is aimed at children from 7 to 13 years, however, there is information presented in the quiz and fact book that will be informative for all

[\(http://www.bom.gov.au/storm_watchers_game/](http://www.bom.gov.au/storm_watchers_game/)

Mr Svanfelds

Computer Coordinator

3-6 Student of the Week

Week 10

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3G	Edward	Always being an enthusiastic learner.
3R	Anthony	Excellent contribution to his group's task about Mulga Bill's Bicycle.
4A	Noah	Great effort during maths lessons.
4F	Lochy	Always being a curious student who demonstrates a love of learning.
5R	Yao	A willingness to help others.

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
5/6G	Nicholas	Sharing his excellent maths skills with the class.
6D	Mikelina	For persisting with challenging maths concepts.
SL	Liam	Participating well during English lessons.

Week 1

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3G	Daniel	An excellent start to Term 3 learning.
3R	Abbie	Her hardworking attitude towards all class tasks.
4A	Rohan	Always completing his work to a high standard.
4F	Karan	Showing great enthusiasm when learning about earthquakes.
5R	Peter	Outstanding work ethic in all subject areas.
5/6G	Ayva	Always being responsible, reliable and a role model for others.
6D	Marshet	Persisting with challenging maths concepts.

Rainbow Awards

Year	Student
3	Joann, Jarryn and Renata
4	Adam
5	Anna and Gaby



Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you survived the holidays and were able to enjoy some family time.

Our next P & C meeting will be on Monday 3rd August 2015. Connect Time will be very informative with Mrs Nalovski and team presenting about EAL/D (English as an Additional Language/Dialect – previously known as ESL). This presentation will provide us with knowledge and understanding of how students learning English

are supported at our school. 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 31 July 2015 at tracrandwick@gmail.com

We hope to have our first Library Friday next week. Lilly Roberts (P & C Secretary) is looking for topics parents would like to discuss/share information about during these sessions. This could be simple chats about how you get your child to do their homework, eat their dinner etc. to more formal issues like CV writing and preparing your family for your return to work, ways to access support for your child with speech therapy, fine motor skills, reading etc. Please share your ideas with us via our website, www.rainbowstpandc.org.au or chat to us in the playground.

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



Canteen News

Re-usable Lunch wallets

If any one ordered a re-useable lunch wallet last term can they please come and collect it from the Canteen.

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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The **BRAINWAVES** Club

Principles and Aims

The **G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Club** program is based on the philosophy that highly able and gifted children have particular needs for stimulation and challenge that match their high level of curiosity and desire to learn. Programs are designed specifically with gifted and talented in mind.

- In addition, children with specialized skills and talents in advance of their age peers need both affirmation of these abilities and opportunities for talent development.
- They also need opportunities to mix with like-minded peers and to form rewarding friendships that further foster their interests, social skills and self-esteem.
- It is G.A.T.E.WAYS aim to facilitate this positive social interaction in a non-threatening club atmosphere.
- Year 1 and 2 cross curricular program
- Years 3 to 6 different clubs offer maths/science/technology or books/writing/literature

Venue: **Double Bay Primary School**, William Street, Double Bay

Year Levels: Years 1 – 6

Club Meeting Dates: 8 Aug, 22 Aug, 5 Sept, 10 Oct, 25 Oct, 7 Nov, 21 Nov and 5 Dec

Club Meeting Times: Club times 1:30 – 4:30pm

Semester Membership: \$480.00 (includes GST)

Discount for siblings: The first family member pays the full fee. Subsequent siblings are eligible for a 5% discount.

For more information go to

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/brainwaves/club-philosophy-and-overview>