

### CALENDAR

#### Week 2

RSPS trials for PSSA AFL and Softball/T-ball this week  
Thursday 4 February – 9am Swimming Carnival at Des Renford Aquatic Centre  
Friday 5 February – 2pm 3-6 Assembly (School Leaders conducting)

#### Week 3

Wednesday 10 February – Parent Information/Meet The Teacher Evening  
Friday 12 February – 2pm K-2 Assembly (2M)

#### Week 4

Monday 15 February – ESPSSA Zone representative Basketball trials (TBC)  
Tuesday 16 February – ESPSSA Zone representative AFL trials (TBC)  
Wednesday 17 February – ESPSSA Zone representative Tennis trials (TBC)  
Friday 19 February – Round 1 PSSA; 2pm 3-6 Assembly



Welcome everyone to the 2016 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 festive season and holiday time. We look forward to a busy, productive and enjoyable year, full of quality learning, performing arts, sports and cultural activities.

There are also exciting times ahead with our building works due to commence mid-way through this year. More information as soon as we have it.

At this stage we are very close to going up an extra class. We have a class structure in place HOWEVER, if we receive a few new enrolments that we were not expecting over the next few weeks, then we will have

to restructure which means teachers and class groupings will change.

### Staff News

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

Miss Sarah Kelley is a casual teacher who will be teaching Year 1 this year. Sarah has previously taught in the independent school sector.

We are awaiting an appointment to the school for a vacancy which was previously filled by Miss Fester. DoE staffing is currently working through the process. In the interim, Ms Jennings who taught at RSPS during 2015 is teaching that Year 1 class.

Ms Rebecca Monk joins us as School Counsellor two days per week (Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Ms Monk is an experienced counsellor and she worked with the staff and students of Rainbow Street late last year as well.

Mrs Counsel and Mr Miller return after taking leave. Mrs Marsh and Mr Loxton remain on leave whilst both Ms Molloy and Mrs Roomi are currently on maternity leave after the birth of their baby boys late last year.

### 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](http://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. As this is the first issue for the year we have provided a printed copy to each student however from next week the Rambler will be emailed or available through the school website or the *School Stream* app.

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 Stream* app was also introduced late last year. The smart phone app can be used for information, calendar updates, to access the *Rainbow Rambler* and also to notify us of your child's absence.

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 2016

Students have been placed in class groups. Many factors were taken into account when forming classes and teachers spent a great deal of time and care in this process. As previously mentioned the structure may change if our numbers increase. At present ...

### 2016 Staffing

<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	
Principal	Miss Joann Sayers
Assistant Principal – Kindergarten	Ms Nicole Mayhew
Assistant Principal – Years 1 and 2	Mrs Jacqueline Counsel
Assistant Principal – Years 3 and 4	Mr Adrian Davies
Assistant Principal – Years 5 and 6	Mrs Margaret Nalovski
Assistant Principal – Special Education	Mrs Cleo Zouroudis

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
KD	Ms Kathy Diacogiorgis
KH	Miss Laura Hagan
KS	Mr Darren Svanfelds
1J	Ms Justine Jennings (relieving)
IS	Miss Sarah Kelley
1/2P	Miss Erinn Panaretos
2M	Miss Lisa McNab
2W	Mrs Julia Watson (nee Reid)
2/3C	Mrs Jacqueline Counsel
3A	Mr Sean Annetts
3/4P	Miss Lizzie Palmer
4M	Ms Kathy Munk
4/5D	Mr Adrian Davies

5R	Mr James Roche
5/6G	Miss Kerri Goldspink
6N	Mrs Margaret Nalovski
SB	Mr Steven Boersma
SD	Miss Kim Davis and Miss Marisa Cruz
SM	Mr Rob Miller
SZ	Mrs Cleo Zouroudis

<b>SUPPORT STAFF</b>	
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	Mrs Rebekah Engles and Miss Marisa Cruz
School Counsellor	Ms Rebecca Monk
Teacher Librarian	Ms Nicole Mayhew

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF</b>	
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 Mrs Sandra Hetreles
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!



## Good Relationships And Safety

A couple of reminders:

- Please do not drive into or walk your children through the staff car park. This car park is only for the use of staff, assisted school travel vehicles and the parents of students in wheelchairs.
- 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.

Thank you for your support with these.



DATE FOR THE DIARY

## Parent Information Evening

**Wednesday 10 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.



## Sport News

*Swimming Carnival*

A few reminders about our Swimming Carnival which will be held at



Des Renford Aquatic Centre on Thursday, 4 February 2016.

- 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.

## 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 (ESPSSA). These trials are held at various times during the year. Upcoming trials will be advertised in the *Rambler* and announced at morning lines. Students are to see Mr Annetts if they are interested in trialling for one of these teams.

## Sports In Schools

In Term 1 each year, a special program is run by Sports In Schools. 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.



## Junior Band 2016

Spots are filling up fast to join this rewarding and specialised extra-curricular activity! If your child is in Years 3-6 and is interested in learning to play an instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet or percussion) please see Mrs Engles ASAP to receive an information letter

and be included in the program schedule. Don't miss out on this FANTASTIC opportunity!



Welcome families and friends to Rainbow Street Public School. 2016 promises to be an exciting year for the P & C and our school. Last year we donated \$6000 from our fundraising efforts to the school for resources and hope to make another donation early this year.

As most of you know we will embark on the redevelopment of our school site this year. Lots of work has been done so far behind the scenes and soon we will be able to show you the draft designs. As you can imagine there are a lot of considerations in redeveloping a school and I would like to thank the parents and carers who took some time last year to give their opinions/suggestions/concerns at the information booths and P & C meetings.

**Our first P&C meeting is on Monday 7 March**, 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 TRAC user or not. Please contact Tanya by 6pm on 4/3/16 at [tracrandwick@gmail.com](mailto:tracrandwick@gmail.com) to make a booking.

For new families, P & C stands for Parents & 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 usually run by the school Principal or staff about programs at the school or ways to help our children at school and/or home. We are hoping

that our *Connect Time* topic in March will be information and discussion with the project managers and architects about the redevelopment of the school.

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](http://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au) and we'll put you on our mailing list to receive the minutes from meetings. This is good for families who can't make meetings but still want to volunteer time 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.

Later this term we hope to hold our annual Trivia Night as our first fundraiser for the year. This is an adults only event with a maximum of 8 per table so start thinking about your teams.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year ahead, opportunities to meet new parents and hope to see lots of parents at our meetings this year.

*Sal Notaras*  
*P & C President*

### **Are You Interested In Being A Class Representative For 2016?**

This program is run by the P & C and asks for 1 or 2 parents from each class to accept emails from the class teacher, P & C and/or school about upcoming events, requests or general information and to forward them to the email contact list for your child's class.

All contact details are confidential and emails are sent using 'Blind Copy' (BCC).

If you are interested in being your child's class rep please let your child's teacher know or contact the P&C via our the Contact Us tab on our website [info@rainbowstpandc.org.au](mailto:info@rainbowstpandc.org.au)

