

### CALENDAR

#### Week 5

Monday 22 February – ESPSSA Zone representative Soccer and Rugby League trials

Tuesday 23 February – ESPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival at Botany Aquatic Centre

Friday 26 February – Round 2 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (2W)

#### Week 6

Monday 29 February – ESPSSA Zone representative Hockey trials

Thursday 3 March – 2.15pm NAPLAN Information session

Friday 4 March – Schools Clean Up Day; Round 3 PSSA; 2pm 3-6 Assembly (5R)

#### Week 7

Monday 7 March – 6pm P & C Meeting (Gallery Of Learning)

Wednesday 9 March – *Moving Into High School* forms issued to Year 6 students

Thursday 10 March – Selective High School test

Friday 11 March – Round 4 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (1K)

It was wonderful to see so many families at the Welcome BBQ on Wednesday night. Thank you to all those who helped out on the night – what a fabulous community we have!

### High School 2017

It may seem a long way off but parents of students in Year 6 will have to complete applications for Government High Schools in March this year! High Schools are starting to have open days/evenings where you can visit the school to learn about the programs they offer. Both Randwick Girls' and Randwick Boys' will have theirs early next month (see ad later in the Rambler). It is a good opportunity for parents of students currently in Year 5 to also go along and find out more about our two neighbouring schools.

- Randwick Girls' HS – Tuesday 8 March at 6.30pm
- Randwick Boys' HS – Tuesday 8 March from 5-7pm

We will publish other schools' open events when we are informed of when they will be.

### Online Payments

It's been great to see many of our parents making use of the online payment system. Go to the school website [www.rainbowst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.rainbowst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) Click on *Make a payment* and follow the prompts to make a payment.

### 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.

**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.**

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.

Information from *Compulsory School Attendance: Information For Parents*



### Sport News

#### PSSA Sport

PSSA started today. There will be 7 rounds this term followed by a break for winter PSSA then the summer competition will resume in Term 4.

The AFL draw for Term 1 is:

Date	School Playing	Venue
19 February	Daceyville PS	Heffron Park
26 February	Gardener's Road PS	Heffron Park
4 March	Maroubra Junction PS NOTE: Juniors have a bye	Heffron Park
11 March	Maroubra Junction PS	Heffron Park
18 March	Matraville PS	Heffron Park
1 April	South Coogee PS	Heffron Park
8 April	Malabar PS	Heffron Park

### ESPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

Good luck to the 32 RSPS students who will compete at the ESPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday.



### From the Library...

#### Bookworms

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent in their bookworm photo. It is wonderful to see the students and staff in such exciting and interesting places reading their books. We will keep adding to our wall for the rest of the term, so keep the photos coming in! Photos can be sent to [nicole.mayhew@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nicole.mayhew@det.nsw.edu.au) or printed at home and brought to Ms Mayhew in the library.



#### Library Monitors

Congratulations to the following Year 5 students who have been selected as library monitors for 2016: Siena, Maylyn, Cate, Amy, Angela, Lily T, Ella, Chloe B, Eliza, Peia, Sela and Jessa. Their responsibilities include assisting at lunchtime reshelving books, helping other students locate books and keeping the library in excellent condition for our school community.

Nicole Mayhew

Teacher Librarian

#### Harmony Day



Harmony Day, a day where we ask students, teachers and parents to wear as much orange coloured clothing as they can, will take place on Monday 21 March (Week 9). The day aims to acknowledge not only our school's, but our country's diversity and celebrate the harmony of many cultures learning, working and living together. For more information, visit <http://www.harmony.gov.au/>.

Ms Diacogiorgis and Mr Svanfelds

Harmony Day Coordinators

#### Easter Hat Parade

Our annual K-2 Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle will take place on Thursday 24 March (Week 9). Parents and carers are asked to keep the morning free to watch the fabulous bonnets and hats on display. More information will come home in the next few weeks but it's not too early to start thinking of a design for students to parade on the day.



Ms Hagan, Ms Palmer and Mr Svanfelds

Easter Organising Committee

## 3-6 Student of the Week

### Week 3

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
2/3C	Sofia	Wonderful work in class.
3A	Josephine	Being a wonderful helper in class.
3/4P	Max	Super scientific thinking.
4M	Gabriella	Fabulous work in art.
5R	Cate	Being a thoughtful and considerate learner at all times.
5/6G	Jessa	Excellent work in maths and drama.
6N	Max	Displaying an enthusiastic attitude towards learning.
SM	Jaynee	Always working well in class and not being distracted by others.

### Week 4

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
2/3C	Unnati	Wonderful maths work.
3A	Jesse	Beautifully presented bookwork.
3/4P	Mark	Helping others in maths after completing his own work.
4M	Daniel	Fabulous work in art.
5R	Clara	Demonstrating enthusiasm and commitment to learning.
5/6G	Ashden	Impressive attitude to learning.
6N	Alyssa	Displaying a conscientious effort in maths.
SM	Liam	Being polite and using good manners when talking to others.

## Rainbow Awards

Year	Student
5	Karan, Esen and Ari
6	Isha



It was great to see so many families at the Welcome BBQ on Wednesday. What a great turn out! Thank you to TRAC for entertaining the kids with balloon

creations and mask making. A huge thank you to Frank, Greg, Priscilla, Sue, Isobel, Belinda, Jasmine, Katrina, Sohi, Anne, Lilly, Mel and Jackie for cooking and serving everyone. It was also great to have some students helping out with the serving. Thanks also to Ms Sayers, Mrs Counsel and all the wonderful staff for helping with the organisation and smooth running of the evening.

Our next P & C meeting is on Monday 7 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 about donating money raised last year to the school. Our Connect Time topic will be about the redevelopment of our school including some concept designs and staging. TRAC (The Rainbow Activity Centre – the Out of Hours Care provider) provides free childcare for children over the age of 3 during the meeting. You do not have to be a regular user of TRAC to book for P & C meetings. Please contact Tanya by 4 March on [tracrandwick@gmail.com](mailto:tracrandwick@gmail.com) to make a booking.

### Can you help to collect prizes for our Trivia Night?

There are letters in the school office which you can take to businesses to ask for a donation of a prize for Trivia Night this year. Please email me if you are able to help. If you would like an electronic copy of this letter to contact businesses please email me at [sally.notaras@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sally.notaras@optusnet.com.au)

Thanks to those parents who came along to our first Library Friday last week. We made lots of Rainbow Tickets for the children and covered work books for several classes. It was great to chat to some new parents. We will have another Library Friday next week from 9-10am. Hope you can make it.

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)





## Randwick Girls' High School

# OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 8th 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

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Enrolment Enquiries

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## RANDWICK BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

invites you to our

# OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday

8th March

5 - 7pm



Come and speak to our student leaders, staff and new Principal to hear about our outstanding educational, cultural, sporting & civic programs.



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



*An Exclusive Education in an Inclusive Environment*

## 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 events.

### **MOREGA Physical Culture Association Inc.**

Physical Culture, or "Physie" as it is fondly known, is exercise and dance routines, choreographed to popular music, for all girls and ladies from age 4 to Over 60s.

- \* **FIRST LESSON FREE** for new members
  - \* **No experience necessary**
  - \* Exercises are only as hard as you make them
  - \* **LOW COST** as we are a not for profit, community voluntary organisation
  - \* Make new lifelong friends or bring along some old ones
  - \* Season commences February each year
  - \* **Only Association to teach "Indian Clubs"** as demonstrated by our Association members performing in the opening ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.
- Classes at COOGEE, DACEYVILLE, DARLINGTON & MAROUBRA.  
Expressions-of-Interest are open on-line. Visit the Morega Physical Culture Assoc. Inc. web page at [www.morega.websyte.com.au](http://www.morega.websyte.com.au)  
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