

CALENDAR

Week 6

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)

Tuesday 8 March – Randwick GHS and Randwick BHS Open Evenings

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

Thursday 10 March – Selective High School test at South Sydney HS; Premier's Reading Challenge Launch

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

Week 8

Monday 14 March – Best Start reports issued

Tuesday 15 March – Grandparents' Open Morning

Friday 18 March – High School EOIs due; Round 5 PSSA; 2pm 3-6 Assembly (4/5D)

Rainbow Street PS Spirit

It was wonderful to accompany our Zone Swimming Team to the carnival last Tuesday. They were enthusiastic, well behaved and gave it their best. Whilst some students from other schools pulled out of races on the day, none of the Rainbow Street students did, showing the school spirit and willingness to give everything a go! We are very proud of you!

NAPLAN Information Session

Do you have a child in Year 3 or Year 5? Have you heard of NAPLAN but aren't really sure what it's all about? Do you want to know how you can prepare your child? Mr Davies is conducting a NAPLAN information session for parents to answer these questions and any others parents might have about NAPLAN. The session will be held in the Gallery (near the Office) on Thursday, 3 March 2016, at 2.15pm.

Whooping Cough

Two siblings of students at RSPS have recently been diagnosed with whooping cough.

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough (sometimes called pertussis) is a serious respiratory infection that causes a long coughing illness. In babies, the infection can sometimes lead to pneumonia and occasionally brain damage and can be even life threatening. Older children and adults can get whooping cough and can spread it to others, including babies.

What does it look like?

- Whooping cough starts like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, sneezing, a mild fever and an occasional cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a "whooping" sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but stop breathing completely and turn blue. Other babies have difficulties feeding or they can choke and gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a mild cough that doesn't go away. In adults the cough commonly lasts 5-7 weeks, sometimes longer. In China, whooping cough is known as the 100-day cough!

What do you do about it?

Anyone with symptoms should see a doctor as soon as possible. Your GP can test for whooping cough. Early diagnosis is especially important for new parents and people who have regular contact with babies.

Information from NSW Health

Kik Messenger

It has come to our attention that some students have been using Kik Messenger to communicate. KIK Messenger is a free texting app available on iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Android, Windows, Samsung Galaxy and Blackberry phones.

The new version of Kik is rated +17 in iTunes because it allows users to send content from other sites like YouTube and Reddit.

The biggest problem is that users often share their private Kik username on other public social networks like Twitter, Instagram or Tumblr.

Any user who knows your child's username can then send them a Kik message. Instagram and Twitter are full of #kikme requests with teens posting their usernames and there have been many reported cases of inappropriate adult contact because of this.

It is not an app that we recommend for Primary school students.

For more information see

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger

Harmony Day



Moving Forward Together – Harmony Day Every Day

Ask yourself what it means to be in harmony in your family, in your school and in your community. Why do we want to live in harmony with others in Australia?

“Stop, think, consider others” is 2016’s Harmony Day theme and students are encouraged to express their views through Creative Arts by designing a poster or writing a song. Every entrant will receive a certificate of participation with entries closing Friday 8 April (Week 11; last day of Term 1). For entry forms and full details on how to enter, visit

<http://www.harmonyday-everyday.org>.

Ms Diacogiorgis and Mr Svanfelds

Harmony Day Coordinators

Easter Celebrations

Calling all Easter Eggs, calling all Easter Eggs! It’s that time of the year where we ask students to donate Easter eggs for our Annual Easter Raffle. Last year saw a record 120 baskets created for the raffle that raised \$2013 for our school. This year we are aiming for 150 baskets to be won, which would represent one third of our student population. The only way this can happen though is through the generous donations that can be given to your child’s teacher until Tuesday 22 March.

Ms Hagan, Ms Palmer and Mr Svanfelds

Easter Organising Committee

K-2 Student of the Week

Week 4

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Rupert	Being one of the first people in KD to receive his Red Rainbow Award.
KH	Olivia	Great listening and always doing her best.
KS	Kaythari	Her overall enthusiasm and contribution to the class.
1K	Hien	Making a big improvement in his reading.
1R	Seoyen	Being super friendly and following class rules.
1/2P	Ruby	Being a caring and helpful member of 1/2P.
2M	Annika	Making great contributions to class discussions.
2W	Matilda	Wonderful effort in all class tasks.

Week 5

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Angus	Being one of the first people in KD to receive his Red Rainbow award.
KH	Calvin	Being an amazing helper!
KS	Alex	Impressive whole number and addition work.
1K	Olive	Being a delightful member of RSPS. We will miss you!
1R	Kennedy	Consistently producing high quality work.
1/2P	Sara Ross	Writing a wonderfully descriptive story.
2M	Luca	Being a kind and helpful friend.
2W	Jacob	Trying hard to follow class rules and to work hard.

Rainbow Awards

Year	Student
1	Hayden and Ruby
2	Thomy, Isaac, Kevin, Lucas, Jacob, Zoya, Oliver C, Amelia, Eva, Zane, Oliver L, Audrey, Hope and Fayaaz



We have a date for our first social event for the year!

Book your babysitter, tell your friends and come along to our super fun **Trivia Night on Friday 1 April!** Start organising your table with a maximum of 8. We also have our first prizes for the night coming in – some businesses and families have been very generous. All donations will be credited in the Rambler after the event and also named in our Program on the night. If you would like to help with the organising, donating prizes to promote your business, contacting businesses to collect prizes, helping set up or helping on the night, please contact Sally Notaras on sally.notaras@optusnet.com.au. Thanks in advance!

Parking is always difficult at our school but please be mindful of the rules and signs as people parking illegally can be unsafe for our kids. We have been lucky the ranger hasn't been around much so far but watch out as some fines can be up to \$300! Rules and fines can be found using this link.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-parking.pdf>

Our first **P & C Meeting** for the year is on Monday 7 March, from 6pm-8pm in the Gallery of Learning (near the front office). Come along and hear about our upcoming events, issues arising and general information concerning parents, students and community. Our Connect Time topic will be led by the Project Managers and Architects working on the redevelopment of our school. This meeting is your opportunity to see some draft plans and hear about the staging process. If you can't make this meeting but would like to read the minutes taken please use the *Contact us* tab at info@rainbowstpandc.org.au to leave us your details. TRAC (The Rainbow Activity Centre – the Out of Hours Care provider) provides **free** childcare for children over the age of 3 during the meeting. Please contact Tanya by 4/3/16 on tracrandwick@gmail.com to make a booking.

Another great Library Friday was held today with the Easter raffle tickets prepared by our fabulous parents and carers whilst having a chat and a coffee. Next fortnight we hope to be wrapping the many baskets of goodies as prizes for the Easter Raffle. Come along and join us.

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 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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Educating today's girls to be tomorrow's leaders.

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