

### CALENDAR

#### 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)

#### Week 9

Monday 21 March – Harmony Day; 3.30pm ESPSSA Zone Touch Football trials

Thursday 24 March – Easter Hat Parade

Friday 25 March – Good Friday Public Holiday (no school)

#### Week 10

Wednesday 30 March – Year 6 Support Unit High School Placement Review Meetings

Friday 1 April – Round 6 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (1/2P); P & C Trivia Night

#### Week 11

*Parent Teacher Interviews*

Monday 4 April – Stewart House bags collected

Friday 8 April – Round 7 PSSA; 2pm 3-6 Assembly (3/4P); Last day of Term 1

#### Term 2

##### Week 1

Monday 25 April – ANZAC Day

Tuesday 26 April – School Development Day (staff only)

Wednesday 27 April – Students return to school; ANZAC service

#### Vale Phil Learoyd

We are extremely saddened by the passing of Phil Learoyd (husband of Helen Campbell and father to Ruby and Ed). Phil was a very kind man, full of humility, whose great passion was his beloved family. He was a highly valued member of our school community, serving as P & C President and debating coach, and through his contributions to our school, Phil helped to shape the Rainbow Street Public School we have today. The



whole school community sends its love and deepest sympathies to the Learoyd family.

In lieu of flowers, Phil wanted donations to "Let's Build a School" [www.letsbuildaschool.com.au](http://www.letsbuildaschool.com.au)

If you would like to make a donation, the details are:

Let's Build a School - Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
BSB 06 2000

Account 1536 2836

Reference your donation "In Memory of Phil"

We thank Phil for all that he did for Rainbow Street Public School, may he rest in peace.

#### Premier's Reading Challenge Launch

Yesterday, Miss Sayers, Ms Mayhew and eight students attended the official launch of the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge. The students, all of whom will be undertaking the challenge for the seventh year in a row, participated in a session with authors Ursula Dubosarski, and Libby Gleeson, and

author/illustrator Tohby Riddle. The authors spoke about their works and the processes they go through. They then took questions from the floor. Watch the VC on <https://youtu.be/AMDubus-8RQ>



#### Parent Teacher Interviews

On Monday, letters will be sent home inviting parents to a parent/teacher interview during Week 11 to discuss students' progress. It is important that all parents meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's learning and social development. Please return the request slip as soon as possible to ensure your preferred time can be accommodated.

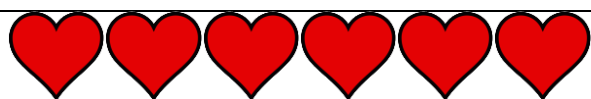
#### Language Backgrounds Other Than English

Here at Rainbow Street we have students from 52 language backgrounds other than English. A truly diverse school community! The five language backgrounds other than English with the most students are: Indonesian (29 students), Spanish (19 students), Greek and Mandarin (both 18 students), and Arabic and Malay (both 13 students).



## Sports News

Congratulations to Frankie and Lochy who were selected to represent ESPSSA at the married soccer trial.



## Grandparents' Open Morning

Dear Grandparents and other special loved ones, you are invited to visit Rainbow Street PS classrooms on Tuesday 15 March 2016.

- Kindergarten to Year 2 classes from 9.15am to 10am
- Year 3 to Year 6 classes from 10am to 10.45am
- Morning tea from 10.45am to 11.15am in the Gallery of Learning



We hope that you can join us.



Please note: We are aware that not all students have grandparents that are able to attend so 'other special loved ones' are most welcome!

## Harmony Day 2016



Have you got your orange coloured clothes ready for Monday 21 March (Week 9)? We are asking all students, parents and teachers alike to transform Rainbow Street Public School from blue to orange to celebrate Harmony Day and recognise our school's rich and diverse multicultural backgrounds. Parents are encouraged to attend morning lines under the COLA where there will be a special performance by Ms Engles' Choir. Additionally, Jess will be selling all things orange on the day at the Canteen.

*Ms Diacogiorgis and Mr Svanfelds*  
*Harmony Day Coordinators*

## Video Editor Needed

Have you got a little spare time on your hands? Are you fabulous with video editing? Then we need you! We have some raw footage of interviews with ex students from the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. We need someone to edit the footage and create a video of the interviews. If you are able to help, please email the school [rainbowst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rainbowst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



## Easter Celebrations

One of the Strategic Directions of our School Plan 2015-2017 is "a positive school community" where parents and carers are actively engaged members of the school community through whole school events such as our Easter Hat Parade and Raffle on Thursday 24 March (Week 9) at 10:00am. A very big thank you to all the families who have donated Easter Eggs and bought tickets in our Easter Raffle. It's not too late to donate an egg or two or to buy a raffle ticket or two.



A big thanks too, to our Library Friday volunteers for stamping and stapling our raffle tickets and for having the difficult (in the sense in not being able to eat them) task of wrapping our goal of 150 Easter Baskets. A reminder that all Easter Raffle money raised goes to the purchasing of new K-2 Home Readers.

*Ms Hagan, Ms Palmer and Mr Svanfelds*  
*Easter Committee*

## Showcase

Showcase is Rainbow Street Public School's dance performance group. It involves selected students in Years 3 - 6 learning and practising a dance from the end of Term 1 until mid-Term 3. The group then performs as part of a combined schools concert. It is lots of fun but also requires a big commitment.

Any students (boys and girls) in Years 3-6 who would like to be involved in the group are invited to come to rehearsals beginning in Week 9. Miss Cruz is planning a 'Star Wars' theme. At this point 30 students will then be selected to learn the rest of the dance routines and represent our school in *Showcase At The Juniors* in Term 3. Please see Ms Mayhew or Miss Cruz for more information.

Permission notes have been distributed to students who expressed interest. These permission notes should be returned by Monday 21 March 2016. Rehearsals start at lunchtime on Thursday 24 March 2016.

*Ms Mayhew and Miss Cruz*  
*Organising Teachers*

## 3-6 Student of the Week

### Week 6

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Marciel	Always trying her best in all areas.
KH	Alex	Being a great friend who is always willing to help others.

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KS	Manar	Settling into her new school and class well.
1K	Zoe	Going above and beyond to make our new student feel welcome.
1R	Reuben	Being such a helpful member of the class.
1/2P	Oliver S	Always giving 100% in class.
2M	Kevin	Always putting maximum effort into his work.
2W	Audrey	Outstanding skills in ICT when making her 'Life, Camera, Action' PowerPoint presentation.
2/3C	Ryan	Excellent contributions to classroom discussions.

#### Week 7

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Harrison	Improving his writing skills.
KH	Romy	Trying to sound out lots of words when writing.
KS	Lou	Settling into his new school and class well.
1K	Tevita	His amazing effort in reading this week.
1R	Leah	For always having a smiling face and happy heart!
1/2P	Sophie	Consistently producing quality work.
2M	Anque	Showing great creativity and writing her own book.
2W	Hoang	Terrific effort in all areas of school.

## Rainbow Awards

Year	Student
2	Sophie, Aaliyah, Aaron, Matilda and Luca



Our first P & C meeting was held on Monday night and it was wonderful to see so many parents there. We had some good discussions about fundraising and have donated \$15 000 to the school to purchase laptops for our children to use in the classrooms. We

also saw the exciting draft plans for our school redevelopment.

Do you have any suggestions for ways we can fundraise? Please send me an email or drop a note for me into the office. I would love to hear from you.

Don't forget our first social event for the year! Book your babysitter, tell your friends and come along to our super fun and easy **Trivia Night on Friday 1 April!** Get your table ready (maximum of 8 people). If you would like to help with 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](mailto:sally.notaras@optusnet.com.au) There are letters in the office for you to give to local businesses when you ask for a donation. If you would like one emailed to you let me know. Thanks to those wonderful people who have already helped with this.

Library Friday was a busy one this week wrapping the fabulous Easter Baskets. Thanks to everyone for their help. Thanks to the staff who are always super organised for us. Have you bought your Easter raffle tickets? All money raised from the Easter Raffle will be used to buy books for our children to read.

*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)

## 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.



**TWILIGHT PICNIC AND FOOD MARKET**

Randwick City Council  
a sense of community

60+  
EARTH HOUR

randwick.nsw.gov.au

**MATRAVILLE TIGERS**  
JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

www.matravilletigers.com.au  
admin@matravilletigers.com.au

**2016 Matraville Tigers Registration Day.**

**FREE TO JOIN!!**

 **28 February 2016**  
**10.30 am to 3.00 pm at Heffron Park**

Matraville Tigers have teams ranging from under 5's to A grade. Must be turning 4 in 2016 to play.

Registration day is for all new and existing players.

Training will commence on 1 March 2016 and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 4.30 pm.

**ALL enquiries please contact Christie Thompson at admin@matravilletigers.com.au or 0404 095 228.**

**Parenting Programs Presented By:**  
**South Randwick Community Hub Partnership**



**Men Who Father**

- 4 x session workshop for fathers & male carers
- Enhance your relationship with your child/children
- Discuss challenges with other men who are also in a parenting role

**WHEN:** Saturdays 9am - 11am  
March 19 & 26 and April 2 & 9

**WHERE:** The JNC, Maroubra centre,  
Shop 2, 669-673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra

To register for this free parenting course please phone the Family Support Team at The JNC: 02 9349 8200 or email us at familiesupport@jnc.org.au

This course is part of the South Randwick Community Hub Partnership with The Deli Women & Children's Centre, South Eastern Community Connect, The Junction Neighbourhood Centre and funded by Families NSW.

South Eastern Community Connect  
familiesnsw  
supporting families to raise children

The Deli  
Women & Children's Centre

JNC  
The Junction Neighbourhood Centre Inc.  
South Randwick Community Hub Partnership

**School Holiday Sports Programs**

**Ages:** 3 to 12 year olds\*  
**Times:** 8.15am - 3pm (start 9am)  
After care 3pm - 5.30pm  
\*9am - 12pm (3 - 5 year olds)

**Maroubra Sports Club**

Week One: Soccer Only 11 - 15 April \$250  
Multi Sport 11 - 15 April \$250  
Week Two: Multi Sport 18 - 22 April \$250  
\$260 for any 5 days; \$55 for one day  
Location: Malabar Road

**Now also in South Coogee**

Week One: Multi Sport 11 - 13 April \$150  
Week Two: Multi Sport 18 - 20 April \$150  
\$260 for any 5 days; \$55 for one day  
South Coogee PS Sports Centre  
Location: Moverly Road

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