

### CALENDAR

#### Week 2

Monday 2 May – ESPSSA Netball trials; 6pm P & C Meeting

Tuesday 3 May – Australian Girls' Choir auditions (Kindergarten – Year 4)

Wednesday 4 May – Debating Workshop at Connells Point PS

Thursday 5 May – School Photos

Friday 6 May – School Photos

#### Week 3

Tuesday 10 May – NAPLAN

Wednesday 11 May – NAPLAN; 8.15am Redevelopment Information Booth

Thursday 12 May – NAPLAN

Friday 13 May – 8am Stage 3 ICAS Digital Technologies Assessment ; 11.30am 3-6 Assembly (4M); Round 1 PSSA; OC applications close

#### Week 4

Monday 16 May to Wednesday 18 May – Stage 3 Camp

Tuesday 17 May – 8am Stage 2 ICAS Digital Technologies Assessment; 9.30am Kindergarten 2017 Open Morning

Wednesday 18 May – 2.15pm Reading Parent Information Session

Thursday 19 May – Maths Olympiad 1 (for the school team)

Friday 20 May – ESPSSA Zone Cross Country Carnival; 2pm K-2 Assembly (KD)

- Chess Competition
- Interrelate

The redevelopment plans are continuing and as soon as more information is available we will provide that to the school community. The next Information Booth will be on Wednesday 11 May at 8.15am. Last Wednesday, our school staff undertook a workshop about new learning spaces. Professional learning in this area for staff will continue throughout the year.

Our full school calendar is available on the school website but please remember to check this newsletter each week for the most up to date information.

#### Professional Learning

Teachers were back at school on Tuesday engaging in professional learning activities. These included social and emotional learning, History and Science unit writing, and a balanced literacy session. All of our School Learning Support Officers attended a conference that day.

Staff at Rainbow Street are committed to improving their practice to provide the best possible learning experiences for our students. Yesterday seven additional teachers were trained in Quality Teaching Rounds and this coming Tuesday an additional five staff will begin their training in Focus On Reading. Want to know more about Focus On Reading? Mr Davies will be presenting information about Focus On Reading for Connect Time at the P & C Meeting on Monday night. Hope to see you there.

#### Welcome Back

Welcome back! We trust you had a fabulous break and are ready for another exciting term of learning. There are already a lot of fabulous experiences planned for our students. These include:

- Stage 3 Camp to Old Mogo Town and the Illawarra
- Winter sport and, Cross Country and our school Athletics Carnival
- Showcase Dance Group
- Maths Olympiad

#### ANZAC Service

A moving ANZAC service was conducted by our school leaders on Wednesday morning. Our Stage 3 students provided flowers and created wreaths.

#### Years 3-6 Assembly

Please note that the time for the 3-6 Assembly this term moves to 11.30am due to afternoon sport.





*\* For new families only as this is general information about the school.*

Our orientation/transition program for all Kindergarten enrolments will commence in Term 4. Interviews will be conducted in Term 3. If you do have a child enrolling in Kindergarten in 2017, please collect an enrolment pack from the Office, complete the forms and return them to the Office ASAP.

### Opportunity Class Placement

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on *Wednesday 27 July 2016*.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2017, you need to apply. You need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available in a printed application information booklet and at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). The application website opened on 26 April 2016 and closes on 13 May 2016. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from

using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance.

When kids ask "the" questions...  
**Interrelate has the answers!**

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

**Session 1: Where did I come from?**  
1-hour session: years 3-6

**Session 2: Preparing for puberty**  
1-hour session: years 5-6  
Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

**Date: Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.  
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.

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### KidsMatter

As you know, one of our projects linked to the Positive School Community direction in our School Plan is the implementation of KidsMatter. KidsMatter is an Australian mental health and wellbeing initiative set in primary schools and in early childhood education and care services – like preschools, kindergartens and day care centres. It's not a program, but a framework that helps take care of all their mental health needs by focusing on:

- creating positive school and early childhood communities
- teaching children skills for good social and emotional development
- working together with families
- recognising and getting help for children with mental health problems.

We are currently working on Component 2 which is all about Social and Emotional Learning.

A number of information brochures about common parental concerns are available. For Components 1 and 2, these include:

- Disability
- Cultural Diversity
- Friendship Skills

- Coping With Fears And Worries
- Fears And Helpful Self Talk
- Decision-making
- Talking Through Angry Feelings
- Helping Children Cool Down And Stay Calm
- Helping Resolve Conflict
- Social And Emotional Learning
- Thinking And Learning
- Emotional Development
- Social Development

Fact sheets and a wealth of information is available on the KidsMatter website

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families>



### Sports News

#### Cross Country

What a glorious autumn day we had for our school Cross Country Carnival today. It was great to see so many students trying their best in a difficult event. Our school Cross Country team for the ESPSSA Zone Carnival will be announced next week. Thank you to Mr Davies for organising our school carnival.

#### Winter PSSA - Netball

The PSSA Netball Competition starts on Friday of Week 3. Selection trials for the Rainbow Street teams will be conducted next week. Years 3 and 4 (Junior Netball) will be held on Monday 2 May and Years 5 and 6 (Senior Netball) on Tuesday 3 May. Successful selection is based on criteria outlined in our school Sport Selection Guidelines such as sporting ability, sportsmanship, commitment and previous playing experience. A copy of the guidelines is available on the school website.

Both Ms Munk and I are eager to provide the girls with a fun season concentrating on improving their netball and teamwork skills. Please note that training sessions will be held after school on Thursdays for 1 hour and students must be able to commit to this training session.

Miss Goldspink

## K-2 Student of the Week

#### Week 1

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Zoha	Displaying excellent listening skills.
KH	Shay	Excellent independent work skills.

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KS	Luka	His very impressive start to Term 2.
1K	Adeline	Her beautiful manners in class.
1R	Seth	His amazing effort in assembly rehearsals.
1/2P	Claireisa	Taking pride in the presentation of her work.
2M	Oliver	Fantastic work using the 'jump strategy' in maths.
2W	Zane	Wonderful problem solving in maths.
SB	Dylan	Excellent application to work in all areas.



Welcome back to Term 2. It's a busy term ahead. We have:

\* **Mother's Day Stall** next Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons. A note will come home with more information

\* **Clothing Pool** next Friday – grab a preloved uniform for a bargain price

\* **Library Friday** is also next week. Come up to the library from 9am for a cuppa and some easy tasks to help the school

\* **Car Boot Sale** – Sunday 29 May 8am-2pm. If you can help out at the cake stall, BBQ, face painting, jumping castle etc. on the day, please email me at [sally.notaras@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sally.notaras@optusnet.com.au)

Our **next P & C meeting is Monday 2 May** in the Gallery of Learning from 6-8pm. 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 this evening (29 April) at [tracrandwick@gmail.com](mailto:tracrandwick@gmail.com) to make a booking.

**Our Connect Time Topic will be 'Focus on Reading' presented by Mr Davies.**

Enjoy your weekend. See you at school ☺

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P & C President