

CALENDAR

Term 1 2018

Week 1

Monday 29 January – School Development Day

Tuesday 30 January – Students in Years 1 to 6 return to school

Wednesday 31 January – Kindergarten students commence school

Thursday 1 February – Swimming Carnival at Des Renford Aquatic Centre

- Extracurricular activities to support classroom learning including Maths Olympiad, Debating, Public Speaking, Premier's Spelling Bee, Premier's Sporting Challenge, Premier's Reading Challenge, Chess Club, Showcase Dance Group and Drama Club
 - A move to the temporary accommodation
- To name a few!

Congratulations to all students for a wonderful year of learning and achievement.

To Year 6, best wishes for your transition to High School and we wish you every success in the future. As I read in our story last night, "There's only one you in this great big world Make it a better place." (From *Only One You* by Linda Kranz).

Thank you to the school community for your continued support and teamwork and particularly to the P & C and Sally Notaras.

Thank you to the teaching staff at Rainbow Street for your effort to provide quality education for students. Thank you also to the wonderful administrative staff in the office and the learning support officers in the classrooms.

To Mr Davies who is leaving us and moving out of Sydney. Thank you so much for all that you have done for Rainbow Street Public School over the nearly eight years you have been here. You are an outstanding educator and team leader and will be sorely missed. Leonay PS's gain is definitely our loss!

Thank you to Miss Hamblin for all of the additional support she has provided to students. Miss Hamblin is also moving out of Sydney.

Thank you to Miss Kelley and Miss Panaretos who will not be with us in a 'temporary' capacity next year. You have done a lot for the students at RSPS, not only through great teaching and learning experiences in the classroom but also through provision of extracurricular programs and events.

Wow! The 2017 school year has come to a close. And what a year it has been with so much having happened at Rainbow Street PS this year.

- Special events including Meet and Greet at The Ritz, Multicultural Day, Harmony Day, Reconciliation and NAIDOC Weeks, Grandparents Morning, Easter Hat Parade and Book Week Parade
- Overnight excursions to Canberra and Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre
- Four sport carnivals
- Implementation of the Geography syllabus
- Social and emotional learning
- *Rainbow Street Eats* (have you got your copy yet?)
- Collaborative use of ICT and project-based learning
- Parent Information sessions and Connect Time
- Student Report Review
- Across schools Quality Teaching Rounds
- NAPLAN results well above state average and above statistically similar schools for the number of students in the top two bands
- 'Excelling' in K-3 value-added data
- 82% of students in the top three bands in VALID Science and Technology 6
- Introduction of Directions In Music to our music program
- Band, choir, recorder and strings performances at the Opera House, Big Band Bash and school events

We wish all of the Rainbow Street community a safe and happy holiday time and look forward to seeing you back at Rainbow Street next year.

Major Capital Works Update

Project works have definitely stepped up a gear this year. We have:

- Finalised the interior colour schemes and furniture
- Moved into the demountable accommodation – it was no mean feat moving the whole school over three days
- Seen the demolition of B, C and E Blocks
- Continued our work with New Learning Environments around pedagogy and practice to support learning in the new facilities

Early next year we will finalise the landscape design. Construction of the new buildings and refurbishment of A Block and the Hall will continue over the holiday period.

Thank you to Belinda Simmonds and Sally Notaras for representing the parent community on the Project Reference Group.

A new project site is now live. Go to <https://schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/schools/rainbow-street-public-school/project-overview>

Presentation Day – Major Awards

It was wonderful to see so many family members at our Presentation Day ceremonies held on Wednesday. Congratulations to Gemma, Joshua, Eliza and Asher who were fabulous in their compere roles.

Each year a number of traditional awards are presented. Congratulations to the following students:

<i>Dux</i>	Eliza Hoh
<i>Citizenship</i>	Amy Simmonds
<i>Leadership</i>	Lily Wendler
<i>Sports Champion - Girl</i>	Nancy Nugent
<i>Sports Champion - Boy</i>	Charlie De Carvalho
<i>House Shield</i>	Cook

Congratulations to all of the other award recipients. You should be very proud of your achievements.

Well done to the band, recorder group and the strings ensemble who all played beautifully.

The Year 6 gift is a new lectern for our modified hall.



Thank you to Randwick Boys' High School for the use of their hall for our weekly assemblies, Student Leader election speeches and Presentation Day ceremonies.

2018 Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were elected Student Leaders for 2018:

Captains Leyla Bensan
Matthew Cook

Vice-Captains Riya Khanal
Noah Edwards

Prefects Sebastian Blowers
Ariva Chowdhury
Aidan Murray
Chloe Tijoe

Thank you to our outgoing Student Leaders: Eliza, Asher, Lily, Massimo, Sela, Maylyn, Jaydan and Timothy. You have done a fantastic job and have been excellent role models for other students.

Year 6 Farewell

A great time was had at the Year 6 Farewell last night. Good food, excellent company and lots of dancing!

Thank you to the parents who helped to decorate and Mrs Nalovski for another amazing cake creation. Somehow she manages to go one better each year!





Thanks to Mrs Nalovski, Mr Roche and Miss Goldspink for their organisation and to all of the teachers who attended after what has been a very busy week.

Senior Drama Club 2017 Wrap

As all good things do, Senior Drama Club came to a close on Tuesday. Thank you to all 25 members for their involvement and contribution this year.

Highlights this term included our Reader's Theatre performance at a 3-6 Assembly, a mime at a K-2 Assembly, and a 'flash-mob' improvisation skit one lunch time. We look forward to welcoming new and returning members next year so stay tuned.

Mr Svanfelds

Drama Club Coordinator

2018 Day 1 For Students

Students in Years 1 to 6 return to school on Tuesday 30 January 2018. If your child will be returning later and you have not advised us of this in writing, please do so as soon as possible so that we ensure they are accounted for when forming classes.

On the first day students will line up in their 2017 class line and staff will move them to rooms for class organisation.

2018 Kindergarten students commence school on Wednesday 31 January at 9:30am.

2018 Swimming Carnival Thursday 1 February 2018

The information and permission note will be sent home on the first day of school (Tuesday 30 January 2018). The cost of the carnival will be \$13.



House Meetings on Tuesday afternoon and the elections for 2018 House Captains will take place at these meetings.

Reminder - TRAC Access During The Holidays

As Tanya has advised, access to TRAC during the holiday period, from Monday 18 December 2017 to Thursday 25 January 2018, will be through the Young Street gate only. There will be NO ACCESS TO TRAC FROM RAINBOW STREET.

Bus Travel – Student Opal Cards

Students who hold a School Student Transport Scheme entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from Year 2 to 3 or Year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, should have received notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. Term Buss Pass holders will have also received notification.



Students enquiring about a pending cancellation are advised to go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update their details or apply for next year's entitlement. Students changing residential address will also need to go online to update their information.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2017 to ensure students' entitlements are updated and their current card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2017, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students who do not need to re-apply:

Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school and same residential address will not receive notification and do not need to reapply. The system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if they're at the same school and going from Infants to Primary or Primary to Secondary. Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students in the Opal network applying for an SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during the 3rd week of January 2018.



What a fast year! School year ends this Friday, 15 December. Student reports should have been issued this Wednesday, 13 December.

As I write this, our school is visibly —and rapidly— changing. We have large tractors, fences, noises. The planned destruction/construction (I'd like to call it rebirth) of Rainbow Street Public School has finally begun!

Where is it all leading? What are the plans? Our school's website is a good place to begin: <http://www.rainbowst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au> Next year I'm sure more information will come to light.

Capital works are well and good. What about our children's education? School Principal, Miss Sayers presented an intriguing philosophical take on how we can more deeply educate the children. Us parents were invited to literally draw out our own vision for the new school. You weren't there? Next year, there are more meetings to come! More often than not, the meetings' second half has our teachers presenting new developments in curriculum, teaching methods; Miss Sayers gives updates on how are capital works are progressing. Remember, it's up to US to make a school community.

Which reminds me, we still have a vacancy for P & C Secretary. Contact details below if interested.

I wish you a Merry, relaxing —and safe— Christmas and New Year break. I hope to see you all raring to go Tuesday 30 January 2018. New Kindy kids the day after.

Gregory Dodwell

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