

### CALENDAR

#### Week 3

Monday 6 February – P & C Meeting in the Gallery (all welcome)

Wednesday 8 February – Parent Information/Meet The Teacher Evening

Friday 10 February – 2pm K-2 Assembly (2C)

#### Week 4

Monday 13 February – ESPSSA Zone Basketball trials at Chifley PS

Wednesday 15 February – ESPSSA Zone Tennis trials at Snape Park

Friday 17 February – 2pm 3-6 Assembly (5/6R)

#### Week 5

Monday 20 February – ESPSSA Zone Rugby League and Soccer trials at Paine Reserve (TBC)

Wednesday 22 February – ESPSSA Zone AFL trials

Thursday 23 February – Kinder Vision Screening

Friday 24 February – Round 1 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (2D)



Welcome everyone to the 2017 school year! A very special welcome to all of our Kindergarten students and to all other new enrolments to our school. I

know that our school community will make all new arrivals feel extremely welcome.

I hope that all families had a wonderful festive season and holiday time. We look forward to a busy, productive and enjoyable year, full of quality learning, performing arts, sports and cultural activities.

#### Staff News

You may have already noticed that there some new faces on the Rainbow Street staff. Reece Roberts is teaching in the Support Unit and Rebecca Edwards is teaching Year 4. Both Reece and Rebekah are permanent appointments to our school. I'm sure you will make them feel very welcome.

We welcome back Mrs Roomi who is returning part-time after taking leave.

Towards the end of last year we were authorised to advertise the teacher librarian position which Ms Mayhew had been filling. The advertisement was published this week and we will work through the merit selection process over the following weeks. Please note that Ms Mayhew is still a substantive staff member at Rainbow Street in an Assistant Principal position.

Ms Mayhew and Ms Davis are both on leave this year as are Mrs Brown and Mrs Subrata.



Ms Hagan unexpectedly gave birth on Australia Day! Baby Matilda, whilst two months early, is gorgeous and mum and baby are doing well.

Best wishes to Mrs Watson who is on Maternity Leave from Monday.

#### What's Happening At Rainbow Street?

Our Kindergarten students have settled quickly into school - thanks to the fabulous efforts of staff and parents. Best Start assessments are nearly complete and teachers have begun entering data. Kindergarten parents will receive their child's report in Week 8 (the week commencing 13 March 2017).

Yesterday was our school swimming carnival (more details in the Sports News).

Next week we have SRC elections, the first P & C Meeting for the year (hope to see you there), our Parent Information/Meet The Teacher Evening and the first K-2 Assembly for the year. 2C is hosting the assembly. Parents are welcome to come along.

#### School Communication

We have two primary ways of communicating information to our school community: this newsletter, the *Rainbow Rambler*; and the school website [www.rainbowst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.rainbowst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

The *Rainbow Rambler* is published each Friday and copies emailed to families. If your email address has changed, please notify the Office so that we can

ensure that the *Rainbow Rambler* is sent to the correct address. The *Rainbow Rambler* is also available for download from the school website or through the *School Stream* app.

At times, notes may be sent home with your child (so please regularly check their bag) and SMS reminders/information messages are also sent.

The school P&C also has a website <http://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au/> and a mailing list that you can subscribe to.

TRAC, The Rainbow Activity Centre (before and after school care) also has a website <http://tracrandwick.com.au/>

Make sure you keep up to date with everything that is happening!

### Classes 2017

Students have been placed in class groups. Many factors were taken into account when forming classes and teachers spent a great deal of time and care in this process.

Please note that staffing and the class structure will not be finalised until the end of Week 3. We need to confirm all returning students and to know the numbers and grades of new enrolments. The Department of Education then informs us of our staffing allocation so that we can finalise staffing and our class structure for the year.

At present ...

### 2017 Staffing

<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	
Principal	Miss Joann Sayers
Assistant Principal – Kindergarten	Mr Adrian Davies
Assistant Principal – Years 1 and 2	Mrs Jacqueline Counsel
Assistant Principal – Years 3 and 4	Miss Kerri Goldspink (Relieving)
Assistant Principal – Years 5 and 6	Mrs Margaret Nalovski
Assistant Principal – Special Education	Mrs Cleo Zouroudis

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
KD	Mr Adrian Davies
KE	Mrs Rebekah Engles
KS	Mr Darren Svanfelds

1K	Miss Sarah Kelley
1R	Miss Rebecca Rice
1/2MR	Ms Bo Molloy and Mrs Lauren Roomi
2C	Mrs Jacqueline Counsel
2D	Ms Kathy Diacogiorgis
3A	Mr Sean Annetts
3M	Miss Lisa McNab
4E	Miss Rebecca Edwards
4S	Miss Rebecca Smith
4/5G	Miss Kerri Goldspink
5P	Miss Erinn Panaretos
5/6R	Mr James Roche
6N	Mrs Margaret Nalovski
SB	Mr Steven Boersma
SC	Miss Marisa Cruz
SR	Mr Reece Roberts
SZ	Mrs Cleo Zouroudis

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

English as an Additional Language/Dialogue (EAL/D)	Mrs Nicola Hargrave Miss Jessica Wheatley (Relieving)
Learning Support	Miss Emily Hamblin
RFF Programs	Ms Kathy Munk Mr Robert Miller
RFF Programs (Support Unit)	Mr Robert Miller
School Counsellor	Ms Catherine Maclaurin
Teacher Librarian	Ms Justine Jennings (Acting)

### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Administrative Manager	Mrs Jenny Gollan
Administrative Officers	Ms Orla Kirwan Ms Cheryl Van Gestel
Learning Support Officers	Mrs Joanna Coutts Mr Michael Calacouris Mrs Natalie Giles Mrs Sandra Hetreles Mrs Marianne Huxtable Mrs Nicole Michailidis Mrs So'nie Nicholl Mrs Kerrie Pellegrini
General Assistant	Mr Steve Kozarovski

### **Change Of Details**

If you have changed your address, telephone number(s), emergency contacts and/or email address during the holiday period, please notify the Office. It is very important we have up to date information should we need to contact you about your child.



If your child's medical support needs have changed, please notify the Office.

If custody or access rights to do with your child have changed, please notify the Office.

Accurate information ensures that we can support you and your child.

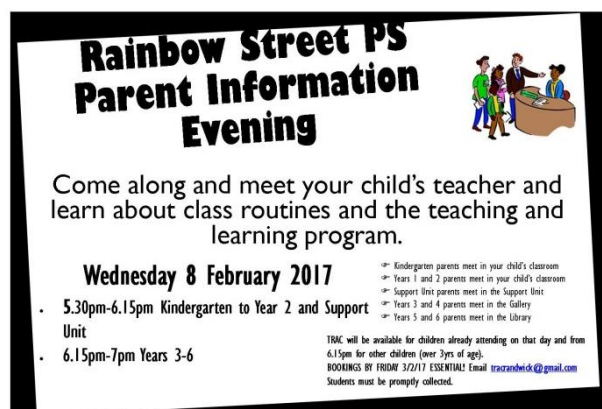
### School Times

A reminder that lessons commence at 9am each morning. We ask that students arrive after 8.30am as there is no supervision until 8.30am. If you need to bring your child to school earlier than 8.30am, please contact TRAC, our before and after school care facility.

Lessons finish at 3pm, please collect your child promptly from the playground. For safety reasons, please do not arrange to meet your child in Paine Reserve – some children have been there unsupervised until 4.30pm in the afternoon!

### Parent Information Evening

Invitations to the Parent Information/Meet The Teacher evening on Wednesday evening were sent home on Tuesday of this week. This is an opportunity to find out about the teaching and learning programs, special activities and the class organisation and routines, and register for the class parent program. We hope to see you on Wednesday night.



### Notes Sent Home

There has been a lot of notes sent home this week. You should have received:

- ✓ Class Needs letter
- ✓ Levies letter
- ✓ Parent Information Evening/Meet The Teacher invitation.

Swimming Carnival notes were also sent home but this event has now been completed.

### Student Leaders and House Captains

Congratulations again to the following students who, at the end of last year, were elected as our 2017 School Leaders.

<i>Captains</i>	Eliza H Asher D
<i>Vice Captains</i>	Lily W Massimo M
<i>Prefects</i>	Sela P Maylyn Z Jaydan C Timothy W

### Sports House Captains

As per our school Leadership policy, House Captain elections were held during House Meetings in Week 2 of this term. Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers to lead the sporting house:

<i>Banks</i>	<i>Captains</i>	Dylan B Angela C
	<i>Vice Captains</i>	Jules S Cate D
<i>Cook</i>	<i>Captains</i>	Frankie S Sian M
	<i>Vice Captains</i>	Matthew C Emilia V
<i>Endeavour</i>	<i>Captains</i>	Lochy H Zara M
	<i>Vice Captains</i>	Fynn W Lily T
<i>Solander</i>	<i>Captains</i>	Manuel R Anisha P
	<i>Vice Captains</i>	Sebby L Nancy N

### Student Representative Council (SRC)

The SRC is a group of students in a school elected by their fellow students to represent all students in the school and who organise ways for students to participate in school life. SRCs work democratically to represent the student body in school decision-making. Students work together, with help from a staff member, to improve school life and to contribute students' ideas.

### Nomination Of Candidates

Students are eligible to represent their class on the Rainbow Street Public School SRC if they:

- ✓ Display good leadership skills;
- ✓ Wear full school uniform at all times;
- ✓ Show willingness to assist at all times;
- ✓ Are a positive role model for other students in the classroom and playground and when representing the school;
- ✓ Display exemplary behaviour at all times;
- ✓ Take responsibility for their actions at all times;
- ✓ Are never violent;
- ✓ Show respect for all adults at all times;
- ✓ Uphold all classroom and school rules;
- ✓ Can represent the class at SRC meetings; and
- ✓ Display good Public Speaking skills.

Elections will be held this coming week for students in Years 1 to 6.

### P & C Executive

The 2017 P & C Executive is:

<i>President</i>	Sally Notaras
<i>Vice Presidents</i>	Greg Dodwell Priscilla Scott
<i>Secretary</i>	Hui-Chuen Hoh
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jasmine Hancock
<i>Additional Executive</i>	Isabel Cetin Carol Ann Duffy Sohi Kang Linh Medic Lilly Roberts Belinda Simmonds

We hope you can join us for the first 2017 meeting on Monday 6 February at 6pm in the Gallery.



### Nuts

We would like to remind all parents that we have a number of students at Rainbow Street PS who have severe allergies.

Contact with the food(s) they are allergic to leads to an anaphylactic reaction which is life threatening. Children's throats swell and they are unable to breathe.

Please do not bring to school any:

- Nuts, for example, peanuts, brazil nuts, hazelnuts, cashews, almonds, walnuts etc.;
- Nutella, peanut butter or other spreads made from nuts;
- Chocolate bars containing nuts, for example, Snickers;
- Muesli bars containing nuts.

Please check the ingredients listed on the pack for any food item that your child will be bringing to school. It is also important to let relatives or carers know as well as sometimes they might be getting lunches organised instead of you. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep children safe at school.

### Safety

A reminder that the playground equipment is only to be used by students under the direct supervision of Rainbow Street PS teachers or TRAC staff.

### FREE School App – Receive School Information Instantly And Directly To Your Smartphone

How To Get The School Stream App On Your Mobile Device



1. From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Play Store (Android), search for *School Stream* and download the app to your phone.
2. Make sure you agree to push notifications.
3. Once *School Stream* has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search then select your school.

For more detailed instructions go to [www.schoolstream.com.au/download](http://www.schoolstream.com.au/download)

### Choose What Notifications You Receive

1. Open the *School Stream* app on your mobile device.
2. From the slide-in menu, go to Settings.
3. Under Edit/Alerts select My Schools and select your school to open the Notifications page.
4. Toggle notifications on or off individually (e.g. Alerts, Events, Newsletters etc.).
5. When you have finished, use the Back button to return to the Settings page, then select Done to return to your school.

Return at any time to change the notifications you receive.

### How To Replace A School Travel Pass Or School Opal Card Lost Over The Holidays

To report a lost, stolen or damaged School Opal card, please go to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/reportPass>. If

the student proceeds with replacing their School Opal card, it will be cancelled immediately and a new card will be sent within 8 to 10 working days.



## **Sport News**

### *Swimming Carnival*

Well done to everyone who participated in the Swimming Carnival held yesterday at Des Renford Aquatic Centre. Mr Annetts will advise students who are eligible to represent our school at the upcoming Eastern Suburbs PSSA (ESPSSA) Zone Swimming Carnival shortly. That carnival will be held on Monday 27 February 2017 at Botany Aquatic Centre. Thank you to Mr Annetts for organising our carnival.

### *PSSA Sport Trials*

In Summer our school participates in AFL (boys and girls) and T-ball/softball (girls). Students in Years 3 to 6 are eligible to trial. Trials will be held next week. A note with details will be sent home shortly. The first round of the PSSA competition is on Friday 24 February 2017.

### *ESPSSA Zone Teams*

The level above our school representative team is the zone representative team, made up of students from the 14 schools in our Eastern Suburbs Zone (ESPSSA). These trials are held at various times during the year. Students are to see Miss Panaretos if they are interested in trialling for one of these teams. Upcoming trials:

- Monday 13 February – ESPSSA Zone representative Basketball trials
- Wednesday 15 February – ESPSSA Zone representative Tennis trials



## **From the Library...**

I'm excited to be filling the role of librarian at RSPS for Term 1. My teaching background is in English. I absolutely love books and I particularly love reading children's and young adult fiction. The students at RSPS all value reading and take great pleasure in borrowing from our fabulous library. Reading is a central part of the day at our school, with class libraries in classrooms and the DEAR program (Drop Everything and Read) being part of the daily routine.

The library is always a popular place for students to spend their lunchtimes (particularly when it is hot!), and many students have already visited the library this term which is fantastic. Every class visits the library once a week for a library and research lesson. We are currently finalising the timetable for library.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for your child's library day. Students in Kindergarten to Year 4 need a library bag to borrow books to bring home. Students in Years 5 and 6 do not require a library bag and are expected to take excellent care of the library resources.

### *Library Monitors*

Year 5 students have the opportunity to apply to be a library monitor. This leadership role in our school involves a commitment of at least one half lunchtime per week assisting in the library. Responsibilities include reshelving books, assisting other students to locate resources, encouraging students to play games and helping tidy up at the end of lunchtime. All Year 5 students have been invited to apply and those students who expressed interest have been given an application form. These should be completed at home and returned to me by Thursday 9 February 2017. I look forward to receiving lots of applications.

*Justine Jennings*

*Relieving Teacher Librarian*

## **Scripture**

We are still in the process of organising Scripture. As it is planned to move into the demountables during this term we need to ensure that the groups that are arranged can be accommodated in the demountable school. More information next week.

## **Ethics Teacher Needed**

Could you be an ethics teacher for Rainbow Street Public School? Some of our ethics teachers moved on at the end of last year and we are seeking volunteers so that classes can continue this year.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills, and must be available at 9am and/or 9.30am on Thursdays each week.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure. Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness



If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) and/or contact Griselda Buckland on [griselda.buckland@gmail.com](mailto:griselda.buckland@gmail.com).

## 3-6 Student of the Week

Each week the names of students who have been recognised with an award at Assembly are published. Congratulations to the first group of students whose names are listed below - a great start to the year! Next week the names of students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will be listed. The lists will then alternate in line with our fortnightly assemblies.

### Week 2

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3A	Eva	Getting right down to work in Week 1. Well done!
3M	Audrey	Amazing achievements at the swimming carnival.
4E	Sebastien	His amazing effort at the swimming carnival.
4S	Onyx	His enthusiastic efforts during Maths games.
4/5G	Tio	His impressive start to the year with an outstanding narrative and sensible choices.
5P	Helen	A brilliant start to the school year.
5/6R	Noah E	Being a polite, considerate and courteous student during all learning activities.
6N	Frankie	Working collaboratively with others in group task.
SB	Esen	Demonstrating friendship to new students.
SC	Sean	Settling into his new class so beautifully.

## Rainbow Awards

The Rainbow Street Public School Rainbow Award system aims to positively recognise, value and celebrate students' achievement in the following of our five school rules.

Our Rainbow Award System sets reasonable and reachable goals in which students can travel on their 'Journey Over The Rainbow'. It continually and consistently reinforces positive behaviour. This enables all students to feel secure and happy while at school.

Once students have collected all seven arches (seventy stickers), their journey over the rainbow will be complete and their 'Rainbow Award' chart will be laminated and presented to them at an assembly along with a medal of merit in recognition of their successful journey.

As the chart carries over from year to year, some students will be presented with their medal of merit (Rainbow Badge) at upcoming assemblies. NOTE: A letter is sent home to parents indicating the date of the assembly at which their child will receive their badge. Parents are most welcome to attend.



Welcome families and friends to Rainbow Street Public School for 2017. It will be an exciting year for our school. Last year we donated over \$15 000 from our fundraising efforts to the school.

As most of you know we will embark on the redevelopment of our school site very soon. This will affect our regular fundraising opportunities so we look forward to hearing from you with simple and effective ideas to raise money. Feel free to email me at [sally.notaras@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sally.notaras@optusnet.com.au) or use the **CONTACT US** tab on the P & C website with your ideas.

**Our first P & C meeting is a short one on this Monday, 6 February**, from 6pm-7pm in the Gallery of Learning (near the front office). TRAC (The Rainbow Activity Centre – the Out of Hours Care provider) provides **free** childcare for children over 3 years of age during the meeting whether you are a regular user or not. Please contact Tanya by 6pm on 3/2/17 at [tracrandwick@gmail.com](mailto:tracrandwick@gmail.com) to make a booking.

For new families, P & C stands for Parents & Citizens Association. The role of the P & C is to promote the interests of the school, to raise money for the school and encourage participation within the school community. Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month during term time. At each meeting the Principal reports on what has been happening at school including important dates for your diary, the P and C President reports on past and planned activities including fundraising and social events, and other items of interest to the school are discussed such as Garden Working Bees, social events and general ways to improve our school. There is a

short break with light refreshments provided, followed by Connect Time. Connect Time is an information session, usually led by the school Principal or staff about programs at the school or ways to help our children at school and/or home. **There will be no Connect Time this month** but I look forward to your input for any topics you would like to have included in these sessions during the year.

If you can't get to meetings, but want to know what is going on, drop us an email via the P & C website, [www.rainbowstpandc.org.au](http://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au) and we'll put you on our mailing list to receive the minutes. This is good for families who can't make meetings but still want to volunteer time or have their say – so you can still feel part of the action!

The P & C website allows you to put your hand up for fundraising, ask a question or offer an idea to make our school a better place for our kids. The website provides *The Rainbow Rambler*, our school newsletter, in different languages. A translating tool on the website will let you choose your language of choice.

Later this term we hope to hold our first social gathering for the year. This will be an adult's only event with more details to come soon.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year ahead, opportunities to meet new parents and hope to see lots of parents at our P & C meetings this year.

*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)



### Canteen News

I hope everyone has had a relaxing and fun break. There is a new menu for 2017; it is attached to this Rambler or grab one from the Canteen to stick on your fridge.

For those of you that are new to the canteen you can order food in 2 ways:

1. Order online using [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au) simply register your details and you can order lunch & recess up to 2 weeks in advance!
2. Buy some lunch bags from Coles or Woolworths and write your Childs name, class and what they are having and put the money in the bag. This is to be handed to the class teacher when they get to the classroom.

Please also note that during the construction works the Canteen will be relocated to the backfield but we will remain open for business as usual!

### Canteen Opening Hours:

	Breakfast	Recess	Lunch
Monday – Friday	8.30 -9am	11.00 – 11.20	1 – 1.20

**Monday & Fridays the canteen is open after School**

**Have a great Term 1 !!**