

CALENDAR

Week 11

Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 3 April – ESPSSA Softball trials; 6pm P & C Meeting (Gallery)

Tuesday 4 April – 12.40pm Open Strings Rehearsal (Hall)

Wednesday 5 April – 8.30am Information Booth; Easter Hat Parade and raffle draw

Friday 7 April – Round 7 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (1K)

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 24 April – School Development Day (Staff only at school)

Tuesday 25 April – ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)

Wednesday 26 April – Students return to school; ANZAC Assembly

Friday 28 April – 9.15am Cross Country; 11.30am 3-6 Assembly (3A)

Week 2

Monday 1 May – Debating Workshop

Tuesday 2 May – Taiko drumming incursion

Wednesday 3 May – 8.30am Information Booth

Friday 5 May – 2pm K-2 Assembly (KD)

Week 3

Tuesday 9 May to Thursday 11 – NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)

Friday 12 May – 11.30am 3-6 Assembly (4E); Round 1 PSSA

Major Capital Works Update

ARGH the rain! Unfortunately the rain keeps holding up some excavation work that needs to be done so paths can be laid, although compared to the weather and damage in Queensland and northern New South Wales we really can't complain!

The next information booth is on Wednesday, 5 April 2017, from 8.30am in the playground. If there is inclement weather then the booth will be in the Gallery.

Staff News

Mr Annetts is taking some long service leave from next week. During this time Ms Besney Zhong will be teaching 3A. Ms Zhong has undertaken casual work at RSPS already this term so she will be a familiar face to many of you.

Miss Sayers is also taking some long service leave. Mrs Nalovski will be Relieving Principal and Ms Mayhew will return from her leave during this time to teach 6N.

Our new teacher librarian, Mrs Pauline Soo, will commence at the beginning of Term 1. Thank you to Ms Jennings for all of the fabulous work she has done in the library this term.

P & C Meeting Connect Time

Don't forget that on Monday night Lucy Andre and Lance Raskall will be speaking at the P & C Connect Time session. They are the principals of Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High School respectively. The time to make a decision about your child's high schooling comes around quickly and often takes parents by surprise. For example, our current Year 6 students submitted their high school applications two weeks ago! So why not come along and hear about our two neighbouring high schools to get you on the front foot for a very important decision.

Traffic Changes

Important changes to High Street in Randwick:

- From 10pm Friday 31 March 2017, light rail construction will begin on High Street, between Wansey Road and Avoca Street.
- High Street will be closed to general traffic between Clara Street and Avoca Street. *High Street emergency, hospital and local access will be maintained from Clara Street at all times. Adult emergency access remains via Barker Street.*
- Between Clara Street and Wansey Road, High Street will be open to westbound general traffic only. There will be no eastbound traffic in this section.
- Traffic changes on High Street will be clearly signposted and traffic controllers will be in place

24 hours/7 days a week to assist pedestrians and vehicles safely around the construction site.

- Bus stops on High Street between Wansey Road and Avoca Street will close and buses will be diverted. Visit transportnsw.info for details including maps and detour routes.
- Please plan ahead, allow extra travel time and look for signage and traffic control to direct you safely around the construction.

4/5G Writing

4/5G has been writing narratives. Here is Part 1 of Ariva's...

That Night

Dread flooded my mind, slowly and clumsily like a heavy rain. The moon cast an eerie glow upon the twisted forest. There was darkness in the air, penetrating all that was alive.

"So this is Black Forest," I thought, "Right in the middle of Transylvania." "Why did I have to come here?" I wondered. "Oh, that's right, I have to go hunting," I sighed.



As I continued to fly, I suddenly came swooping down. My eyes had caught a fat-looking black mouse scurrying across the dead tree leaves.

Something felt fishy but my family was starving. I flew down, euphoric about my find. As I caught the rodent, I could have sworn that I heard a quiet cackle. I tugged at the rodent but it wouldn't come off the ground. Annoyingly I felt something was behind me, watching my every move. I slowly swirled my head around and found that I was staring into dark eyes. It was as if I was staring into death. As my mind comprehended the situation, the silhouette pulled me off the ground.

"It is a witch!" I squeaked.

Her ugly warts shone at the top of her nose and pimples enveloped her face. As my adrenaline kicked in I realised it was too late!

"Don't run birdie, old Mrs Halgrove will take care of you," she said in her high-pitched voice.

I could do nothing to get myself free. She trudged forward, chuckling as we went along. At last we stopped. KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK.

Variety

On Wednesday our school choir went to Fox Studios to record the song and music video for an upcoming campaign called *Vote for Kids* promoting Variety, the children's charity.

The background to the campaign is that Nicole Kidman has designed a Twinings Tea packet for Variety, and her design is down to the final four in a competition to find the best design. You can see her design here: <https://twinings.com.au/>

Variety receives a percentage of sales to help fund their work helping kids who live with disability, chronic illness or disadvantage. To help encourage people to vote, they've written a song called *Vote for Kids* in collaboration with Darren Percival, a wonderful Australian singer who was 2nd in the first series of The Voice Australia.

Students really enjoyed the experience and were rewarded with goodie bags, t-shirt and lunch! We received numerous compliments from the organisers and Darren regarding our behaviour and performing ability. Well done students!!

Keep your eye out in following Ramblers for more information regarding the airing date and where to vote.

Rebekah Engles
Choir Teacher

Easter Celebrations

Here are the key dates and times you need to know for our Easter Celebrations next week:



- ❖ Monday 3 April – Egg Decorating Competition 8:30am to 8:50am (Gallery of Learning)
- ❖ Tuesday 4 April – Egg Decorating Competition Judging (all entries to be in by 8:50am to be judged)
- ❖ Wednesday 5 April – Easter Hat Parade 9:30am to 11:00am (Hot Cross Buns sold at the Canteen)
- ❖ Thursday 6 April – Egg Decorating Competition (please take entries home today)
- ❖ Friday 7 April – Egg Decorating Competition (sadly, any entries not collected will have to be put in the bin)

Last week's Library Friday count was 62 baskets with more to be wrapped so make sure you have your raffle tickets in by Tuesday 4 April to go into the draw. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Wheatley, Ms Smith, Mrs Engles and Mr Svanfelds
Easter Committee



Two of the entries already submitted for our Egg Decorating Competition



Sport News

PSSA Netball

Trials for our PSSA Netball teams will take place next week. The junior team is being coached by Miss McNab and the senior team by Miss Goldspink.

Junior trials (Year 3 and 4) will be held on Monday on the netball courts and senior trials (Years 5 and 6) will be on Tuesday. If it is wet weather then we will aim to hold the trials later in the week. PSSA is a gifted and talented pathway and the guidelines states that we select the players with the best ability for each team.

Miss McNab and Miss Goldspink
Netball Coaches

Cross Country

Don't forget that our annual Cross Country Carnival is on the first Friday after the holidays. Please ensure that completed permission notes are returned ASAP.

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 11. At the beginning of Term 2, 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 Miss Smith, Miss Wheatley or Miss Cruz for more information.

Permission notes have been distributed to students who expressed interest. Rehearsals start at lunchtime on Monday.

Miss Smith, Miss Wheatley & Miss Cruz
Showcase Coordinators

3-6 Student of the Week

Week 9

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3A	Angelina	Showing improvement in her spelling results.
3M	Amelia	Being kind and helpful to new students.
4E	Andrew	His improved effort in creative writing.
4S	AJ	His amazing efforts when calculating area.
4/5G	Ruby	Being a kind and productive person every day.
5P	Isobel	Excellent contribution and effort in group work.
5/6R	Sela	Being an outstanding role model at all times.
6N	Lochy	Working collaboratively with others.

Week 10

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3A	Issac	Excellent work in Maths games.
3M	Alexander	Commitment to his learning.
4E	Charlie	His improved skill in drama.
4S	Leila	Being a fabulous helper to other students.
4/5G	Mark	Channelling his focus to produce great work.
5P	Max	Great effort during independent activities.
5/6R	Ashden	Thoughtful and creative impromptu public speaking skills.
6N	Stacey	Trying really hard in maths.
SB	Shaun	Using higher order vocabulary in discussions about writing.
SC	Lachlan	Excellent work in his writing this week.

Rainbow Awards

Year	Student
4	Angel, Ra, Kenny and Aaron



Last Friday we had wrapped 62 baskets for the Easter raffle and today we finished the remainder during Library Friday. Thanks so much to the staff who had it all organised for us, the wonderful volunteers for their time and effort, and to those families who donated chocolate or other Easter goodies to fill these baskets. I hope you have purchased your tickets to win one of these fabulous prizes. More tickets are available at the office if you need them. Remember that all money raised from this raffle will be used to buy books for our classrooms.

Want to order an Entertainment Book? I purchased mine online and have received my bonus offers for getting in early. I love the discounts this book has for such a variety of places. You can purchase a hard copy (book delivered to the school) or a digital edition which can be used on up to four devices. There are flyers at the office with more information or look online at www.entertainmentbook.com.au and remember that 20% of the purchase price will go directly to the P & C's fundraising efforts. We appreciate your support.

Love to cook or bake with the family? Do you have a family recipe that has been passed down to you? Have you donated a dish at one of our multicultural days? The P & C will be creating a Rainbow Street cookbook and would love to include your recipes and photos. If you are interested in helping to create this cookbook or simply contributing a recipe please let us know at info@rainbowstpandc.org.au or use the contact us tab at www.rainbowstpandc.org.au

Our P & C meeting is on Monday night, 3 April 2017, in the Gallery of Learning from 6pm. If you wish to take advantage of the free childcare at TRAC (children over the age of 3) please contact Tanya at tracrandwick@gmail.com by this evening, Friday 31 March 2017. Our Connect Time will be presentations from the Principals of Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High schools. It is never too early to start hearing about what high schools can offer for your child's future education. Please note that we won't be having a P & C meeting in May due to the short time period between meetings with the school holidays.

Sal Notaras
P & C President

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 these events.