

CALENDAR

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

Happy Holidays

Can you believe it? It is already the end of the first term of the 2017 school year! How time flies!

I would like to take this opportunity to commend our students and staff for their fabulous work this term. I would also like to thank the parent community for their ongoing support.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.

Finland

I am off to Finland for a self-funded study tour during the holidays. Along with a number of other Principals I will be learning about the Finnish education system, one of the highest performing systems in the world.

Major Capital Works Update

I am sure that you will notice big changes to the demountable set up when you return from school holidays. A dry Saturday last weekend enabled the

excavation that had been outstanding to take place and the workers are now ready to lay paths, further cabling etc. The roof structure has commenced as well. Some photographs of the setup are on display in the Gallery.

Parent Teacher Interviews

It was fantastic to see so many of you at school this week for parent/teacher interviews. It is such an important part of schools and families working together.

Whilst we do have this formal time at the end of Term 1, a reminder that you are most welcome to schedule an interview with your child's class teacher at any time during the year. This is particularly important if you have a concern or a change in family circumstances that may impact on your child.

Staff News

Thank you to Justine Jennings for all of her work in the library in Term 1. She has provided wonderful learning experiences for the RSPS students.

Next term we welcome Pauline Soo to the RSPS staff. Mrs Soo recently gained, through merit selection, the teacher-librarian position.

School Development Day

Staff return to school on Monday 24 April for a day of professional learning. The agenda for the day includes:

- Using PLAN software to track student learning and plan where to next
- EAL/D Learning Progression
- Semester 1 Reports (what's changed)
- Building resilience and wellbeing

We look forward to all of our students returning to school on Wednesday 26 April (Tuesday 25 April is a public holiday).

Opportunity Class Placement

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient 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 combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 26 July 2017**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the Internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **26 April 2017** in a printed application information booklet and at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. The application website opens on **26 April 2017** and closes on **Friday 12 May 2017**. 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 after **26 April 2017**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

4/5G Writing

Midnight

Midnight. That's the time when the world goes to sleep. Midnight. It's when the world goes eerily quiet and the mythical creatures can roam free. Midnight.

Traopacia. That's where I live.

People come from near and far to try and get a glimpse of our whimsical animals. But no one can.

No one. But me.

I have seen them for a reason; the world nowadays is too busy to see my creatures. It's because I'm not busy. I have time to listen. Tonight we're having a party, I'm euphoric. Deer promised there to be a three legged race, which is *sure* to give adrenaline! Oh,

that's right; you don't know me *or* my friends! I'm Lola and I'm 10, my best friend is a deer and his name is, well, Deer. Our other friends are Owl, Wolf, and Pigeon. Although; Pidge can be a bit of a grouch sometimes...

"Come *on* Lola!" Owl tweeted, "We gonna be late!"
Yep, he's from the outback. But he does tell killer stories!

"Won't be long!" I called back.

"Hey, what's going on out there?" called a deep, unfamiliar, unfriendly voice.
Oh. No. Run.

Hide. That's the word that's ringing in my head, hide.

By Leyla

Record Breaking Easter Celebrations

Give yourselves a huge pat on the back Rainbow Street. Wednesday's Easter Hat Parade was our biggest ever with 104 baskets raffled and happily won by 101 students and 3 staff members. Through your generosity, we raised



\$1852 for much needed K-2 Reading Resources. All of this couldn't have been achieved without the support from the school community, so from all of us, thank you! Well done to Kindergarten on their chicken dance performance and to all the students who produced and proudly wore their Easter Hats on the day.

Our egg decorating winners were:

Category	K-2	3-6
Traditional	1 st Liya	1 st Ava
	2 nd Amelia	2 nd Ella
	3 rd Mae	3 rd Anand
	4 th Behafarid	4 th Sascha
Character	1 st Ines	1 st Illeanna
	2 nd Adelaide	2 nd Jesse
	3 rd Juno	3 rd Eliza
	4 th Cameron	4 th Angelina
Highly Commended	Bridget	Matilda
	Amelie	Ayaan

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



From the Library

Library monitors will be receiving their badges at the first assembly next term (Friday 28 April) and we would like to invite their parents to attend. NOTE: The 3-6 Assembly is held after recess in Term 2.

And just a reminder regarding the Premier's Reading Challenge – all primary students need to be logging their own books. They can do this from any computer by simply logging in using their DET username and password. They can either log in via the student portal and use the PRC link to click through (Google 'DEC student portal') or they can go straight to the PRC website (Google 'Premier's Reading Challenge'). All primary students have been shown how to record their books once they are logged in to the site. Students in Years 3-6 are required to read 20 books in order to complete the challenge – this can include 5 choice books and can include books that you have at home or have borrowed from another library. Students in K-2 do not need to log their own books – it is done for them at school.

I have really enjoyed my time in the library this term, and know that Pauline Soo, our new librarian, will love working here as well.

Have a happy and safe (and book filled) holiday.

Justine Jennings



Sport News

PSSA

There have been a number of washed out rounds this term. As the competition continues in Term 4 we will reduce the Term 4 costs in lieu of the rounds paid for this term.

Cross Country

Don't forget that our annual Cross Country Carnival is on the first Friday after the holidays (28 April 2017). Please ensure that completed permission notes are returned ASAP.

Rabbitohs Schools Champion Program

For being part of the Rabbitohs Schools Champion Program, all students have received a Colgate Rabbitohs Kids drawstring bag containing a Rabbitohs sticker, activity booklet, and, a Colgate toothbrush and toothpaste set. For more details on this initiative visit www.rabbitohs.com.au/kids

Mr Svanfelds

Coordinator

K-2 Student of the Week

Week 10

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Callum	Outstanding improvement in reading.
KE	Winston	Wonderful effort during writing.
KS	Marcus	His positive interactions during class discussions.
1K	Billy	Trying hard with his dance rehearsal.
1R	Millie	Being a kind and considerate member of 1R.
1/2MR	Frances	An improved commitment to learning.
2D	Seogeon	Always trying her best in class.
2C	Kobe	Trying hard with his oral presentations.

Week 11

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
KD	Ewan	Growing more confident when communicating.
KE	Joshua	An improved attitude when working in a group.
KS	Alejo	His meaningful contributions during class discussions.
1K	Angus	His beautiful manners and outstanding behaviour.
1R	Ben	Always doing wonderful work.
1/2MR	Leah	Always trying her best.
2D	Jackson	Improving his reading.
2C	Adeline	Improvement in confidence when problem solving in maths.



What a fabulous Easter Parade and raffle! I know my son was certainly an excited winner on Wednesday! We had a new record of 104 prizes – well done to our school community for making it such a success.

We had an interesting Connect Time on Monday night at our P & C Meeting listening to the Principals from Randwick Boys and Girls High Schools. They were very informative and it was great to have lots of parent's questions answered on the night. Just a reminder that there won't be a P & C Meeting in May due to the

short time period between meetings with the school holidays.

The information booth scheduled for Wednesday morning was held on Wednesday afternoon due to a minor car accident for the representative who was running the booth. These things can't be helped and we appreciate him turning up in the afternoon instead. There are some photos of the demountables in the Gallery of Learning that Miss Sayers took to keep us updated.

I received my Entertainment Book this week – thanks Hui Chuen for distributing them to parents who ordered online already – perfect timing for the school holidays! 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.

Do you have a favourite family recipe? 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 **original** recipes and any 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 An email will come to you through your class reps soon with further details.

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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.

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Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children. Go4Fun runs for 9 weeks during school term for children and their parents.



The 2017 Term 2 programs will run at:

- PCYC Eastern Suburbs – MON 1st MAY 4-6pm
- HURSTVILLE AQUATIC CENTRE – MON 1st MAY 4-6pm
- PCYC St George – TUES 2nd MAY 4-6pm
- MENAI INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE – WEDS 3rd MAY 4-6pm
- MIRANDA SPORTSWORLD – THURS 4th MAY 4-6pm

Sessions include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes plus much more!
Heaps of cool prizes!!

If you would like to register, please contact

Local Go4Fun Officer Linda: 9382 8641
Or visit www.go4fun.com.au for more information

