

# RAINBOW RAMBLER

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### CALENDAR

#### Week 2

Monday 1 May – Debating Workshop  
Tuesday 2 May – Taiko drumming incursion  
Wednesday 3 May – 2:30pm Information Booth  
Friday 5 May – 2pm K-2 Assembly (KD)

#### Week 3

Monday 8 May – Miss Sayers returns  
Tuesday 9 May to Thursday 11 – NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)  
Friday 12 May – 11:30am 3-6 Assembly (4E); Round 1 PSSA

#### Week 4

Tuesday 16 May – School Photos  
Wednesday 17 May – School Photos; Maths Olympiad 1  
Friday 19 May – Zone Cross Country; 2:00pm K-2 Assembly (KS)

### Welcome back!

Welcome back everyone. We trust that you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting term of learning.

There are lots of exciting experiences planned for students this term. These include:

- Stage 3 Camp to Canberra
- Winter sport, Cross Country and our school Athletics Carnival
- Showcase Dance Group
- Maths Olympiad
- Chess Competition
- Drama Club

### Staff News

Welcome

I would like to welcome Pauline Soo who gained the library position through Merit Selection and Tegan Hole who has been appointed to our school in a permanent position.

### Professional Learning

Teachers and School Learning Support Officers were back at school on Monday engaging in professional learning activities. These included:

- 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

### 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.

## Redevelopment

The redevelopment plans are continuing and as soon as more information is available we will provide it to the school community. The next Information Booth will be on Wednesday 3 May at 2.30pm.

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.

## ANZAC Service

A moving ANZAC service was conducted by our school leaders on Wednesday morning. Thank you to all the students who brought in flowers and to Stage 3 students for creating the wreaths. SRC members laid the wreaths at the service. Special thanks to Kevin Christmas for planning the Last Post and the Rouse.



## Years 3-6 Assembly

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

## NAPLAN

Information about the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) was sent home to parents this week. The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 9-11 May 2017.



## School Photos

The School Photographer will be taking our school photographs on **Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 May 2017**. Class and individual photos, whole school photo, family photos, student leaders, SRC, Year 6 group, library monitors, chess team, debating team, band and choir photos will be taken on Tuesday 16 May 2017. Sporting teams, recorder group and Showcase group photos will be taken on Wednesday 17 May 2017. Please note the 4/5G class photo will also be taken on Wednesday 17 May 2017.

All students need to wear their summer school uniform for the photos. **Boys:** shorts (royal blue), blue polo shirt (with logo), white socks and black shoes.

**Girls uniform:** The summer dress, white socks and black shoes. Hair accessories should be plain and royal blue in colour.

All students will be given an envelope with a choice of photo packages available. To place an order each student must have their own completed envelope. Please return the completed envelope on Tuesday 16 May 2017.

## Sport News



### Cross Country

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

### Winter PSSA – Netball

The PSSA Netball Competition starts on Friday of Week 3. Winter PSSA is on Friday afternoons with the students leaving by bus at 12.30 and returning back to school before 3pm. Netball training will start next week and is held after school on Thursdays at 3:00pm for 1 hour.

Both Miss McNab and I are eager to provide the girls with a fun season, concentrating on improving their netball and teamwork skills.

*Miss Goldspink*

### Winter PSSA – Soccer

The PSSA Soccer Competition starts on Friday of Week 3. Winter PSSA is on Friday afternoons with the students leaving by bus at 12.30 and returning back to school before 3pm. Soccer training will start next week and is held after school on Thursdays at 3:00pm for 1 hour.

*Mr Boersma and Mr Annetts*

## Drama Club

Are you interested in having your child join the Drama Club? A drama club has been set up for students in Years 1 to 6. If interested, remind your child to meet Ms Diacogiorgis and Mr Svanfelds in the KS Classroom at 1:00pm on Tuesday 2 May 2017. More information will be provided on the day, along with a permission note to take part.

*Ms Diacogiorgis and Mr Svanfelds*



## Taikoz Incursion

Taikoz are performing for Rainbow Street students on Tuesday 2 May. Taikoz is an Australian taiko drum ensemble blending traditional Japanese taiko practice with contemporary Australian and Japanese compositions. Taikoz shows are seen, heard and felt. If your child is sensitive to loud noises it may be advisable for you to provide your child with headphones to wear during parts of the performance.

*Miss McNab*

## 3-6 Student of the Week

### Term 1 Week 11

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3A	Luca	Great contribution and participation in class discussions.
3M	Aidan	Being a fantastic mathematician.
4E	Finley	For his improved attitude towards imaginative writing.
4S	Kasumi	Her amazing effort in writing.
4/5G	Emilia	Always striving to be a responsible student.
5P	Diego	Having an enthusiastic and positive attitude.
5/6R	Chloe	Demonstrating a deep understanding of Australian Federation during guided inquiry.
6N	Timothy	Being an involved class member.

### Term 2 Week 1

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3A	Jacob	Using outstanding vocabulary in his persuasive writing.
3M	Anque	Being kind and helpful to new students.
4E	Illeanna	For contributing enthusiastically in class discussions.
4S	Vasili	Starting Term 2 with a fantastic attitude to learning.
4/5G	Edward	Great responses in class discussions.
5P	Abbie	Being a cooperative and collaborative group member.
5/6R	Jules	Outstanding application of Geographical tools during inquiry activities.
6N	Gabriel	Being a helpful member of 6N.
SB	Samuel	Creative contributions to whole class writing.

## Rainbow Awards

Year	Student
5	Thuriya
6	Amy



Welcome back to school and an exciting Term 2. I hope you all had a safe and happy holiday. The roof structure over the demountables is really coming along now and a move into these new rooms should be happening soon. Let's keep our fingers crossed for as much dry weather as possible to help the work continue progressing.

For those lucky winners of Easter prizes last term it would be greatly appreciated if you could return any baskets your prizes came in to the office please. This helps us for next year to keep the costs down allowing the school to spend more of the funds raised on new books.

As stated in the last few Ramblers, there will be no P&C meeting in May due to the short time period between the last meeting due to the school holidays. Our next meeting will be on Monday 5 June 2017. Our Connect Time will be presented by Ms Sayers who will share her experiences of her current study tour to school systems in Finland.

Trivia Night will be held in Term 3. This is an adult's only evening and is always lots of fun. Start thinking of who will be on your table of approximately 8 people. We will have lots of great prizes on the night but we will need your help to collect them. If you are able to ask a business for a prize please collect a school letterhead from the office or email me for a digital copy. Your help is appreciated and a prize big or small makes a difference. Each year we raise approximately \$2000-3000 from this event so the more prizes the better!

Are you free next Friday morning from 9am? Interested in sharing a recipe or an idea/suggestion for our RSPS Cookbook? Come up to the library after morning assembly for a quick chat over a cuppa.

Sal Notaras  
P & C President