

CALENDAR

2021

Week 1

Friday 29 January – Students in Years 1 to 6 return to school

Monday 1 February – Kindergarten students commence school

Week 3

Monday 8 February – Swimming Carnival

What's Happening At Rainbow Street?

It has certainly been a very different year at Rainbow Street PS and throughout the world. And whilst it has not been without its many challenges, what has shone through is the commitment, patience, creativity, care and resilience of the whole school community. It is when we pull together that we are strongest and we have certainly seen that with all that 2020 has thrown at us!

Congratulations to all students for a wonderful year of learning and achievement through learning from home and learning at school. Your progress and achievements have made all of us extremely proud.

To Year 6, best wishes for your transition to High School, we wish you every success in the future.

Thank you to the teaching staff at Rainbow Street Public School for your effort to ensure quality education for students no matter what. Thank you also to the wonderful administrative staff in the Office and the learning support officers in the classrooms.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr Annetts and Ms Zarifhtar who will both be moving north. Mr Roberts will be returning home to the Central Coast for 2021. We thank you for all that you have done for the students at Rainbow Street PS and wish you the best of luck for the future. Thank you also to Mrs Bergmann who will not be with us in a 'temporary' capacity next year. We hope that she will be working with us in a casual capacity over the next year.

We also send our thanks and best wishes to Ms Hunt and Mrs Ross who are both expecting babies and commence Maternity Leave.

Ms Courtney Henry has been successful through merit selection in gaining a classroom teacher position at Rainbow Street PS commencing next year. We will have a number of other new staff next year as well as we have a large number of staff on maternity leave.

Thank you to all of the parents who have supported the school over the last year. Your support and assistance is very much appreciated.

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.

Presentation Day

Last Monday we held five Presentation Day assemblies to recognise student achievement. Congratulations to all students who received an award. Our major award recipients were:

Award	Recipient
Dux	Oliver Schindlmayr
Citizenship	Nate Howson
School Leadership	Jude Hutchings
Premier's Sporting Challenge	Archie Hayes
UNSW Maths and Engineering Award	Jem Ross Ryan Allen
Public Speaking	ES1 – Sebastian Melick S1 – Saskia Jolly S2 – Angus Newby s3 – Celeste Ferreira
Swimming	Jun Boy – Max Fischer Jun Girl – Adelaide Hutchings Sen Boy – Kieran Sweeney Sen Girl – Audrey Khamphet Pearse



A huge thank you to Mrs Nalovski and the Stage 3 team for all of their hard work to ensure that the celebration was possible.

Last last night we received the photos from The School Photographer (sample above). Miss Sayers will email these to families over the next couple of days.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were elected 2021 Student Leader:

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| School Captains | Marley Collins
Joshua Ellis |
| Vice Captains | Sara Evans
Bronx Bloom |
| Prefects | Zoe Barker
Matthew Bednarchuk |

You are outstanding students and demonstrate strong leadership qualities.

Year 6 Farewell

Last night we celebrated the end of Year 6's primary schooling with a farewell at Bonnie Doon Golf Club.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Kindergarten held a very special picnic this morning with their bears! Whilst the weather meant a change in plans, lots of fun was had with the bears who were spotted doing their fitness routine, acting out Goldilocks And The Three Bears and drawing portraits.



Benjamn Bear, Timothy Charles and Tigger joined in the fun!



Day 1 Arrangements

A reminder that we are expecting updated COVID guidelines mid January. Once these are received we will publish our arrangements for the beginning of the school year. Please ensure that you have downloaded the *School Stream* app so that you receive the latest information.

Senior Band Performances

This year we haven't been able to see the school's bands and string ensemble perform

BUT we now have some videos of the Senior Band performing. Check them out at:

Rolling In The Deep - <https://vimeo.com/491015057>



Peter Gunn - <https://vimeo.com/491015728>

Thank you Mr Christmas for all of your work to create and share the band's talents with everyone.

Opportunity Class Placement

The Opportunity Class Placement Test was conducted on Wednesday 18 November 2020 in 1068 primary schools and test centres across NSW.

If your child sat the test, please ensure that you watch your email account or depute someone else to respond on your behalf if you will be out of contact when the results are released as offers will lapse if you do not respond in time.

Key dates in the OC process:

- **Mid-January 2021** – Placement outcome information is sent to parents and schools. Parents with offers must respond within one week.
- **From mid-January 2021** – Parents accept or decline offers. The Reserve List is activated.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the 2nd hand uniform shop. A special thank you to Greg and Michelle Dodwell who have washed and sorted items ready for a sale at the beginning of next year.

Learner Quality Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners who have demonstrated our learner qualities and been drawn out as one of the weekly winners:

Ayaanshi (KEB)



Harry (4/5MN)



Hello everyone,

Our first P&C meeting next year will be on Monday 1 February 2020 from 6pm-8pm in the Stage 3 learning space. As our first meeting of the new year, we will look to lay the foundations and set priorities of all we as a school community wish to achieve in 2021.

Also, in our first week back, we should see the return of our ever-popular 2nd hand uniform sale.

Thank you to previous President Jimmy Hayes and Katrina Calverley for such a quick handover. Happy to say all the early administration pain has now been sorted which sets us up well to hit the ground running next year.

If you would like to know more about your P&C, from becoming a member and meeting dates, upcoming fund raising and community building events or volunteer opportunities (**we need you!**) please visit our website at rainbowstpandc.org.au You can even subscribe so you never miss an update.

Thanks again to everyone who has already spoken to Greg or me, the support has been overwhelming and there will be ample opportunity to volunteer next year. We will be in touch.

Have a safe and happy Christmas break and see you all in the new year. Bring on 2021!

Kind Regards,
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