

CALENDAR

Week 9

Wednesday 25 March – Maths Olympiad 1

Week 11

Thursday 9 April – Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 27 April – School Development Day (staff return to school)

Tuesday 28 April – Students return to school

- have been in or transited through the Republic of Korea (South Korea) commencing 5 March 2020
- have been in or transited through Italy commencing 11 March 2020
- have been travelling overseas and arrive in Australia from 16 March 2020
- have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or
- are confirmed as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 by NSW Health.
- If a child is sick, even with a cold or mild illness we ask that parents keep them home until they are well. If you are at all concerned about their illness, please contact your GP immediately.
- We have implemented a number of social distancing measures including the contact students have with each other and visitors to our school. These include the cancellation until further notice of assemblies, excursions, events etc.
- We are ensuring consistent adherence to important hygiene practices, particularly handwashing. Signage has been placed in bathrooms and wet areas to assist with this.
- Teachers are conducting additional lessons about handwashing, the importance of not touching each other or touching faces, and covering mouths when coughing and sneezing into the elbow.
- Teachers are also reminding students about the importance of not sharing food or drink bottles.
- Teachers are monitoring the wellbeing of all students and implementing a vigilant but calm and reassuring approach to discussing concerns.

What's Happening At Rainbow Street?

COVID-19

Firstly, thank you to the Rainbow Street PS community for the calm and measured approach you have taken to the COVID-19 pandemic. We all share in the anxiety that is being experienced by communities, in Australia and around the world. These are challenging times for us all.

The situation is constantly evolving and our school is being proactive in our response and guided by the advice we are receiving from the Department of Education and Department of Health.

We will continue to communicate with you when changes to advice occurs or additional information can be provided. A reminder that we are using the Rainbow Rambler mailing list and the School Stream app for communications. Information is also available from

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/novel-coronavirus>

A number of practices are in place to maintain the health and safety of our school community:

- Students currently excluded from school are those who:
 - have been in or transited through China within the last 14 days
 - have been in or transited through Iran within the last 14 days commencing 1 March 2020

What can parents do to assist with the situation?

- Keep your children at home if they are sick and follow the self-isolation guidelines if necessary. Please keep the school informed if your child will be absent.
- Collect your student promptly if called to do so.
- Advise the school immediately of any changes to contact information for parents, carers or emergency contacts.

- Educate and remind your children regarding all of the hygiene practices outlined above.
- Reassure your children. Answer their questions in a calm but open manner.
- Keep a close eye on official school communications and updates.
- Stay informed of current developments.

Thank you again for the support you are giving us in the implementation of these practices.

Advice about COVID-19 can also be found at <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/what-you-need-to-know-about-coronavirus-covid-19>

The school calendar at the top of this bulletin is rather bare at the moment. When safe to do so we will look at rescheduling events that we had planned. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The Executive staff are currently looking at ways in which the Parent/Teacher interviews we had planned for Week 11 might be undertaken. We will keep you informed about this.

Thank you to those parents who have emailed or verbally thanked the staff for all that they are doing. Your kind words in these challenging times have been shared and much appreciated!

Staff News

Pending the ten day appeal period, Miss Lisa Schindler has been successful in gaining the Classroom Teacher Special Education position following the merit selection process. Lisa is a fabulous addition to our teaching staff.

Acknowledging Student Achievement

Acknowledging the fabulous achievements of our students is important to us but the social distancing measures in place have necessitated some changes to the way in which we present awards. Rest assured our Student of the Week awards, Swimming Carnival ribbons and Rainbow Raffle winners have received their awards this week. As we do not have assemblies at present, awards are being presented in learning spaces.

Miss Sayers visited the learning spaces today to present badges to our Rainbow Badge recipients.



As per our usual practice, communications are being sent through the Rainbow Rambler mailing list and *School Stream*. *School Stream* provides an alert on your phone so if you haven't already done so, please download the app.

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 our school name into the search then select our school.



For more detailed instructions go to www.schoolstream.com.au/download

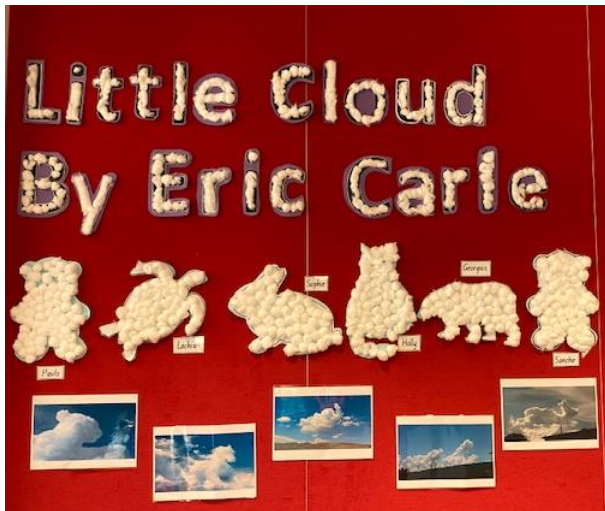
Harmony Day

RSPS is a sea of orange today as we celebrate Harmony Day and the cultural diversity within our school and our world.



Whilst many extracurricular activities both in school and externally have been postponed, there is still lots of great learning taking place.

What Has SZ Been Learning About?



Clouds



Staying safe in the sun

What Has Kindergarten Been Learning About?



Discovering 2D shapes



Using cards to practice addition



Hands ready! Throwing and catching

Library Friday

A huge thank you to the Library Friday team who worked tirelessly this term particularly covering books so that our students could use them in their learning as quickly as possible.

3-6 Student of the Week

Week 7

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3C	Alejo	Having a mature attitude to his academic work and providing support to others when needed
3L	Blake	Consistently approaching daily challenges with resilience and being a great role model for others
4R	Ariel	Thoughtfully sequenced informative text about echidnas
4/5MN	Angus	Consistently working hard in class
5M	Andrea	Excellent problem solving in maths
5/6R	Audrey	Creating a well-structured persuasive text about Graffiti: Art or Vandalism
6A	Noah	Working diligently on all tasks

Week 8

Class	Student	Awarded for.....
3C	Elliot	Settling down to work straight away and completing tasks on time
3L	Sebastian	Gaining a greater sense of self in the learning space

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		and working diligently on all tasks
4R	Benj	Highly detailed and well-structured informative text writing
4/5MN	Olivia	Being a sensible and diligent student
5M	Jackson	Making great choices to improve his learning
5/6R	Ryan	Displaying exceptional manners and setting a great example for his peers
6A	Allegra	Working hard in number groups and attempting all questions

Rainbow Awards

Year	Student
3	Elliot and Sebastian
4	Eva M
6	Ryan and Oliver S



Hi everyone,

We hope that you are all keeping safe and healthy, these are challenging times indeed, but Australians, in my opinion, show some of their best traits in the most troubling circumstances. Long may this continue.

We would also like to thank all the school staff for their thoughtful and considered plans and regular communications. Please continue to encourage more thorough washing of hands for all, which is consistent with medical advice for Coronavirus. A member of my family thought that this meant using more soap, but it is more about how regularly, thoroughly and for how long you wash your hands.

The school has asked us all to update both parent/carer phone number details with school, this is especially important at the moment given the situation, so please do this as soon as possible.

You may have seen in recent announcements that the next P&C meeting cannot be held on school grounds, for safety reasons. We are currently exploring if an April P&C meeting is necessary and if it is, whether a "virtual meeting" might be an option, for some or even for all. We will keep you posted.

Please note that our P&C Information night has been postponed, for obvious reasons, we will advise when it is appropriate to hold this later in the year.

Finally, just a reminder on an easy and free way to help, if you shop at Rebel Sports, please consider becoming a member, which is free and when you do so advise that you would like to link to the Rainbow Street P&C rebate scheme. This gives us a regular flow of credits which we can use to buy sports equipment for the school (you may have seen the netballs and basketballs etc. that I gave to Mr Stephens in February).

Please keep safe and keep smiling.

Many thanks,

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