

CALENDAR

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 – School resumes

What's Happening At Rainbow Street?

It has been amazing to see the spirit, flexibility and adaptability shown by the whole Rainbow Street community. Everyone has taken on the challenges that COVID-19 has presented us with.

The staff were asked to highlight some positives in such challenging times and the key themes were kindness, collaboration and new skills.

Stage teams have been working collaboratively to develop the learning plans for their students. Those working from home joined in this week through Microsoft Teams. We started the week with people working from home calling in for the morning stand up meeting and by the end of the week we could see their faces and hear them as they joined meetings through Microsoft Teams.

In addition to their teaching and/or administrative responsibilities, all staff have been engaged in professional learning.

As mentioned in one of this week's updates, we are taking the use of technology to deliver learning one step at a time as we are well aware that there are varying levels of access to technology and varying skills sets in the community.



This week we have loaned 34 devices to families who did not have access to a device. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require a loan device.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school if you require any assistance at all.

Below are some pictures of students learning from home:



Creating music



Doing yoga on Bright Shirt Day



Kindness mural



Phonics practice

DoE COVID-19 Webpage

The Department of Education has developed a new COVID-19 page with FAQs, information about learning from home and updates about non-operational schools.

The link is: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Please bookmark it so that you can access the most up to date Department of Education information.

Cyber safety

Cyber safety has never been more important. The e-Safety Commission has developed some advice for parents and carers about staying safe online during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Access it here:

https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/blog/covid-19-online-safety-kit-parents-and-carers?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CV19%20alert%20-%20parents%20%20general&utm_content=CV19%20alert%20-%20parents%20%20general+CID_29af4f39070a97c93e3b83de0a5859a7&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Learn%20more

Back Fence

Work continues on the replacement back fence and relocation of the exit gate. Completion of these works will return northern access to the school site.



Well what an array of bright shirts people have at home! Thank you to everyone who got involved in Bright Shirt Day. The teachers all got involved as well

but sadly, in this time of social distancing, we couldn't all get together for a group photo. We loved seeing that in many instances the whole family, including the pets, were involved. Thank you for the community spirit.



From The Library

Book Club Orders

Book Club Orders from Issue 2 have arrived.

Unless you are unwell or in isolation orders can be collected from our school office.

Children's Book Council Of Australia (CBCA) Book Of The Year Awards

The all-important shortlist was announced at noon on Tuesday 31 March 2020.

Head over to

<https://bit.ly/2JqoVtI> to watch the special presentation of the CBCA 2020 Shortlist. The shortlist can be found here <https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2020>.



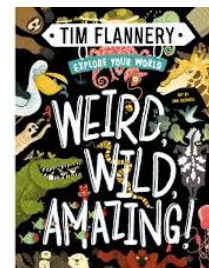
Mrs Soo's Five Faves

To help families streamline purchasing decisions and match readers with books they'll love, here some fabulous resources to explore.

Non-Fiction

Explore Your World: Weird Wild Amazing (2019) by Tim Flannery.

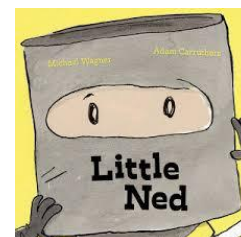
Are zombie jellyfish real? Which animals eat poop? And more importantly, why? Will a vampire bat suck your blood? Which insect drinks tears? I know many of our curious RSPS students will love this fabulously illustrated non-fiction book by Professor Tim Flannery. It's bursting with the most bizarre facts!



Early Stage 1

Little Ned by Michael Wagner and Adam Carruthers (2020).

Ned has a favourite outfit that he wears everyday. Every morning, Little Ned puts on his pants, his shirt, his shoes and, while he's at it, his heavy-duty chest armour, his spikey metal gauntlets, his razor-sharp sword and his iron helmet. One can't be too careful, can they? This book is brilliantly drawn, funny



and heart-warming. This is easily one of my favourite picture books of 2020 so far.

Stage 1

The Bad Bassinis by Clair Hume and Tom Jellett (2020).

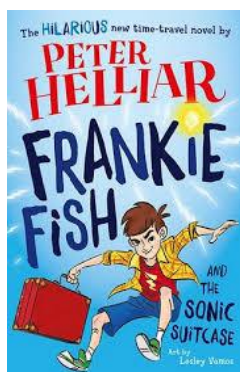
The Bad Bassinis do all sorts of horrible things to the other dogs in their town. When Pipsqueak meets the Bassinis, their lives start to change. This is a book about bullying and courage. This is a valuable resource for conversations about how people react to the way that others treat them.



Stage 2

Frankie Fish And The Sonic Suitcase by Peter Helliar (2017).

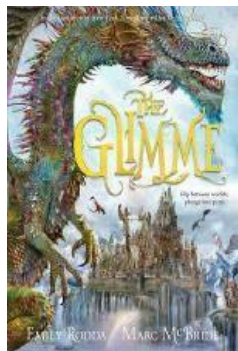
This is the first book of the junior chapter book series for 9-12 year olds by Australian comedian Peter Helliar. I am recommending this series because RSPS students have asked me to help them hunt down these books in our school library. This first book is a fun time travel adventure. There's plenty of fun going on, a bit of history and some silly moments. There are currently five books in the Frankie Fish series. I'm sure there will be more.



Stage 3

The Glimme by Emily Rodda and Marc McBride (2019).

This gripping tale of courage, magic and adventure has been shortlisted in the CBCA Book of the Year: Younger Readers category. From the CBCA website... "Fantasy at its finest is found in this gripping read, where the spooky village of Wichaunt and The Glimme, a land of dragons 'beyond the veil' are vividly brought to life...Traditional themes of good versus evil, family relationships and letting your talent shine emerge effortlessly from the story."



Mrs Soo

Teacher Librarian

Student of the Week

One of last week's home Student Of The Week awards.

