

CALENDAR

Term 2

Week 3

Monday 12 May ESPSSA Netball trials
Tuesday 13 May ESPSSA Rugby trials
Thursday 15 May ESPSSA Touch trials
Friday 16 May Walk Safely to School Day
ESPSSA (Zone) Cross Country Carnival

Week 4

Monday 19 May Selective and OC Test make up day
Wednesday 21 May School Photos
Thursday 22 May School Photos
Friday 23 May Round 2 PSSA

Week 5

Monday 26 May National Sorry Day
Tuesday 27 May ESPSSA Soccer trials
Friday 30 May Round 3 PSSA

Week 6

Monday 2 June P&C Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 3 June Kindergarten 2026 Open morning
(Please note change of date for this event)
Thursday 5 June Kindy Hospital Visit
Friday 6 June Round 4 PSSA

Week 7

Monday 9 June – King’s Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 11 June – School athletics carnival
Friday 13 June – Round 5 PSSA

Week 8

Monday 16 June – Stage 2 Camp (Narabeen)
Tuesday 17 June – Stage 2 Camp
Wednesday 18 June – Stage 2 camp
Friday 20 June – Round 6 PSSA

What’s Been Happening At Rainbow Street?

I firstly wanted to wish all the mother’s and other special people in the student’s lives a happy Mother’s Day for this coming Sunday. You make a difference every day and I hope that you are all taken care of this weekend.

We have had a big week of events this week at school starting with the election day BBQ on Saturday. A mammoth effort from the organising parents starting at 6:15am and finishing after 5pm! Collectively we raised around \$4,000 from the democracy sausage BBQ, cake stall and sale of tea towels. An amazing achievement, and once again I would like to acknowledge and thank the parents who volunteered on the day or put work behind the scenes to organise the event. This extends to those assisting with the Mother’s Day BBQ Breakfast on Friday morning.



School band performance at the Mother’s Day BBQ



The sun came out to cap off another successful Mother’s Day Breakfast.

Our Term 2 learning programs are up and running and it has been wonderful to see the students engaging with learning as I walk around the school. Stage Newsletters have been distributed outlining the learning programs in more detail. A focus for the school this term will be for teachers to meet in teams to review assessment data and use this to plan next steps. Later this term, Semester 1 reports will be published to the School Bytes parent portal. You will notice a change to this year’s reports. These changes are a result of new guidelines provided by the Department of Education. If at any time you wish to

discuss learning or wellbeing with your child's teacher, please contact them to make a mutually agreed time.

Next Friday 16 May 2025 is Walk Safely To School Day. The NSW Minister for Roads, Jenny Aitchison and NSW Minister for Transport, John Graham will be visiting the Paine Reserve shared path in the morning before school and would love to see students and families walking to safely to school.

Walk Safely To School Day

Friday 16 May 2025

Anyone can take part in Walk Safely to School Day. Those living further afield are encouraged to park or alight the bus, further away from school and walk the rest of the way.



Many schools have adopted this system to improve traffic congestion around schools. Walk Safely to School Day is a great way to promote safe behaviours when walking to school and encourage an increase in physical activity. Here are our top tips to make the most of Walk Safely to School day for your child now and into the future:

1. *Be alert and aware*

Take note of the dangers you come across on your walk and bring them to your child's attention. Point out dangers, such as vehicles coming out of driveways. Talk to your child about being alert in a road environment

2. *Hold hands*

When on the footpath, at a crossing or in a car park always hold your child's hand. It is advised to do this up to the age of at least 8 years old and closely supervise until at least the age of 10.

3. *Choose a safe crossing*

Lead by example and choose a safe place to cross the road. Explain why it is the safest place to cross.

4. *Set a good example*

Your child watches everything you do, so if you cross at the crossing they will too. It is also important to share these messages with other carers who may walk with your child to school.

5. *Stop, Look, Listen, Think every time you cross the road*

Discuss this important road safety message STOP! one step back from the kerb. LOOK! continuously look both ways. LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic. THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Practise makes perfect

The more supervised practice your child can get the better, so why not make Walk to School Safely Day the start of a new routine to walk to school more often. Older children may be ready to make the journey to school independently. Before they take this step, observe if they are road safe and reinforce the road safety messages. For more information, check out the Department of Education's pedestrian safety advice for students, parents and carers: [pedestrian safety advice for students, parents and carers](#).



Maths Olympiad

On Wednesday, sixteen students from Stage 3 completed the Junior Maths Olympiad. The Junior Maths Olympiad is a prestigious inter-school competition for high-achieving students in Years 5 and 6. It's a challenging, yet rewarding, competition designed to stimulate and develop problem-solving skills in mathematics. Students demonstrated enthusiasm and perseverance when completed the challenge and there were some wonderful responses to the questions. The next Olympiad will be Tuesday 10 June 2025.



Sport News

PSSA

Round 1 of the Winter PSSA is scheduled to begin on Friday 9 May 2025. Rainbow Street PS will be entering teams for Netball and Soccer in the competition.

Parking Restrictions Outside Schools

Please pay close attention to parking restrictions and signage outside of the school. Randwick Council enforce these restrictions and issue heavy fines for breaching to the parking rules.

No Parking Zone

Drivers may drop off and pick up children during the times shown on the sign but note:

- Maximum stopping time is TWO MINUTES – your child must exit and enter the car within this time.
- Driver must remain within THREE METERS of the vehicle – you may get out to help with bags etc.



Stopping ON or ACROSS a driveway or other access point to and from a property is not permitted under any circumstances.

Student of the Week

Class	Student	Awarded for...
KR	Freddy	A strong start to the term
KK	Balthazar	Trying his best during mathematics
KR	Tia	Demonstrating critical and creative thinking in all areas of her learning
KK	Rocco	Consistent engagement and participation in learning this term
KS	Oscar	Making mature choices with his learning and with peers
1A	Avina	Showing responsibility when completing her class job
1M	Max G	His positive attitude to learning
1S	Jewel	Following the 1S goal of the week
1/2H	Nickrad	Great descriptions when writing about the scaly tailed possum
2H	Marley	Fantastic artwork in the style of Karina Jambrak in visual art this week
2W	Sophie N	Fantastic collaboration with peers while solving number sentence problems
2/3C	Cassius	Commitment to extending himself in mathematics
3L	John	Displaying perseverance and confidence in all learning areas

Class	Student	Awarded for...
3T	Liam	Sharing his insightful science knowledge during writing
3/4V	Evie	Taking on leadership roles and being a kind and supportive peer to her classmates
4E	Caolan	Wonderfully exploring focus words in discussions and writing
4/5I	Fleur	Creating a fantastic Mulga inspired 'taco' artwork
5G	Claudia	Outstanding knowledge of literary genres
5/6C	Davin	Showing skill and enthusiasm during our dance lessons
6M	Hayden	His commitment to learning
SDV	Landon	Participation in maths activities
SL	Tabseer	Positive attitude to learning
SM	Sohaam	Positive engagement in maths
SB	Jenaya	Enthusiasm to all KLAs

School Photos



Individualised student envelopes were sent home in Term 1, week 11. If the individual student envelopes become lost or damaged, please see the office for a blank new one.

All envelopes are to be brought in on photo day which is Wednesday 21 May 2025. Each student needs to bring in their own envelope, even if payment is enclosed in a sibling's envelope.

If you would like to purchase a family photo, this can be done via the ordering code on the individualised school photo envelope and noted on the eldest child's envelope. If you wish to pay by cash, the sibling envelope must be collected from the office. Family photos must be pre-paid.

Photos for School leadership and the Year 6 photo will also take place on Wednesday 21 May 2025. All other photos for sporting teams, other leadership position such as SRC and other co-curricular activities such as

music groups or Showcase, will take place on Thursday 22 May 2025. These will be available for purchase after this date.

If there are any questions, please see Ms Heynes or Ms Meshel.



What a busy week we have had!

The polling station turned out to be a roaring success thanks to all the valuable time and effort contributed by our wonderful volunteers. The first sausage was sold at a few minutes past 8am and the last at 4.45pm, so well done to our brilliant BBQers! The cake sale was also a sellout- who could resist all those delightful baked goods!

Following on from that, we had a tremendous turnout at our secondhand uniform and pop up Mother's Day stall, with all your children buying gifts for you to open on Sunday!

As always it was fantastic to see so many people at our Mother's Day BBQ today. The weather didn't hold us back and there were loads of smiling faces as the band played on. Thank you to all those that could make it.

And finally, thank you to all of you who have already picked up your pre-ordered tea towels. If you haven't, please get in touch and we can arrange a time to get it to you. If you would like to get your hands on one, there is still some stock left. To buy one, either visit the website or use the square option with the links below.

Thank you all again for your tremendous help and support this last few weeks, it's been lovely offering lots of fun activities.

Links To Purchase RSPS Tea Towels:

<https://rainbow-street-public-school-pc-association.square.site/>

OR

<https://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au/>



Warm regards,

Amelie

Vice President, Parents, and Citizens Association

<https://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au/>



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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- * Fri 9 May - Fri 27 June (inclusive)
- * Classes held at Rainbow Street Public School
- * 8 sessions, \$200
- * 3.00pm - 4.15pm

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Workshops:
6/7/8 June 2025
13/14/15 June 2025
Location: Randwick Town Hall