Welcome everyone to our 2013 school year! A very special welcome to all of our Kindergarten students and to all other new enrolments to our school. I know that our school community will make all new arrivals feel extremely welcome.

I hope that all families had a wonderful Christmas and holiday time. We look forward to a busy, productive and enjoyable year, full of quality learning, performing arts, sports and cultural activities.

School Communication
We have two primary ways of communicating information to our school community: this newsletter, The Rainbow Rambler; and the school website www.rainbowst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

The Rainbow Rambler is published each Friday and copies emailed to families. If your email address has changed, please notify the Office so that we can ensure that the Rainbow Rambler is sent to the correct address. The Rainbow Rambler is also available for download from the school website.

At times, notes may be sent home with your child (so please regularly check their bag) and SMS reminders/information messages are also sent.

The school P&C also has a website http://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au/ and a mailing list.

Make sure you keep up to date with everything that is happening.

Classes 2013
Students have been placed in class groups. Stage and Grade teachers met in groups at the end of last year to form 2013 classes. Many factors were taken into account when forming classes and teachers spent a great deal of time and care in this process.

These groups will not be finalised until the end of next week. We need to confirm all returning students and to know the numbers and grades of new enrolments.

2013 Staffing

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CALENDAR

**Week 2**
Monday 4 February – 6pm P&C Meeting in the Gallery Of Learning
Friday 8 February – Sports In Schools commences; 2pm Primary Assembly (5/6M)

**Week 3**
Monday 11 February – 5.30pm Kindergarten to Year 2 Parent Information Evening; 6.15pm Years 3-6 Parent Information Evening
Friday 15 February – 2pm K-2 Assembly (2M)

**Week 4**
Wednesday 20 February – Years 3-6 visiting ABC On The Road
Friday 22 February – PSSA commences; 2pm Primary Assembly (5/6D)
### CLASS | TEACHER
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4/5A | Mr Sean Annetts
5/6D | Mr Adrian Davies
5/6M | Mr Nick McMahon
SB | Mr Tyler Broyles
SD | Miss Kim Davis and Ms Lee Green
SH | Miss Laura Hagan
SM | Mr Rob Miller

### SUPPORT STAFF
- English as a Second Language (ESL) | Mrs Betty Argerakis
- Ms Rhianon Glasson
- Learning Support | Mrs Nicola Hargrave
- Mr Darren Svanfelds
- RFF Programs | Miss Natalia Fester
- School Counsellor | Mrs Wanda Skowronska
- Teacher Librarian | Ms Nicole Mayhew

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
- Administration Manager | Mrs Sue Rice
- Administration Officers | Mrs Jenny Gollan
- Ms Orla Kirwan
- Mrs Melinda Lamont
- Learning Support Officers | Mrs Kym Brown
- Mr Michael Calacouris
- Mrs Marianne Huxtable
- Mrs So’nie Nicholl
- Mrs Cherrilee Subrata
- General Assistant | Mr Steve Kozarovski

### Change Of Details
If you have changed your address or telephone number(s) during the holiday period, please notify the Office. It is very important that we have up to date information should we need to contact you about your child.

### DATE FOR THE DIARY

#### Parent Information Evening
**Monday 11 February**
- 5.30pm Kindergarten – Year 2
- 6.15pm Years 3-6

More details to follow but please mark the date in your diary.

We are in the process of putting the full calendar on the school’s website.

### School Times
A reminder that lessons commence at 9am each morning. We ask that students arrive after 8.30am as there is no supervision until 8.30am. If you need to bring your child to school earlier than 8.30am, please contact TRAC, our before and after school care facility. Lessons finish at 3pm, please collect your child promptly from the playground. For safety reasons, please do not arrange to meet your child in Paine Reserve – some children have been there unsupervised until 4.30pm in the afternoon!

### Swimming Carnival
Our annual Swimming Carnival was held yesterday. It was great to see a number of parents come along and support the students. Thank you to Mr Davies who organised the carnival which ran very smoothly. The students’ behaviour was excellent – well done everyone!

A full list of event winners will be published in an upcoming Rambler. The Zone carnival for those students who meet qualifying standards will be held on Tuesday 26 February at Botany Pool.

### Student Leaders
Congratulations to the following students who were elected as the Student Leaders for 2013.

- **Captains**
  - Uma Baumeister
  - Henry Lopez Lopez
- **Vice Captains**
  - Lauren Loxton
  - Aymen Abiad
- **Prefects**
  - Juliet Farrelly
  - Sophie Henderson
  - Johno Ballard
  - Jai Maguire

### 2013 P&C Executive
A reminder that our fabulous P&C Executive are:

- **President** | Belinda Simmonds
- **Vice Presidents** | Priscilla Scott
- Claudia Wendler
- **Secretary** | Melanie Notaras
- **Treasurer** | Jasmine Hancock

The first meeting for 2013 will be held on Monday night (4 February) at 6pm in the Gallery Of Learning. We hope to see you there.
RSPS Recorder Group
The Rainbow Street recorder group is playing again this term! The group is open to students in Years 3 to 6. We will meet one day a week at lunchtime for 30 minutes in the new hall. Students will learn the basics of recorder playing, learn to read simple music and be able to play as part of a larger group. There will be performance opportunities throughout the year to give the students a chance to demonstrate their skills. Please see Miss McNab if you have any further queries.

Miss McNab
Recorder Coordinator

Lost Glasses
Hamish in Year 4 lost his Rainbow Street pencil case containing his glasses on the last day of school last year. Hamish was in 3Mc. If anybody accidently took the pencil case home or found it (or the glasses) at school, could you please bring them to the Office.

2013 Homework Planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.
Find out more

Doing Well In Class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.
Find our more:

Eight Ways To Get Your Kids Organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.
Find out more:

Smart Foods To Boost Learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?
Find out more:

Website of the Week
According to their website, Kidspot Australia (kidspot.com.au) is all about simplifying the journey that is parenting. Check out their Back2School page at: http://www.kidspot.com.au/section+148+Back-to-school.htm, and read the article by Alex Brooks entitled 12 tips for a better school year.

This year I would like to publish your recommended websites, so if you have a ‘must see’ site that you would like to share, email the URL to darren.svanfelds@det.nsw.edu.au. Don’t forget to include your name and the name(s) of your child(ren) and their class(es).
Mr Svanfelds
Computer Coordinator

A Big Welcome to the new families and a warm welcome back to those returning to Rainbow Street and another exciting year for the P&C.

Our first meeting of the year is on this coming Monday, 4 February, from 6pm-8pm in the Gallery of Learning (near the front office). Our Connect Time topic is “An Overview of Rainbow Street Public School”. TRAC (The Rainbow Activity Centre – the Out of Hours Care provider) provides free childcare for children over 3 during the meeting. Please contact Tanya by 2/2/13 by emailing tracwork@iprimus.com.au to make a booking.

For new families, P&C stands for Parents & Citizens Association. The role of the P&C is to promote the interests of the school, to raise money for the school & encourage participation within the school.
community. At each meeting the Principal reports on what has been happening at school, the P&C President reports on past and planned activities including fundraising and social events, and other items of interest to the school are discussed such as Garden Working Bees or Grant Applications. There is a short break with refreshments provided, followed by Connect Time, an information session where various subjects are presented such as “Maths Update - How We Teach Subtraction”. The meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month during term time.

If you can’t get to meetings, but want to read the minutes and know what is going on, drop us an email via the P&C website, www.rainbowstpandc.org.au and we’ll put you on our mailing list. There are families who can’t make meetings but who want to volunteer at BBQs and help out at our Car Boot Sales or have their say—so you can still feel part of the action! The website allows you to put your hand up for fundraising or ask a question or offer an idea to make our school a better place for our kids. It also allows us to offer The Rainbow Ramble, our school newsletter, in 42 different languages. A translating tool on the website will let you choose your language of choice.

I hope to see you at our meeting!
Belinda Simmonds
P&C President