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

**Week 4**
Monday 18 February – 3.30pm ESPSSA Basketball trials at Chifley PS
Tuesday 19 February – Sports In Schools ‘catch up’ session (in lieu of Good Friday)
Wednesday 20 February – Years 3-6 visiting ABC On The Road; 3.30pm ESPSSA Girls Soccer trials
Thursday 21 February – 3.30pm ESPSSA Tennis trials at Mutch Park
Friday 22 February – Sports In Schools; PSSA commences; 2pm Primary Assembly (5/6D)

**Week 5**
Monday 25 February – 3.30pm ESPSSA AFL trials at Chifley PS; 5pm P&C Welcome BBQ
Tuesday 26 February – Zone Swimming Carnival at Botany Pool
Wednesday 27 February - 3.30pm ESPSSA Boys Soccer trials
Friday 1 March – Sports In Schools; PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (2C)

**Parent Information Evening**
A reminder that we are having our Parent Information Evening this coming Monday, 11 February.

- 5.30pm Kindergarten parents meet in the Gallery Of Learning; Year 1 and 2 parents meet in the Hall; SB meet in the SB classroom.
- 6.15pm Years 3-6 parents meet in the Gallery Of Learning; SM parents meet in the SM classroom.

The sessions will commence with a general presentation by the Assistant Principal who looks after your child’s class followed by the class teachers outlining their classroom teaching and learning program and general organisation.

TRAC has 65 places available for child care. Bookings are essential. Please contact TRAC either by phone 0423 178 180 or email tracwork@iprimus.com.au

We hope to see you on Monday evening.

**Children’s Safety At School**
We would like to remind all parents that we have a number of students at Rainbow Street PS who have severe allergies. Contact with the food(s) they are allergic to leads to an anaphylactic reaction which is life threatening. Children’s throats swell and they are unable to breathe.

We ask all families to ensure that nuts (e.g. peanuts, cashews, walnuts etc.) and nut products such as peanut butter and Nutella or any items containing nuts such as some chocolate bars and muesli bars (check the content label) are NOT brought to school. This also extends to school excursions. Thank you for your support in helping is to keep children safe at school.

**Attendance At School**
Already this year a number of students have been absent. All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend school whenever instruction is provided. That means from 9am to 3pm. Missing even the first ten minutes of the day means your child/children miss vital information and learning. Please always schedule appointments, e.g. dentist etc., outside of school hours. Please also do not book family holidays during school terms. If your child is absent, full day or partial, by law, you are required to provide a ‘justified’ explanation.

**From The Library**
Welcome back everyone. I hope everyone enjoyed reading a great book during the holidays.

Information skills and library lessons will commence in Week 3. All students in Years K-4 will need a sturdy
library bag to borrow books to take home. Please bring your library bag in ready for Monday, as we are still confirming which day each class will have library. If you don’t have a library bag, one can be purchased from the Office for $5.50. Years 5 and 6 are permitted to borrow without a bag, but must ensure our books are well looked after.

Helping In The Library
At the Parent Information sessions on Monday I will be outlining the ways parents and carers can help in the library. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you would like to help.
Nicole Mayhew
Teacher Librarian
nicole.mayhew@det.nsw.edu.au

Sport News
Sports In School
Sports In School commenced today. Students had a fantastic time using the various equipment. Check out Stage 3’s balancing skills!

PSSA Trials
This week trials will be conducted for our PSSA Cricket and Softball/T-ball teams. Students have been informed of this at morning assemblies. The first round of the PSSA competition is on Friday 22 February.

District Team Trials
Just as we have school representative teams so does the district. Rainbow Street and other schools in the area belong to Eastern Suburbs Primary School Sports Association (ESPSSA). Over the next few weeks trials in the various sports will be held after school for students from all of the local schools who have the skills to represent ESPSSA at Regional level. Mr Davies has informed our students about the district trials. Schools are required to forward the names of trialling students to the various sport convenors so please contact Mr Davies if you would like your child to attend the trials or you would like to discuss this further.

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 each Tuesday 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

Carparking
Rainbow Street Childcare has asked us to ensure our school community is aware there is no parking for RSPS parents in their carpark. It makes it very difficult for their families to find parking if we use these spaces. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Website Of The Week
This week’s website For Teachers For Students is published by Kids Media (kidsmedia.com.au). According to their site, they provide free government education resources and programs for both primary and middle-years teachers and their students across all education systems throughout Australia. To access this free Australian Education Resources website visit: http://www.forteachersforstudents.com.au/index.php.

This week’s Parent Website of the Week comes from Priscilla (Frankie 2C and Ruby 5/6D) who suggests Ellaslist, found at: http://ellaslist.com.au/. More of a “What’s On” for kids and parents, if you like them on Facebook you can win prizes and tickets to current events. So thank you Priscilla for being our first of hopefully many parents who contribute websites worth sharing with the rest of the school community.

Don’t forget if you do have a recommended website, email the URL to Darren.Svanfelds@det.nsw.edu.
Mr Svanfelds
Computer Coordinator

3-6 Student of the Week
Each week the names of students who have been recognised with an award at Assembly are published. Congratulations to the first group of students whose names are listed below - a great start to the year!
Next week the names of students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will be listed. The lists will then alternate in line with our fortnightly assemblies.

**Week 1**

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<td>Max</td>
<td>Settling in well to his new school.</td>
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<td>Branden</td>
<td>Settling into his new school well.</td>
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<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>Finishing classwork to a high standard.</td>
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<td>Sophie</td>
<td>Being an amazingly diligent worker.</td>
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<td>Annabelle</td>
<td>Her lovely manners and hard working attitude.</td>
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<td>5M</td>
<td>Max</td>
<td>Making a great start in his new school.</td>
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<td>SB</td>
<td>Cassie</td>
<td>A fantastic start to her school year.</td>
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<td>Abena</td>
<td>Making a great start to the year.</td>
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<td>4M</td>
<td>Joey</td>
<td>Making great progress in learning English.</td>
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<td>Rebecca</td>
<td>Finishing classwork to a high standard.</td>
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<td>Sophie H</td>
<td>For writing an exceptionally persuasive exposition.</td>
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<td>Veronica</td>
<td>Excellent answers during classroom discussions.</td>
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<td>SD</td>
<td>Adam</td>
<td>For being a good helper in class.</td>
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<td>SM</td>
<td>Tyler</td>
<td>Writing great sentences using his spelling words.</td>
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**Randwick Boys HS News**

**Year 7 Closed To Non-Local Enrolments**

With a high interest in Year 7 at Randwick Boys’ High School this year, our 2013 cohort has now been closed to non-local enrolments. As of Monday, February 04, we had only 7 places left in Year 7! The school is considering creating an additional class to alleviate the pressure on classes caused by the popularity of enrolment.

Pressure of enrolments has meant that we are also close to closing Years 8, 9 and 11 to non-local enrolment as well. Year 10, for which an additional class was created for 2014, has recently topped 150 enrolments!

**Academically Gifted Selective Stream For Randwick Boys’ In 2014?**

Randwick Boys’ High School is considering the introduction of an academically selective gifted and talented stream in Year 7, 2014. Planning has commenced and we will provide our partner Primary Schools with more information as the year progresses.

**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 organization of these events.