Mr Lawrence and as she will be at RSPS during this time they will be able to regularly liaise.

**Student Achievement**
Congratulations to Amberly and Beau (Basketball), Ruby (Girls Soccer), Jai (Boys Soccer) and Willem (Boys Soccer) who have been selected to represent Eastern Suburbs PSSA at the Regional trials!

**Date For The Diary - Grandparents Morning**
On Tuesday 26 March, grandparents are invited to join us in the Rainbow Street PS classrooms to see what their grandchildren are working on. Not all of our students have a grandparent who can attend so if there is another special person students would like to invite that would be wonderful. K-2 grandparents are invited to visit classrooms from 9.15am-10am and Years 3-6 grandparents are invited to visit classrooms from 10am-10.45am. Morning tea will be available for visitors in the Gallery Of Learning from 10.45am-11.15am.

**P&C**
Thank you to all the wonderful helpers last Monday night. It was great to see the RSPS community come together yet again.

Don’t forget the two upcoming P&C events:
- Monday 4 March is the next P&C Meeting. Connect Time will focus on NAPLAN.
- Friday 15 March is the Trivia Night.
*More P&C information later in this bulletin.*

**Helping Your Child With Reading Workshop**
Mrs Nalovski will be conducting a workshop for parents on Thursday 21 March at 2pm in the Hall. The workshop will focus on how parents can assist their children with reading. The emphasis will be on Kindergarten students but of course all other parents are most welcome to attend.

**Staff Professional Learning**
As well as our Primary teachers undertaking Focus On Reading many other professional learning activities are occurring across the school. K-2 teachers are engaged in their Teaching English Language Learners
course, Ms Dixon is involved in a Count Me In Too Maths program, Mrs Marsh and Ms Davis are learning about Integrating Literacy and Numeracy In The Interactive Classroom and the whole Executive team is taking part in Leading Change In English. We have many more professional learning activities scheduled during the year.

**Collection Of Children**
We ask that all children are collected promptly at 3pm. Recently we have had a number of students still at school at 3.30pm. There have also been some students playing on the equipment or in the playground after school whilst their parents are talking elsewhere in the school. TRAC uses the facilities after school. We ask that once collected students go home straight away. The equipment is out of bounds for all students and visitors after school. Thank you.

**Absences**
A reminder that all parents are required to provide an explanation for any absence from school within 7 days of the absence occurring.

**MindQuest 2013**
The NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend, MindQuest, will be held for students in Years 1-6. The program is targeted at gifted and talented students and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students have an opportunity to participate in a two day program with courses such as chemistry, earth sciences, Lego robotics, art and much more. The cost of the weekend is $170. Courses run from 9.30am-3.30pm.

Closing date for applications is Friday. Please contact Shelagh Poray on 02 4232 2494 for further information. A limited number of brochures and application forms are available at school. Please see Mrs Counsell (Year 1 and 2 students) or Ms Mayhew (Years 3-6 students) for an application form.
The program will be run at:
- St George Girls High School
- Victoria St KOGARAH
- Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 April

**From The Library**

**Library Monitors**
Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in their application to be a Library Monitor for 2013:

Claudia, Katrina, Lachlan C, Devin, Branden, Kalliopi, Marshet, Jase, Zoe, Tricia F, Veronica, Pavriithra, Annabelle, Sophie O, Beau, Rebecca S and Olivia.

These students will receive a note to be signed by themselves and their parents indicating that they understand their responsibilities and commit to their role. They will receive their badges at the primary assembly in Week 6 (Friday 8 March). Parents and carers are most welcome to join us.

**Information Skills And Library Lessons**
Please ensure your K-4 child has their library bag on their library lesson day.
- Monday: KE, 5/6M, 5/6D, 3C and 1/2D
- Tuesday: KN, KR, KD, 1G and 4/5A
- Wednesday: 1M, 1MP, SH, SM and SD
- Thursday: 2M, 3L, SB, 4Mc and 2C

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
If you would like to begin reading books from the lists please see the link below for more information:

Students may read books from the higher challenges if they would like to. For example, a Year 4 student may read books from the Year 5 and 6 challenge. Please be aware some of the books on the 7-9 challenge list may have some content that is unsuitable for primary aged students, so please choose carefully if borrowing from your local library.

**Nicole Mayhew**
Teacher Librarian
nicole.mayhew@det.nsw.edu.au

**Stage 3 Canberra Excursion**
Next week Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) students will receive information about the excursion to Canberra scheduled for Wednesday 12 June to Friday 14 June 2013.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their understanding of democracy and government, which they will be learning about next term. Two staff members from Rainbow Street PS will attend. We have booked places for 50 students. Places will be filled on a ‘first in, first served’ basis. Once all fifty places have been filled any remaining students wishing to attend will be placed on a waiting list.

The note next week will ask for a deposit of $100.00 to accompany the permission note. The balance, which will be approximately $200.00, will be required
the first week back after the school holidays. We understand this is a significant amount of money. Please see Ms Mayhew or Ms Sayers if you would like to make a payment plan. However, all monies must be paid the first week back next term to allow the school to pay our invoice on time.

ICAS/ UNSW Competitions
Information and permission notes have been sent home with all students in Years 3-6 this week. If you would like your child to participate please complete the note and send the correct money in a school payment envelope, to school.

These competitions allow students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. A comprehensive report is provided in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. Students may enter all competitions, or select just one or two. Please be aware the tests will be run at school at 8.00am in the morning. Please see or contact me for any further information. You may like to check out the website for details [http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about)

Nicole Mayhew
Assistant Principal

Sport News
Eastern Suburbs PSSA (our local district) representative team trials continue this week. Trials will be held for:
- Rugby League on Monday 4 March at Chifley PS

If you are interested in your child attending a trial, please see Mr Davies as schools are required to submit names of students prior to the trial.

Congratulation to the students who represented RSPS at the Zone Swimming carnival. By all reports it was a fabulous day (other than South Coogee PS ‘stealing’ our bus back to school!).

All About Apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.


Multiplication Times Tables

Sorting Fact From Fiction
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.


Website Of The Week

Our Parent’s Website of the Week has been provided by Alison (Sian 2C) who recommends Reading Eggs. Sydney’s Child Magazine had a promo code (BTS22SYD) for new customers for a free months trial (offer ends 31 March) and there are apps for iPhone/iPad. Access the site at: [http://readingeggs.com.au/](http://readingeggs.com.au/).

Thanks Alison for your contribution. Don’t forget if you have a website you’d like to recommend, email the URL to Darren.Svanfelds@det.nsw.edu.au. Mr Svanfelds
Computer Coordinator
K-2 Student of the Week

**Week 4**

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<td>KE</td>
<td>Aidan</td>
<td>For showing beautiful manners.</td>
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<td>KN</td>
<td>Charlene</td>
<td>Always trying her best in class.</td>
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<td>KR</td>
<td>Charlie</td>
<td>Excellent effort in reading groups.</td>
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<td>1G</td>
<td>Parham</td>
<td>His positive attitude towards learning.</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Ruby</td>
<td>Being a helpful and caring member of the class.</td>
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<td>Ariva</td>
<td>Impressive journal writing.</td>
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<td>1/2D</td>
<td>Ryne</td>
<td>Wonderful effort in maths.</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>Calvin</td>
<td>Settling in to his new school and working hard.</td>
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<td>2M</td>
<td>Abrar</td>
<td>Writing a very entertaining narrative.</td>
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<td>SH</td>
<td>Fayaaz</td>
<td>Having fun while working in class.</td>
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**Rainbow Badges**

**Week 2**

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<td>Seb</td>
<td>Fabulous work in art.</td>
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<td>SB</td>
<td>William C</td>
<td>Outstanding reading skills.</td>
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<td>SH</td>
<td>Hakim</td>
<td>Always being happy to help his friends and teacher.</td>
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<td>SD</td>
<td>Emma</td>
<td>Completing her sounds work independently.</td>
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<td>Zara</td>
<td>Showing beautiful manners and always trying her best in class.</td>
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<td>KE</td>
<td>Onyx</td>
<td>For great improvement in his listening skills.</td>
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<td>KN</td>
<td>Vasili</td>
<td>Always listening carefully in class.</td>
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<td>KR</td>
<td>Sebastian</td>
<td>Terrific sounding out when writing.</td>
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<td>1G</td>
<td>Selene</td>
<td>Her Fantastic news.</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Xavier</td>
<td>A confident and well researched speech about Christmas beetles.</td>
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<td>1MP</td>
<td>Thuriya</td>
<td>Super pattern work in maths.</td>
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<td>1/2D</td>
<td>Missy</td>
<td>Excellent contribution at the SRC meeting.</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>Noah</td>
<td>Excellent homework, completing extension tasks.</td>
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Firstly, a BIG thank you to all of the people who helped to make the Welcome BBQ a great success, especially John Bourd who spent hours cooking sausages & cleaning up, and TRAC who provided staff to entertain the children.

Our next P&C meeting is on Monday, 4 March, from 6 to 8pm. Our Principal, Ms Sayers will present her report on what is happening at school, and we will be voting on the P & C becoming ‘incorporated’, and how to spend our fundraising money this year. Our Connect Time topic is ‘NAPLAN’- What is it? How can I help my child prepare for it? What will my child be asked to do? What do the results mean for my child?

TRAC kindly provides free childcare for the meeting – please contact Tanya by email on tracwork@iprimus.com.au by Friday 1/3/13.
Finally, have you purchased tickets to come to our **Trivia Night on Friday 15 March**? They are available from the school office for $20 each. It will be a fun night for adults, with the chance to win great prizes, and raise money for our school. I hope to see you at our meeting!

Belinda Simmonds  
**P&C President**

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**Randwick Boys HS News**

**University Careers after the HSC**

Every year, Randwick Boys’ High School sees a large percentage of its Year 12 students successfully apply for university. Typically, over 80% of the young men who apply for university are successful.


I am always proud of the achievements of our young men and, as I consider the enormous range of studies into which they have gone, I wonder what the future holds for these capable young men and I am proud of the efforts of both these students and their teachers in reaching for their dreams.

Wayne Duncombe  
**Principal**

**Newtown High School Of The Performing Arts**

Thinking about enrolling at NHSPA? See the audition details below.

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**Coogee United Juniors**

Coogee United Juniors are holding registrations at Coogee Bowling Club on Saturday 2 March from 12.30pm til 3pm.

New members please bring a copy of your birth certificate or passport.

Check out our website for more information [www.cufc.com.au](http://www.cufc.com.au)