CALENDAR

Week 9
Monday 25 March – Years 5 and 6 CSIRO Lego Robotics incursion
Tuesday 26 March – Grandparents morning
Thursday 28 March – 10am Easter Hat Parade;
Stewart House bags collected
Friday 29 March – Good Friday (Public Holiday)

Week 10
Monday 1 April – Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 2 April – School Photos (classes)
Wednesday 3 April – School Photos (groups and teams)
Friday 5 April - Sports In Schools; PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (1G)
Saturday 6 April – Gardens Working Bee

Week 11
Monday to Thursday – Parent/Teacher interviews
Monday 8 April – ESPSSA Netball Trials
Thursday 11 April – Cross Country at Paine Reserve
Friday 12 April - Sports In Schools; PSSA; 2pm 3-6 Assembly (3C); Last day of Term 1

Annual School Report
Each year all DEC schools must prepare and publish an Annual School Report (ASR) which is a record of the school’s self-evaluation process and part of the ongoing cycle of school planning and evaluation. Our 2012 Annual School Report is available from the school website (www.rainbowst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au Our School → Annual School Report).

Students Selected! Create East Auditions
Congratulations to the Year 4-6 students who auditioned for the Sydney Region three day workshop and performance for the end of this term. The audition involved students dancing in a series of heats, playing instrumental scales and their own piece, creating their own dramatic piece to perform in a very short time frame and singing unaccompanied as well with other students in front of a panel. A few students likened the experience to the “Australia’s

Got Talent” auditions they had seen on TV! Well done to everyone, we know you tried your best.

Students auditioned in the following strands:
- Drama and Film - Uma, Juliet, Leila, Lillian, Jordan D and Henry L
- Choir - Tricia
- Band - Sofia L
- Dance - Rebecca C, Sophie H and Maisie

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected into the program:
- Sophie H – Dance
- Sofia L – Saxophone
- Henry L – Drama

What a fabulous achievement and a first for RSPS!

REMINDER - Grandparents Morning
Don’t forget that grandparents (or other special loved ones) are invited to join students in their classrooms on Tuesday. K-2 classrooms will be open from 9.15am - 10am and Years 3-6 classrooms from 10am - 10.45am. After that morning tea will be available for visitors in the Gallery Of Learning. If you have family members who will be attending, please ensure that you return your RSVP slip by Monday.

Bikes
An increasing number of bikes are being chained up around the school. This is becoming a safety issue as we have had bikes (and buggies) chained to netball poles and also the fence near where the children play handball and line up for lessons. We are investigating the purchase of a bike rack but finding a safe location (in-bounds and not near where children play or where access will be blocked) is proving difficult. In the interim, please do not chain any bikes to the netball poles or near the handball courts. Thank you for your understanding in keeping our children safe from injuring themselves.

Egg Generosity
Wow! What a generous community we have! The donations for the Easter raffle have been amazing. THANK YOU!
ADVANCE NOTICE - Gardens Working Bee
The Garden Club will be having a working bee during the afternoon on Saturday 6 April 2013. Put the date in your diary!

Allpress Donation
Allpress Espresso has kindly donated another $300 to our school. The money will be used to buy plants for the gardens.

For those parents new to RSPS, Allpress is a local coffee roaster dedicated to supplying the best possible coffee to cafes within Australia. They purchase beans directly from coffee farms and co-ops all over the world, roasting and blending them on site.

-connected to their Roastery is the Allpress Roastery Café, where they have the Recycle a Sack program. With many left over coffee sacks they decided to have these for customers to collect (using for various things: gardening, dog beds...etc) for a gold coin donation, donating all funds from this to local public schools, including Rainbow Street Public School. If you are near 58 Epsom Road, Zetland, why not pop in for a coffee or snack.

Allpress Espresso
Please note that Allpress asks nothing of us in return for their donation (not even a newsletter item!).

REMARKER - Stewart House Bags
The bags for the Stewart House Clothing Appeal will be collected on Thursday 28 March. Please fill the bags sent home last week with unwanted clothing and return it to school on Thursday 28 March (please do not return the bags any earlier as we have nowhere to store them).

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews are in Week 11. Interviews are a valuable opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s class teacher to discuss their child’s progress. These meetings form an integral part of the reporting-to-parents process and we hope that every single parent has scheduled a meeting. If you did not receive a note, please see your child’s teacher.

Rule Focus
Each week we have a school value linked to a rule that we focus on. In Week 9 our emphasis is on “I do what the teacher asks the first time”.

Easter Celebrations
Easter Celebrations are taking place this Thursday 28 March 2013. All are welcomed to attend our Easter Hat Parade from 10:00am where K-2 students will parade their homemade Easter Hats and where Kindergarten students will perform a dance.

At the conclusion of the parade, our Easter Raffle will be drawn. Make sure you have bought your tickets (5 for $2) to be in with a chance of winning one of the baskets on offer. A big thank you to everyone for their generous donations of Easter eggs which are filling up the baskets to be raffled on the day.

All are invited to stay for morning tea with our students. Tea, coffee and hot cross buns will be available for purchase from the Canteen.

Don’t forget to also stop in and have a look at the incredible array of home-decorated and fun eggs on display in the Gallery of Learning.

An huge thank you to Olga (Mark KD); Phillipa (Maya 1MP); Hui-Chuen (Eliza 2C); Sally (Jack 3L and Lucas KE); Priscilla (Ruby 5/6D and Frankie 2C); Claudia (Annabelle 5/6M and Lily 2C); Alita (Rawiri KE); and, Eleni (Vasili KN and Bettina 3C) who have spent time stamping and stapling our raffle tickets.

Ms Engles, Ms Hagan, Mr Svanfelds
(Easter Coordinators)

Woolworths Earn and Learn
RSPS has registered for Woolworths Earn and Learn again this year. Vouchers will be available from 8 April. We aren’t asking parents to buy anything extra, however if you normally shop at Woolworths, please collect the vouchers and bring them to school.

Amazing Art
Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.
Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/
Sounding Out Aloud
Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.
Find out more:

From The Library
Library Display
Have you seen the fabulous design up in the library this term? Melinda, our sensational library assistant, has created a masterpiece that students have contributed to. Not only does Melinda prepare our books for borrowing in the library, she assists in many ways to ensure the efficient running and organisation of the library. Her talents in design and painting are much appreciated by the RSPS community. Students have designed their own leaf to add to the tree, detailing their favourite author, non-fiction interest, title or series. Make sure you come up and have a look! You can also find Melinda working in our front office on a Friday.

Book Club
Book Club orders must be returned to the Mr Men box in the library by Friday 22 March. It has been great to see so many students ordering books. Remember, the school receives a percentage of the purchase value to order books for the library. The books are anticipated to arrive after the Easter long weekend. If you would like to assist in distributing the books once they arrive please contact me. It usually takes about an hour with a couple of helpers.
Nicole Mayhew
Teacher Librarian
nicole.mayhew@det.nsw.edu.au

Website Of The Week
With most of our students participating in Science incursions over the last couple of weeks, it seems only logical for this week’s Website of the Week to be from the CSIRO. Kids get into science at home where you can “Do It”, “Read It”, and “Watch It” at:

Don’t forget parents/carers that if you have a website that you think is worthwhile sharing with the rest of our school community, then please send the URL to Darren.Svanfelds@det.nsw.edu.au.
Mr Svanfelds
Computer Coordinator

3-6 Student of the Week
Week 7

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<td>Arki</td>
<td>Great improvement in writing.</td>
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<td>3L</td>
<td>Jonathan</td>
<td>Displaying pleasing leadership qualities in the classroom.</td>
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<td>4M</td>
<td>Laura</td>
<td>Being a kind a helpful class member.</td>
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<td>4/5A</td>
<td>Kiarna</td>
<td>Working well in all class activities.</td>
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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Louis</td>
<td>For independently making efficient use of class time.</td>
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<td>5/6M</td>
<td>Zoe</td>
<td>Excellent use of persuasive words in her exposition writing.</td>
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<td>5M</td>
<td>Kenneth</td>
<td>Working hard in all KLAs and being a great role model to his peers.</td>
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<td>Alyssa</td>
<td>For participating enthusiastically and very effectively during the CSIRO incursion.</td>
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<td>4M</td>
<td>Toby</td>
<td>Always trying his best.</td>
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<td>4/5A</td>
<td>Jack W</td>
<td>Trying his best in all activities.</td>
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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Isaak</td>
<td>For regularly contributing to class discussions.</td>
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Classroom Representatives Introduction and Class Contact List Information Needed

As you may be aware our school launched a Classroom Representative Program in 2012. A Classroom Rep is one or two parent/carer volunteers who will work in conjunction with your child’s teacher and the P&C to deliver reminders on current and relevant things happening in your child’s classroom and at the school.

Your Classroom Reps for 2013 are:

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<td>Kobe</td>
<td>Always participating with enthusiasm in class discussions.</td>
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<td>SB</td>
<td>Mike</td>
<td>For working independently in class.</td>
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<td>SD</td>
<td>William</td>
<td>For completing his homework.</td>
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<td>SM</td>
<td>Cody</td>
<td>Trying harder to complete classwork on time. Well done.</td>
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We had a wonderful Trivia Night last Friday. Sal Notaras deserves everyone’s thanks for co-ordinating everything and being the MC for the evening. Thanks also goes to Nick and John for their wonderful compering and scoring skills, Nick and Priscilla for the Photo Booth, Paula, Zoe, Mel, Gillian, Claudia, Lorena, Maree and Hui Chuen for asking businesses for donations, Terry for printing flyers, and Claire for dessert! Of course, our thanks also goes to all the businesses who donated items and services – see the list below. It was great to see so many parents and teachers having a fun night together.

We raised $3300 on the night which will be used to purchase literacy resources for the school.

See you at school!
Belinda Simmonds
P&C President

DID YOU KNOW - the P&C website can be translated into 65 languages!
Take a look: www.rainbowstpandc.org.au

Trivia Night Sponsors
An event such as the Trivia Night would not be a success without the generous donations made by our sponsors. In particular, Shane at Caltex Randwick for $500 worth of Star Cash! Other generous donations were made by:
Previously, I mentioned that Randwick Boys’ High School would be commencing an academically selective stream for gifted and talented students in 2014. Anna Edwards, who is coordinating the program, has developed an information and application package which will be released through our school website www.randwickb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au The package will be available from March 27.

This is an exciting program to cater for the needs of gifted and talented boys in our area. The package will contain information regarding testing, the student profile and other information we will examine to select our cohort.

We are looking for academically capable students who display natural inquisitiveness and a holistic involvement in learning. If this sounds like your son, you might like to find out more by visiting the Randwick Boys’ High School website or by contacting the school on 9399-3122 from March 27.

Wayne Duncombe
Principal

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.

FREE fun program for kids to become healthier, fitter and happier!

Go4Fun® is a healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight. Go4Fun® runs for 10 weeks during school term for children and their parents. Sessions are run after school and include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes plus much more!

A program will be running during school Term 2, 2013 at:

Rainbow St Public School
90 Rainbow St, Randwick

Other programs will be held across Sydney, please phone to find out other locations.

To book in to a program phone 1800 780 900 or for more information contact
Emma Sainsbury on 9382 8646
**BOPPER FUN WORKSHOP**
This 2 day program incorporates six 45 min classes per day to build self confidence.
We want your child to have FUN while keeping fit and making new friends. Some classes include: Boot Camp Fitness, Craft, Zumba, Science Experiment, Cooking and Meditation.

**TIME:** 9.00AM – 3.00PM PER DAY

**MOSMAN**
Tues 16 & Wed 17 April

**WEST PENNANT HILLS**
Wed 17 & Thurs 18 April

**CHATSWOOD**
Tues 23 & Wed 24 April

**MAROUBRA**
Tues 23 & Wed 24 April

Great for **BOYS & GIRLS**

For more info and bookings Call 1300 13 03 13
Or book online at www.bopptillyoudrop.com.au