Welcome Back
Welcome back! We trust everyone had a great holiday. The weather was certainly amazing!

Lots of things are planned for the term including the Kindergarten 2015 Orientation/Transition program, Stage 2 Camp, excursions, school photos, Car Boot Sale, rescheduled Daceyville Big Band Bash, Year 6 Farewell and Multicultural Day to name a few. The full Term 4 calendar is available on the school website http://www.rainbowst-ps.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Please always check this bulletin as well to make sure that there have not been any last minute changes.

The term Stage Newsletters will be sent home shortly. These newsletters provide you with information relevant to your child: the class teaching and learning programs, upcoming calendar events, tips and hints and reminders.

Staffing
Jenny Gollan officially commenced as School Administrative Manager this week. Cheryl Van Gestel has been appointed to the vacant School Administrative Officer position at RSPS. Cheryl is transferring from Kingsgrove North HS and will commence on Monday 27 October 2014. A huge thank you to Melinda Lamont for all of her work in the Office and Library.

Entry To Government Selective High Schools For Year 7 Entry In 2016
Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14 October to 17 November 2014.

Information will be available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

All students wanting to go to a selective high school for Year 7 in 2016 will have to undertake the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 12 March 2015.

There are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and one virtual selective high school offering selective placement in Year 7 in NSW.

Walkathon
What a huge success the Walkathon was! To date we have raised over $11,500! There were many amazing contributions. This morning the ‘top ten money earners’ were presented with their prizes. Congratulations and thank you to:

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Thank you to everyone who was able to participate. Your support is very much appreciated.

Violin Lessons
Violin lesson for Term 4 will begin in Week 4 due to the Stage 2 Camp next week and a professional learning day for Mr Davies in Week 3. Timetable information will be sent home shortly.

Library News
Thank you to Nancy in Year 3 for her kind donation of pre-loved books to the library. Nancy brought in some wonderful books she no longer needs, she is making room for some new ones I think!

Nicole Mayhew
Teacher Librarian

Stage 2 Camp To Narrabeen
The excitement is beginning to mount as we pack for the Stage 2 Camp next week at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre. Mr Davies, Miss McNab and myself will be attending the camp. Thanks to the parents and carers who returned all permission notes, medical information and full payment last term.

We are planning to return to school by 3.15pm on Wednesday afternoon. If your child will be attending TRAC upon our return, please let Ms Mayhew know by Monday morning. A note with the final arrangements was sent home on Tuesday. Make sure that this weekend you check the items that are needed for the camp. See you all at school by 8.30am on Monday morning!

For Stage 2 students who are not attending the camp, lessons for these days will be with Miss Cuthbert and Mr Annetts. Year 5 students from 4/5D will taught by Mr Annetts. Miss Goonan will be teaching library lessons from Monday to Wednesday.

Nicole Mayhew
Assistant Principal

School Photos
The School Photographer will be taking our school photographs on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 October 2014.

All students need to wear their summer school uniform for the photos.

- **Boys:** shorts (royal blue), blue polo shirt (with logo), white socks and black shoes.
- **Girls:** summer dress, white socks and black shoes. Hair accessories should be plain and royal blue in colour.

All students will be given an envelope outlining the photo packages available. To place an order each student must have their own completed envelope. Please return the completed envelope on the day of your child’s class and individual photo.

Margaret Nalovski
Assistant Principal

Multicultural Day 2014
It is only two more weeks until our annual Multicultural Day and Food Fair to be held on Thursday 23 September (Week 3). Thank you to the parents and students who have already returned their green forms indicating that they will be providing a dish on the day for our students to sample.

Please remember on the day to bring a plastic reusable food container (not a plate this year) that you can buy a pack of five for $2 from variety stores and a plastic spork (a combined fork and spoon) for sampling the food. Parents, please also note that your children will still require their recess, Crunch and Sip, and lunch packed on the day as the Food Fair is a tasting of the food only and not meant to be a full meal for them.

Lastly, students don’t forget to dress in your traditional attire and/or in the colours of your country of origin’s flag.

Ms Panaretos, Ms Hagan and Mr Svanfelds
Multicultural Day Organisers

Tricks For Encouraging Kids To Read
Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they’ve enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand
How Much Water Does Your Child Really Need?
Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don’t feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child’s school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. Find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child’s age at http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo

Team Sports – More Than Health Benefits
As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don’t go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits as discussed here: http://bit.ly/HlgxVO

Website Of The Week
This week’s website is Disaster Resilience Education for Schools found at: https://schools.aemi.edu.au/

This website focuses on both individual and community resilience and the vital components to developing a shared understanding of the critical role everyone plays in developing a disaster resilient Australia.
Mr Svanfelds
Technology Coordinator

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<td>Daisy</td>
<td>Fantastic listening and comprehension skills.</td>
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Class | Student | Awarded for.....
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SB | Sebastian | Creating wonderful patterns in maths lessons.
SH | Sean | Excellent work during computer lessons.

### Rainbow Badges

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I hope that you all had a safe and relaxing holiday, and are full of energy for Term 4.

Thank you to all of the people who have already volunteered to help with the Car Boot Sale on Saturday 25 October. We still have lots of gaps on our roster. We'd love to have new parents to lend a hand, no experience necessary! We need people for the following shifts:

- **Gate Duty** (collecting money from stall holders and directing cars) from 6.30am to 8am
- **Jumping Castle** from 11am to 1.30pm
- **BBQ Cooking** from 9am to 11am or 1pm to 3pm
- **BBQ Serving** from 7am to 9am, 11am to 1pm or 1pm to 3pm
- **Cake Stall** from 1pm to 3pm
- **Face Painting, Hair Colouring and Tattoos** from 12pm to 2pm

Please send an email to Hui-Chuen at hchh8006@gmail.com if you can help. Please indicate the time slot, your preferred job and your mobile phone number.

To book a car spot for $30 (or 2 spots for $50) or rent tables for $10 (limited amount) then email your name and contact details to info@rainbowstpandc.org.au.

Our next P & C meeting which is both our Annual General Meeting and the regular meeting will be held on **Monday 3 November** from 6pm-8pm in the Gallery of Learning (near the front office). Come along to hear about all of the school news. We will be electing office bearers for 2015, including P & C President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to six additional Executive positions. TRAC provides free childcare for children over 3yrs of age during the meeting. Please contact Tanya by 31/10/14 on tracwork@iprimus.com.au to make a booking.

**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](http://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 organization of these events.