**CALENDAR**

**Week 3**
Monday 20 October – Public Speaking Final; KR Yoga video conference  
Tuesday 21 October – 9.30am Kindergarten 2015 Transition  
Thursday 23 October – Multicultural Day  
Friday 24 October – Round 10 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (1D)  
Saturday 25 October – **CAR BOOT SALE**

**Week 4**
Monday 27 October – 2M Yoga video conference  
Tuesday 28 October – 9.30am Kindergarten 2015 Transition  
Wednesday 29 October – School Photos  
Thursday 30 October – School Photos; Daceyville Big Band Bash  
Friday 31 October – Round 11 PSSA; World Teachers’ Day; 2pm 3-6 Assembly (2/3C)

**Week 5**
Monday 3 November – 6pm P & C AGM  
Tuesday 4 November – Kindergarten hospital excursion; Stage 3 Just Like You talk  
Thursday 6 November – Parents Appreciative Inquiry Summits  
Friday 7 November – Round 12 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (K/1N)

**School Planning And Appreciative Inquiry (AI) Summits**
As you are aware, school strategic plans will be looking different for the 2015-2017 period. All schools will be focusing on three key strategic directions with consultation with staff, students and the school community to develop the plan.

As you are also aware, the school Executive have been undertaking a Learning Alliance Principal Professional Development Project utilising NSW DEC Principal Professional Development Project National Partnership On Improving Teacher Quality funds. The emphasis in the project is to use the theory of positive leadership and associated practices to create thriving individuals, teams and schools. The use of Appreciative Inquiry (AI) to guide professional dialogue in a strengths-based framework is a core component of the project.

**What is Appreciative Inquiry?**
“Appreciative Inquiry is about the coevolutionary search for the best in people, their organizations, and the relevant world around them. In its broadest focus, it involves systematic discovery of what gives “life” to a living system when it is most alive, most effective, and most constructively capable in economic, ecological, and human terms. AI involves, in a central way, the art and practice of asking questions that strengthen a system’s capacity to apprehend, anticipate, and heighten positive potential.” *from A Positive Revolution in Change: Appreciative Inquiry* by David L. Cooperrider and Diana Whitney.

In line with our project, Appreciative Inquiry summits will be used for community consultation for the school strategic plan. The theme of the AI sessions will be *Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue, and the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.* Lyman Frank Baum

**Parent AI Summits**
There will be three AI Summits for parents to choose from. These will all be held on Thursday 6 November 2014 (Week 5).
- Morning 8.30am-10.30am
- Afternoon 1pm-3pm
- Evening 6pm-8pm

Put the date in your diary – we would love to see as many parents as possible attend one of the sessions.

**Staff and student AI Summits** will take place in Week 6.
Selective High School 2016 Applications Open
Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for selective high school placement are determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2015.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school entry to Year 7 in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer. Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. The application website opens on 14 October 2014 and closes on 17 November 2014. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, contact the Unit for assistance.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

TRAC Update
As many of you are aware we have been working towards increasing the number of places available at TRAC. If you are requesting placement next year, please ensure that you have notified Tanya, completed the required forms (paper/online) and supplied all required supporting paperwork.

World Teachers’ Day
Next Friday, 31 October, is when Australians celebrate World Teacher’s Day. Please take the time to say thank you to your child’s teacher for the wonderful job that they do each and every day.

Staff Professional Learning
Scheduled staff professional learning for Term 4 includes:

- Taste Of Ten (Numeracy for K-2)
- Introduction To The Literacy Continuum and PLAN software (5 staff)
- Growth Coaching (Executive staff)
- Teaching Practices With Technology That Engage Students (1 staff member)
- What’s In Your Maths Toolkit? (1 staff member)
- Students With Special Learning Needs (3 staff)
- Achieving Accreditation (2 Executive staff)
- AFL Skills (all teaching staff)
- Adobe Premiere Elements video development and editing (interested staff)
- Non-violent Crisis Intervention Refresher (all staff)
- Positive Psychology (all teaching staff)

This is in addition to the professional learning and discussion that takes place at weekly Staff and Stage Meetings.

Getting Organised For Term 4
Keep track of the week numbers of each term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening at this time of year with School A to Z's monthly planners. They’re easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child's bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Public Speaking Made Easier
Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. However, it is an important skill for kids to master, which is one of the reasons why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB

Motivating “Laid-Back” Children
Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical? Find out more: http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z

Lunch Box Ideas
Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. http://bit.ly/qsfDOE

Library News
Book Club
The final Book Club brochure for this year was distributed this week to students. If your child would like to purchase any books please
pay online, then send in the completed form to the Mr Men box in the library by Friday 24 October. If you would like to help distribute the books once they arrive please contact me.

Nicole Mayhew
Teacher Librarian

Multicultural Day And Food Fair
Next week on Thursday 23 September it is our annual Multicultural Day and Food Fair.

Please remember:
1. Your dish if you are kindly donating a plate of food for students to sample.
2. Your reusable plastic container (not plate) to put your food samples into.
3. Your spork (combined spoon and fork) to eat the yummy dishes provided.
4. Your Crunch and Sip, recess, and lunch as they will occur as normal.
5. Your traditional clothing and/or the colours that represent your country of origin or its flag.
6. Your willingness to try many different dishes from many different people from around the world.

7. Your manners by making sure you say a big “thank you” to the adults who will be serving you their dishes.

Lastly, it’s ok not to like something but please don’t be rude and say, “Yuck!” in front of the people who have kindly donated their time and food to provide you with this experience.

Ms Panaretos, Ms Hagan and Mr Svanfelds
Multicultural Day Organisers

Stage 2 Camp to Narrabeen
Well done to the Year 3 and 4 students who attended camp at Narrabeen this week. There was an amazing range of activities including kayaking and canoeing, archery, bushwalking and damper cooking, initiative games, flying fox, rock climbing and indoor games. All students worked together to learn new skills (including how to get a sleeping bag back into its case) as well as conquer some fears! The students did a fantastic job helping to serve food and clean up after meals. The staff at the centre commented on the polite manners of our students. Thanks to Miss McNab and Mr Davies for going to camp with the students.

Nicole Mayhew
Assistant Principal
Website Of The Week
This week’s website is “Australia Post Education” found at: http://auspost.com.au/education/. The resource material on this website is free. You will find factual information, activities and interactives suitable for use on your home computer.
Mr Svanfelds
Technology Coordinator

Science Topic News
Our Year 6 students received a blue Ausgrid Switch on to Safety Torch during the week. These battery free torches have been provided to us free of charge by www.ausgrid.com.au as Stage Three are studying the Unit of Work ‘Switched On’.

Regina Chan Young Scientist Award
The Regina Chan Young Scientist Award is an annual competition for children currently enrolled in Years 3 to 6. This year’s themes are Alternative Energies or Energy Efficiency. Information packs, registration forms and worksheets can be downloaded from http://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/library/about-the-library/news/regina-chan-young-scientist-award-2014. Entries close on Friday 24 October (Week 3).
Mr Svanfelds
Science Coordinator

3-6 Student Of The Week

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We have a very busy week ahead at school next week. On Thursday 23 October we have our wonderful Multicultural Day and Food Fair. This is always a fantastic, colourful, tasty event!

Then on Saturday 25 October we have our Car Boot Sale. We are asking for a small donation to help us. Please see the list of suggestions below:

- **Kinder, Years 1 & 2** - cases of soft drinks, coloured hairspray OR a cash donation to purchase meat for the BBQ.
- **Years 3 to 6** – Tomato/BBQ sauce, serviettes, packs of juice boxes OR a cash donation to purchase meat for the BBQ.

Donate please, no later than Friday 24 October. Please bring donations to the back of the Gallery Of Learning.

Cakes and biscuits needed! Please bake! We need home-made baked goods such as cupcakes and slices to sell at the cake stall. Please bring donations to the back of the Gallery Of Learning in a sealed container on Friday 24 October or to the stall on the morning of 25 October.
Thank you to all the people who have already volunteered to help. We still have some gaps on our roster. We’d love to have new parents to lend a hand, no experience necessary! We still 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 your preferred job, time slot and mobile phone number.

If you would like to book a car spot for $30 (or 2 spots for $50), rent tables for $10 (limited amount) – email your name and contact details to info@rainbowstpandc.org.au

Our next P & C meeting is both our Annual General Meeting and regular meeting. It 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 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)

**Randwick Boys’ High School News**

**HSC Underway**

The 2014 HSC is underway, with the first English paper commencing on October 13. It’s amazing how quickly the young boys who join us in Year 7, become the men of Year 12 who are sitting this important final examination.

Once again, Randwick Boys’ High School is offering students at the highest levels for the HSC, with candidates in Extension 2 English, Mathematics and History. It is a testament to our school’s truly comprehensive nature that students are sitting for examinations in a great range of courses. It’s also testament to the hard work of these students that we expect to achieve Band 6 results in all courses as well, from Industrial Technology, Wood, to Software Design and Development, Legal Studies to Mathematics, Economics and English.

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.*

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**Remember when you believed in anything and everything?**

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children (especially 10 and 11 year olds) across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers.

To participate go to: [http://tinyurl.com/childsvq5](http://tinyurl.com/childsvq5)

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au
**Road Safety Message**

4 Hold your child’s hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:
- on the footpath.
- in the car park.
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

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**TEACH YOUR KIDS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES, THE SPARTAN WAY!**

PANKRATION is an ancient combat sport introduced by the Greeks in 648BC.

It is a combination of wrestling & boxing, it is a broad form of self-defence using the entire body.

PANKRATION is the original MMA (mix martial art)

Mondays & Wednesdays between 4-5pm @ Legends Gym

Contact Mike Davis - 0424 955 658

**EMPOWER YOUR KIDS, DON’T LET THEM BECOME VICTIMS!**