### CALENDAR

#### Week 10
- Tuesday 9 December – Presentation Day
- Thursday 11 December – Appreciation Morning Tea; 5pm Year 6 Farewell
- Friday 12 December – Semester 2 Reports distributed

#### Week 11
- Monday 15 December – Disco
- Wednesday 17 December – Talent Quest; Last day for students

#### 2015
- Tuesday 27 January – Staff return
- Wednesday 28 January – Students in Years 1 to 6 commence
- Thursday 29 January – Kindergarten students commence

### Presentation Day - Reminder
All parents and friends are invited to join us for our annual K-2 and Years 3-6 Presentation Days which will be held at Randwick Boys’ High School in the Hall on Tuesday 9 December 2014.
- 9.30am Kindergarten to Year 2 (includes Kindergarten Graduation)
- 10.45am Years 3-6

### Reports
Teachers are in the process of finalising Semester 2 reports which will be distributed next Friday, 12 December. It has been fabulous over the last week when reading reports to read of the wonderful achievements of our students. Teachers have put a lot of time and effort into providing parents with a comprehensive outline of students’ achievements in each of the six key learning areas, work habits, effort, additional activities and general school life.

For students in Years 1-6, achievement is measured against achievement of syllabus outcomes using what is called the ‘common grade scale’. The same scale is used in public schools across NSW. Students who are achieving at grade level i.e. where they should be at this stage of their learning, are defined as ‘Sound’. This is different from when many of us were at school and can lead to confusion. Students working above expected grade level receive either ‘High’ or ‘Outstanding’ whilst those who aren’t yet achieving at expected grade level receive either ‘Basic’ or ‘Limited’. Of course, a student’s level of achievement can be limited by their level of English language.

The full descriptors for each grade level are:

**Outstanding (A):** The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

**High (B):** The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

**Sound (C):** The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

**Basic (D):** The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

**Limited (E):** The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Students in Kindergarten and the Support Unit classes receive a comment about their achievement in each of the key learning areas.

If, due to family circumstances, you require a duplicate copy of your child’s report, please advise your child’s class teacher.
Teachers are available to discuss your child’s report and progress. They are more than happy to meet with you, but please remember to make an appointment time as they have numerous duties, meetings and, of course, their own personal commitments outside the 9am-3pm school hours.

Appreciation Morning Tea
We would like to thank all parents and family members who have assisted us this year in the classrooms, at school and P & C events etc. Please join us at the Appreciation Morning Tea next Thursday morning.

Student Leadership 2014
Well done to our Year 5 students who prepared their posters and presented their speeches to Years 2-6 yesterday. You spoke very well and outlined the contributions you have made to Rainbow Street PS and plans you would like to implement next year. The students and staff certainly had a very difficult task deciding who to vote for. We look forward to the announcement of our 2015 Student Leaders at the Years 3-6 Presentation Day.

P & C Executive
A massive thank you to this year’s P & C Executive: Belinda Simmonds, Priscilla Scott, Sally Notaras, Jasmine Hancock and Melanie Notaras. Your contribution to Rainbow Street Public School has been outstanding! What a team!

Congratulations to the following parents who were elected as members of the P & C Executive at this week’s Annual General Meeting.

President  Sally Notaras
Vice Presidents  Greg Dodwell  Jackie Fitzgerald
Secretary  Lilly Roberts
Treasurer  Jasmine Hancock
Additional Executive  Katrina Allen  Phillippa Bourke  Isabel Cetin  Hui-Chuen Hoh  Melanie Notaras  Priscilla Scott  Belinda Simmonds

We look forward to another productive year of working together to ensure that Rainbow Street Public School is the best that it can be.

2015 Absence
It is essential that we have accurate numbers for 2015 class development. If you are travelling and will not return for the first day of school next year (28 January 2015) AND you did not indicate this on your enrolment confirmation form, please collect an Attendance Exemption form from the Office and complete it as soon as possible. This will ensure that we can ‘count’ your child and they will have a place for next year. Thank you.

Group Photos
All group photos (SRC, Sport, Music etc.) are now available for viewing in the Gallery of Learning. The cost of each photo is $16 OR 2 for $30, 3 for $42, 4 for $52 or 5 for $60. Any additional photos thereafter are $10 each. This discount is only available per family order. If you would like to purchase a photo, please collect an envelope from the office. All orders must be returned to school by Friday 12 December 2014.
Margaret Nalovski
Assistant Principal

Sports News
2015 Swimming Carnival
The 2015 school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 5 February at Des Renford Aquatic Centre.

Year 5 And 6 Visit To Canberra 2015
Bookings are currently being confirmed for the Year 5 and 6 three day excursion to Canberra during Term 2 of next year, Week 4 (Monday 18 - Wednesday 20 May 2015). This excursion will support student learning about government. Students will visit venues such as Parliament House, the Parliamentary Education Office, Telstra Tower, the Australian War Memorial, Electoral Education Centre, Questacon, National Museum of Australia, Mount Ainslie lookout.
and the Australian Institute of Sport, and undertake a
driving tour of the embassy and lodge district. The
cost will be approximately $310.
Nicole Mayhew
Assistant Principal

From the Library
Return Of Books
Please ensure all library books have been
returned to the library. It is very important for us to
be able to prepare for our stocktake next week. Your
cooperation is much appreciated. Reminder notices
will be sent from next week.

Thank You
A huge thank you to all of the parents, grandparents
and friends that have covered books, assisted in the
library and returned books to the shelves during 2014.
The library is a busy place with every student visiting
every week. Without your help it would be
impossible!

Reading Recovery Acknowledgements
Four students were presented with a book at this
week’s K-2 Assembly for their participation in the
Reading Recovery Program. This took the total
number of students involved in the intensive early
literacy program this year to twelve. Well done to
Himay, Haarits, Onyx and Ilana. More information
about the successes of our Reading Recovery Program
and students will be included in the 2014 Annual
School Report.
Mr Svanfelds
Reading Recovery Teacher

Website Of The Week
This week’s Website of the Week is “The Australian
Made Campaign” found at:
http://www.australianmade.com.au/resources/school-
kits/?utm_source=FTFS&utm_medium=Banner&utm_
term=School+Kits&utm_campaign=FTFS+School+Kits.
The site provides resources relating to the
importance of buying Australian Made and
Australian Grown products, as well as
identifying the Australian Made
Campaign logos. It also includes an e-
book, student facts and activity ideas.
Mr Svanfelds
Technology Coordinator

For The Love Of Science
Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to
understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if
a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage
them to develop persistence and humility – the idea
that they won't always be right.
Listen to the podcast:
http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-
study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-
tips/for-the-love-of-science

Pleasures Of Free Play
Allowing free time for children to play on their own,
making up games and activities, can help kids to be
comfortable in their own company, teach them how
to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their
imagination.
Under scheduling your child:
benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child

K-2 Student Of The Week
Week 8

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<td>Kieran</td>
<td>Excellent contributio in class discussions.</td>
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<td>KE</td>
<td>Zac</td>
<td>Wonderful work in reading groups.</td>
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<td>KR</td>
<td>Max</td>
<td>Fantastic effort in the computer lab.</td>
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<td>Zane</td>
<td>Fantastic effort in reading.</td>
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<td>Abdul</td>
<td>Being a polite and kind member of 1D.</td>
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<td>Ilana</td>
<td>Great improvement in reading.</td>
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<td>1/2M</td>
<td>Asya</td>
<td>Fantastic listening and comprehension skills in reading groups.</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>Ruby</td>
<td>Always works hard in all key learning areas.</td>
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<td>2M</td>
<td>Diya</td>
<td>Being a positive and kind member of our class.</td>
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<td>2/3C</td>
<td>Danica</td>
<td>Always producing quality work.</td>
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<td>SH</td>
<td>Pedro</td>
<td>Trying his best with reading and handwriting.</td>
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Rainbow Badges

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<td>Thuriya, Massimiliano, Ethan, Merrill, Jihoon, Matthew, Henry and Seeya</td>
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We had our **Annual General Meeting** on Monday, 1 December 2014, and I would like to introduce you to our new office bearers for 2015. Sally Notaras is the President, Jackie Fitzgerald and Greg Dodwell are our two Vice-Presidents, Lilly Roberts is our Secretary, Jasmine Hancock will continue as Treasurer, and Phillippa Bourke, Hui-chuen Hoh, Isabel Cetin, Priscilla Scott, Melanie Notaras and myself, Belinda Simmonds, are in additional Executive positions. Thank you to all of the members who attended and nominated for positions. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers interested in our school and its P & C Association. Thank you to TRAC for providing childcare during our meetings this year, and to Ms Sayers, all of the Assistant Principals, and staff for their ongoing support during this year.

We have some exciting news from the GreenMoney program. We came 2nd and have won a $300 voucher from Rebel Sports for the school. Thank you to all of the people who joined in.

We are having an end of year raffle and tickets will be sent home soon. Frank and Nicky from Top Gun Appliances have kindly donated a Samsung Flat Screen TV as first prize. Other prizes include vouchers from Kidstuff, hairdressing and Mr Soccer.

Finally, the school disco will be on Monday 15 December, with Kindergarten to Year 2 at 4pm and Years 3 to 6 at 5.30pm. If you are able to help with
setting up, selling tickets before school or supervising on the night, please see Jess at the canteen.

This will be my final Rambler article as P & C President. I would like to thank the 2014 Executive team of Sally Notaras, Priscilla Scott, Melanie Notaras and Jasmine Hancock for all of their support this year. I would also like to thank the school community for their support of all our activities. It has been a fun and busy year, and we have donated $14 000 to the school to purchase maths resources and an interactive whiteboard. We raised $24 514 between November 2013 and November 2014, so we have money in the bank for next year to purchase more resources for our school.

Wishing you a happy, safe and enjoyable festive season.
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

The P & C are requesting your attendance at a special meeting of the Rainbow St P & C on Friday 12 December 2014 at 9:05am outside the school hall to vote on a motion to move some P & C funds to a separate bank account.

The motion reads:
That Rainbow St Public School P & C put the $15 000 donated by Randwick Council on the 29th of April 2014, into a separate interest bearing account.

Canteen News
New Menu for 2015
Please look out for the new menu, which will be published in the Rambler in the coming weeks. There will be quite a few changes to this year’s menu in price and hot food items, so don’t forget to print it off and stick it on your fridge. Also for those who order online please be prepared for the online system to be “offline” the first few days of Term 1 2015 until classes have been finalised.

Credit Accounts
For those parents who have a credit account at the canteen can you please ensure that it is IN CREDIT by the end of this term. Any credit will be carried over to next year; any accounts in arrears will be put on hold until the accounts have been paid.

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.
Sports Fun Holiday Camps

Spring School Holiday Camps
Moore Park and Matraville

Our Sports Fun Holiday Camps are for children aged 3 – 10 years old. The Camps are multi-sport camps, with between 3 and 5 sports taught each day. The Camps run at the following times:
- 8.30am - 3.00pm (full day - $60.00 per child per day)
- 9.30am - 1.00pm (half day - $50.00 per child per day)
- 10% discount for 3 or more days, groups of 5 or more & siblings.

Moore Park Tennis:
Wed 17th & Fri 19th Dec
Mon 5th, Wed 7th & Fri 9th Jan
Mon 12th, Wed 14th & Fri 16th Jan
Mon 19th, Wed 21st & Fri 23rd Jan

Matraville Sports Centre:
Tues 16th & Thurs 18th Dec
Tues 6th & Thurs 8th Jan
Tues 13th & Thurs 15th Jan
Tues 20th & Thurs 22nd Jan

Bookings: Jamie on 0408 033 113
e-mail esu@sportsfun.com.au for more details.

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Wild Street's Carols

Sunday 14 December
5.30pm Free BBQ • 6.30pm Carols

What's on your wish list this Christmas?

Enjoy some amazing talents, sing lots of famous carols, meet surprising judges and see who’s the real winner this Christmas!

Also join us for Christmas
Christmas Eve 9pm
Christmas Day 8am Traditional 10am Family

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