### Calendar

#### Week 7
- **Monday 10 March** - High School Expression Of Interest (EOI) forms distributed to Year 6 students
- **Tuesday 11 March** - StEPS vision testing (Kindergarten students); Randwick Girls’ and Boys’ High Schools Open Night
- **Thursday 13 March** - Selective High School Test
- **Friday 14 March** - Round 4 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (1/2M)

#### Week 8
- **Tuesday 18 March** – Grandparents’ Morning
- **Wednesday 19 March** – Regional Swimming Carnival
- **Friday 21 March** – Round 5 PSSA; Best Start reports distributed to Kindergarten families; Harmony Day; Year 6 High School EOIs due; 2pm 3-6 Assembly (5/6G)

#### Week 9
- **Friday 28 March** – Round 6 PSSA; 2pm K-2 Assembly (1F); 7pm Trivia Night

### High School Expression Of Interest Forms
On Monday all Year 6 students will receive a form to express interest in attending a Government High School in 2015. Parents are required to complete the form and return it to school by Friday 21 March. If you would like some assistance to complete the form, Miss Sayers will be available on Wednesday afternoon (12 March) from 3.15pm to 4pm to answer any questions regarding the form.

### Uniforms – Girls Dresses On Sale
We have the following girls’ uniforms for sale for $20 in the Office:
- 8 x size 14 summer dresses (normal retail $53.50)
- 2 x size 12 winter tunics (normal retail $48.95)
First in, best dressed – literally!

### Harmony Day
Harmony Day is on Friday 21 March (Week 8) and this year’s theme is *Everyone Belongs*. Like last year, we are encouraging all students to wear as much orange coloured clothing as they can on the day to recognise the diverse backgrounds that enrich Australia and Rainbow Street Public School. Jessica will be selling a range of orange foods in the canteen at recess and posters have been put up around the school. For more information about Harmony Day 2014, visit the website at: [http://www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au).

Ms Diacogiorgis, Ms Munk, Ms Hargrave and Mr Svanfelds
Harmony Day Organising Committee

### Sports News

**Regional Swimming**

Congratulations to the following students who will represent ESPSSA at the Regional Swimming Carnival to be held later in the term:
- Katrina (50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly)
- Amelia (50m Freestyle)
- Alex T (50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly)

### Thank You
A huge thank you to the P&C who voted to raise funds for the following in 2014:
- $6000 towards Maths resources to support the new syllabus
- Interactive Whiteboard for one of the ESL classrooms

Your support is very much appreciated by the staff and students!

### Playground Works
Over the coming two weeks, dependent on the weather, work will be undertaken on two areas of our playground. The playground markings will be repainted and the grass area between the two long garden beds on the eastern side of the school will be returfed.

We seek your support in keeping students (and especially toddler siblings) away from the areas being worked on.
From The Library

Donated Books

We have had a number of very generous students donating books to our school library this term. A big thank you to Aaron B (his family donated lots of new books they purchased during their overseas trip), Stepan, Timofey and Matteo. Thanks for your kindness in donating these for other students to also enjoy.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

The challenge begins this week! All students in our school are invited to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students from Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

Our K-2 students will be reading at least 30 of the PRC books at school that will lead to them receiving a certificate at the end of the year. Year 3-6 students are responsible for their own reading for the challenge. We have a box of PRC books that students can choose from during their library time. They will also be taught how to register their books through their Student Portal.

I look forward to many of our students having their love for reading recognised at the end of the year. The challenge officially finishes in August, so get reading!

Book Club

Rainbow St PS will be offering Scholastic Book Club again this year. Brochures will be sent home with your child next week with all the information.

Scholastic Book Club has a Book Club for every grade level from Kindergarten through to Year 6. Each club is exclusively school-based, and is run by myself and parent helpers. In each issue of the Scholastic Book Club student brochure, your child will find a terrific selection of new and noteworthy fiction, classics, award-winning titles, perennial favourites, reference books, sports books and more.

By participating in Scholastic Book Clubs, our school library can earn FREE teaching materials and resources. Every order you or your child places earns bonus coupons, to be used to purchase items for our school. Look out for the brochure next week.

Nicole Mayhew
Teacher Librarian

ICAS – UNSW Competitions (Years 3 – 6)

Information and permission notes about the ICAS/UNSW competitions have been given to all students in Years 3-6 this week. If your child would like to participate, please complete the form and return it with payment to your child’s class teacher. Please keep a copy at home of which tests your child will be participating in and the dates for each. For more information see the website http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/ or contact Ms Mayhew or Miss Fester.

Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening

The Statewide Eyesight Preschool Screening (StEPS) program will be conducted at Rainbow Street Public School on Tuesday 11 March 2014. This service is available to all Kindergarten students even if they have previously been tested. If you have not completed a consent form and would like to have your child’s eyes tested, please see your child’s teacher for a form.

Margaret Nalovski
Assistant Principal

2014 Homework Planner

The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk. Find out more:


Maths A To Z

Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples. Find out more:

Great Books For Tweens To Read

Science assignment starters
Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-project-starters

Website Of The Week
This week’s website is The Kidz Page. The site contains online games, jigsaw puzzles, colouring pages, kids’ Clip Art, learning games, and kids online toys. To play some of the math and number games, educational word games, picture games, Sudoku games, and memory games, then visit: http://www.thekidzpage.com/learninggames/
Mr Svanfelds
Computer Coordinator

3-6 Student of the Week

Week 5

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<td>Aydin</td>
<td>Making a fantastic effort to write with expression and detail.</td>
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<td>3L</td>
<td>Lochy</td>
<td>His excellent contributions during speaking and writing activities.</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Zara</td>
<td>Always working with 100% effort.</td>
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<td>4M</td>
<td>Georgia</td>
<td>Being a responsible learner.</td>
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<td>4/5D</td>
<td>Alyssa</td>
<td>Writing an outstanding imaginative text.</td>
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<td>5G</td>
<td>Abanoub</td>
<td>Beginning the Premier’s Reading Challenge with enthusiasm.</td>
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<td>5/6G</td>
<td>Jase</td>
<td>Insightful input during class discussions.</td>
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<td>5/6M</td>
<td>Amelia</td>
<td>Being an excellent school captain.</td>
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<td>Katie</td>
<td>Her artistic skills, drawing a pink unicorn dancing on a rainbow.</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Abena</td>
<td>Showing a positive attitude at all times.</td>
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<td>4M</td>
<td>Stepan</td>
<td>Fantastic mathematics work.</td>
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<td>4/5D</td>
<td>Aiden</td>
<td>Writing an outstanding imaginative text.</td>
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<td>5/6G</td>
<td>Pavithra</td>
<td>Her dedication towards the design of her science project.</td>
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<td>5/6M</td>
<td>Marshet</td>
<td>Always trying her best.</td>
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<td>SB</td>
<td>Leo</td>
<td>Having a positive attitude in class and completing his work.</td>
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Rainbow Awards
This week’s recipients are:

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<td>James M, Willow, Gaby, Yao, Dhruv, Max, Matthew H and Patrick</td>
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<td>Rebecca S</td>
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It was great to see lots of people at our meeting on Monday. We voted on our fundraising priorities for the year and we will be raising money to purchase maths resources and a new interactive whiteboard for the junior English as a Second Language (ESL) classroom. We also had a look at the new and improved P & C website. Thank you to Kim Brebach for his work on this website. Take a look at it at www.rainbowstpandc.org.au The website can also be translated into 65 different languages if you prefer to read in another language.

Our first fundraising event for the year will be a Trivia Night on Friday 28 March 2014. Mark your diary, book your babysitter, tell your friends and polish your thinking caps. Tickets are $20 per head, in tables of 8. To purchase a ticket, please enclose cash (only) in an envelope and then write your name and your team name (if you have one) on the envelope, and deliver it to the Office. If you can’t make up a table, that’s fine – come along, we’ll find a spot for you! The Mystery Envelopes will be returning this year. Purchase an Envelope for $10, $20 or $50 and you will get a prize back worth more than double of what you paid. If you would like to help by donating prizes to promote your business, contacting businesses to donate prizes, helping set up or helping on the night, please contact Sally Notaras on p.notaras@optusnet.com.au  Thanks in advance!

Our first Car Boot Sale will be on Sunday 1 June 2014. Please mark the date on your calendar – we will need lots of “hands on deck” to help – more information to come at a later date.

Finally, our next meeting is on Monday, 7 April 2014, from 6pm-8pm in the Gallery of Learning (near the front office). Our Connect Time topic is “Learning Maths Can be Fun – Count Me In Too”. TRAC (The Rainbow Activity Centre – the Out of Hours Care provider) provides free childcare for children over 3 during the meeting. Please contact Tanya by 4/4/14 on tracwork@iprimus.com.au to make a booking.

See you at school!

Belinda Simmonds
P & C President
Community News

Disclaimer: Rainbow Street Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events which may be of interest. RSPPS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organization of these events.