## Calendar

### Week 4
- **Monday** 19 May – Stage 3 Camp to South Coast; ESPSSA Softball trials
- **Tuesday** 20 May – Kindergarten 2015 Open Morning
- **Thursday** 22 May – Recorder Rehearsal; Maths Olympiad 1
- **Friday** 23 May – 2.00pm K-2 Assembly (KD); 8.00am ICAS Computer Skills; Zone Cross Country; Stage 1 visit from hospital doctors

### Week 5
- **Tuesday** 27 May – Reconciliation Week activities
- **Thursday** 29 May – 4M & 2/3C to Environmental Park
- **Friday** 30 May – 11.30am 3-6 Assembly (SG & SD); Stage 1 Excursion (Harbour Cruise); Create East auditions

### Week 6
- **Monday** 2 June – 3L, 3/4A & 4/5D to Environmental Park; 6.00pm P&C Meeting
- **Tuesday** 4 June – 8.00am ICAS Science
- **Friday** 6 June – 11.30am K-2 Assembly (SH)

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**Stewart House**

Thank you to everyone who donated to Stewart House Day. We raised $1017 through selling the handballs, envelope donations and our Mufti Day. Thank you to the SRC students who helped to sell the handballs. A fantastic effort!

**Stage Three Camp**

Students will be off to the NSW South Coast on Monday 19 May to learn about the goldfields at Mogo and the rainforest at Minnamurra. All information has been sent home. Please ensure students have organised everything they will need.

Students should be at school by 6.45am on Monday 19 May. Any change to medication needs must be discussed and documented with Ms Mayhew.

Students will return to RSPS on Wednesday 21 May at approximately 6.30pm. Please ensure arrangements are in place to pick up your child. No child will be allowed to leave unaccompanied. They will need written permission to leave with another parent BEFORE they leave for camp. This must be a written note given to Ms Mayhew. If you have any questions please see Ms Mayhew or Mr McMahon.

**Interrelate**

Wondering how to talk to your children about growing up and sexuality? We will be holding information sessions about sexuality at our school for Years 3-6 parents and their children. These sessions will be run by Interrelate. Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skilful presenters.

The topic of sexuality will be handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The programs offer an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussion and games. A range of books on sexuality education and parenting will be for sale.

Information and cost were sent home with students this week. Sessions will be held on Wednesday 18 June from 6.00pm – 7.00pm for Year 3 & 4 (Year 5 and 6 may attend also); 7.15pm – 8.15pm for Year 5 & 6.
Consultation on strengthening public secondary education in the inner Sydney area

The NSW Department of Education and Communities is looking at how to address changing needs for public secondary education in inner Sydney. They want feedback from the community and have organised a number of ways this can occur. Full details are available at www.dec.nsw.gov.au/sydneyhsconsultation.

Consultation is open to parents, teachers, students and the wider community. Comments can be made online, by attending a workshop or by hosting a Kitchen Table Discussion - please go to the website for more information. The consultation period is from 16 May – 27 June 2014.

Reconciliation Week

Our school will recognise Reconciliation Week on Tuesday 27 May (Week Five). Students are asked to wear black, red and/or yellow coloured clothing on the day. Students will take part in activities including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and Dreamtime stories to enhance students’ knowledge and understanding of the importance of the week. Jessica will also be selling a range of black, red and yellow food on the day in the Canteen.

Ms Goldspink, Ms Counsel, Mr Loxton & Mr Svanfelds
Reconciliation Week Organisers

Sports News

Winter Sport

The Winter PSSA competition is again underway with Netball and Soccer teams both playing their first game last Friday. Students love to have people on the sidelines cheering them on so please feel free to come to our games as a spectator. Below is a draw for Term 2 Soccer.

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* Please note that there is no PSSA sport on Friday 23 May due to the ESPSSA Zone Cross Country carnival.

Heffron Park Pool is located beside Des Renford Aquatic Centre on the corner of Robey St and Jersey Rd. Coral Sea Park is on Yorktown Pde, Maroubra.

Netball is played at the same venue each week. The seniors play on the netball courts at Heffron Park and the juniors play on the grass courts adjacent to the seniors. The best access to these courts is from Fitzgerald Ave.

Mr McMahon
Sports Coordinator

Password Tips

Keeping your personal information private. Here are ten tips that might help you to ensure that your password and your information remain secure.

1. Never disclose your passwords to anyone.
2. Never respond to or click on links in email messages that ask you for your password.
3. Use “strong” passwords to protect your most sensitive information. An example of a strong password is: m4cqu4r!E.
4. Always change your password in the network/portal.
5. Change your passwords regularly.
6. Do not reuse your passwords.
7. Do not save your passwords.
8. Set secure secret questions and answer combinations.
9. Lock your computer when you leave your desk.
10. Log off or shut down at the end of the day.

From the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) Information Technology Directorate (ITD).

Mr Svanfelds
Technology Coordinator

App of the Week

“Phonics Spelling & Sight Words” from “KNM Tech” is this week’s recommended App. Designed for pre-K and Kindergarten kids to teach phonics, pronunciation, spelling and to memorise sight words, this application entertains kids.
Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all.

A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Rainbow Awards
This week’s recipients are:

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Thank you to Zoe for organising our wonderful **Mother’s Day Stall**. I enjoyed my gifts! Thank you also to all of the people who helped Zoe with setting up & selling at the stall. We raised $563.60 for Maths resources for the school.

Our first **Garden Working Bee** is coming up on Sunday 18 May, 11.00am to 3.00pm – all welcome, including
the kids. It is lots of fun for all of the family. No experience required!

We are having our first **Car Boot Sale on Sunday 1 June** as a major fundraiser for our school. This is a great opportunity to sell your second-hand goods for cash. 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. The P & C also run a BBQ, cake stall, jumping castle, & face painting. Please join in and help the school on this fun day - we’d love to have new parents come lend a hand, no experience necessary! We need people for the following shifts:

**Gate Duty** (collecting money from stall holders & directing cars) – 6.30am-8.00am

**Jumping Castle** – 9.00am-11.00am, 11.00am-1.30pm

**BBQ cooking** – 7.00am-9.00am, 9.00am-11.00am, 11.00am-1.00pm, 1.00pm-3.00pm

**BBQ serving** - 7.00am-9.00am, 9.00am-11.00am, 11.00am-1.00pm, 1.00pm-3.00pm

**Cake stall** - 7.00am-9.00am, 9.00am-11.00am, 11.00am-1.00pm, 1.00pm-3.00pm

**Face painting, Hair colouring & tattoos** – 10.00am-12.00pm & 12.00pm-2.00pm

Please send an email to Priscilla on priscilla@thedollingagency.com if you can help. Please indicate the time slot and which job you prefer, and your mobile number.

Thank you in advance for your help!

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
I am pleased to advise our partner Primary Schools that Mr Lance George has been appointed Year 7 Adviser for 2015. Mr George is a young teacher who has been in the school for several years. He was chosen from a field of applicants, all keen to take on this role.

A technology teacher specialising in Wood and Food technologies, Mr George is also a keen rugby coach and has coached our fledgling Buckley Shield Rugby League squad this year. I know that he is very much looking forward to working with our partner Primary Schools as the 2015 Year 7 takes shape and is keen to meet the young men he will guide to success in the coming years.

Wayne Duncombe
Principal