Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

An information sheet and form will be sent home with your child on Monday 2 June.

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. Whilst these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Sports News

Cross Country

Well done to the students who represented the school at the Zone Carnival last Friday. It was wonderful to see everyone trying their best.

Congratulations to the following students who gained a place in their race and will proceed to the Regional Carnival on Wednesday 11 June. They are Zoe (2nd), Becky (6th), Frankie (3rd), Harvey (6th) and Max D (3rd).

Reconciliation Week

Students recognised Reconciliation Week on Tuesday 27 May by participating in rotational group activities including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artworks and Dreamtime Stories. Students listened to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music and some even made a didgeridoo. Thank you to Jessica in the...
Canteen who sold **black**, **yellow**, and, **red** coloured food and to the students who wore these colours on the day.

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

**Interrelate**

Wondering how to talk to your children about growing up and sexuality? On Wednesday 18 June 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.

There will be two sessions; Session 1 at 6.00pm for Year 3 and 4 students; Session 2 at 7.15pm for Year 5 and 6 students. Notes have already been sent home, please contact the office or Ms Mayhew for more information.

**Book Club**

Book Club is back! If your child would like to place an order this term, please complete and return the form to the Mr Men box in the library before Friday 6 June.

**Too Many Elephants in This House**

The stage play based on the book by Ursula Dubosarsky is currently showing at NIDA in Kensington. Last weekend Jack (Year 2) went to watch the play. He really enjoyed the play, and even took our library copy of the book to be signed by the author – how exciting! He took a photo of her signing our book. We emailed her during the week to ask permission to publish the photo, so here it is! Thanks Jack.

*Ms Mayhew*

Teacher Librarian

**App of the Week**

“Edmodo”, created by “Edmodo, Inc.” is this week’s pick of the Apps. “Edmodo” is a social learning network and is a free, safe place for students to connect and collaborate – anytime, anywhere. Find out more and download from: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.fusionprojects.edmodo.

*Mr Svanfelds*

Technology Coordinator

**3-6 Student of the Week**

*Week 4*

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<td>Ella</td>
<td>Insightful comments about native flora!</td>
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<td>Nicole</td>
<td>Increased contributions to class discussions.</td>
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<td>Zara</td>
<td>Being a thoughtful and delightful class member.</td>
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<td>Mia</td>
<td>Always presenting her work beautifully.</td>
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<td>Willow</td>
<td>Trying harder in mathematics.</td>
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<td>Cassie</td>
<td>Completing her work skilfully with the computer.</td>
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<td>Tricia</td>
<td>Her kindness and consideration in the classroom.</td>
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Rainbow Awards
This week’s recipients are:

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We are having our first **Car Boot Sale on Sunday 1 June** as a major fundraiser for our school. Thank you to all of the people who have volunteered to help on the day – I will see you there! Places are still available if you would like to book a spot for your car - $30 (or 2 spots for $50). This is a great opportunity to sell your second-hand goods for cash. Email your name and contact details to info@rainbowstpandc.org.au. Come along on the day, grab a bargain, drop off some fresh-baked goods to the cake stall & have some fun!

**Our next meeting** is on Monday 2 June, from 6pm-8pm in the Gallery of Learning (near the front office). We will have our usual school and P & C updates, and our Connect Time topic is “Child Safety – in the community & online” presented by our local Police Liaison Officer, Karin Parr-Jaeger. TRAC provides free childcare for children over 3 during the meeting. Please contact Tanya by 30 May 2014 on tracwork@iprimus.com.au to make a booking.

See you at school!

**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

In preparation for the Car Boot Sale the SRC will be selling guesses to the Jelly Bean Guessing Competition before school. Bring your 50c along to have a go.
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.