**CALENDAR**

**Week 2**
Monday 27 April – 10.45am ANZAC Service; Opportunity Class 2016 applications open
Tuesday 28 April – 9.30am ESPSSA Netball trials at Chifley PS
Friday 1 May – 2pm K-2 Assembly (1N); 7pm Trivia Night

**Week 3**
Monday 4 May – 6pm P & C Meeting in the Gallery Of Learning
Friday 8 May – 11.30am 3-6 Assembly (4F); Round 1 PSSA; Stewart House Day (Mufti)

**Week 4**
Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May – NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)
Friday 15 May – 8am ICAS Digital Technologies; Zone Cross Country Carnival; 2pm K-2 Assembly (1M); Opportunity Class 2016 applications close

**Week 5**
Monday 18 May to Wednesday 20 May – Stage 3 Canberra excursion
Tuesday 19 May – 9.30am Kindergarten 2016 Open Morning
Friday 22 May – 9am Maths Olympiad 1 (RSPS team); 11.30am 3-6 Assembly (3G); Round 2 PSSA

**Welcome Back**
Welcome back and a special welcome to our new families.

We also welcome Cleo Zouroudis to the staff of Rainbow Street Public School. Cleo will be relieving Assistant Principal in the Support Unit and SU class teacher for Term 2. Miss Budd had an unexpected family situation and is unable to return for Term 2. The Assistant Principal Special Education position for permanent appointment will be readvertised this term as we did not have any suitable candidates apply in Term 1.

Another busy school term of quality teaching and learning and extracurricular events is planned. Some of these include:

- Excursions to Canberra, the Royal National Park and Centennial Park
- Drama Camps
- Maths Olympiads
- Debating
- Showcase Dance
- Chess
- Musica Viva performance
- Athletics Carnival

Additionally K-2 teachers are beginning to organise their concert planned for Term 3. Ssh... the title is *Take Me To The Show*.

The P & C also has a number of events planned starting with a Trivia Night next Friday night (1 May 2015). This should be a fun evening and a great chance for the parent community to socialise. A flyer containing all of the details was sent home yesterday. We hope to see you there.

The Rainbow Street Public School plan for 2015 to 2017 has been endorsed by our Director, Public Schools NSW. The plan is now available for download from the school website (see the *Our School, School plan* section).

Car Park
A reminder that the car park is only for use by Support Unit students being collected in the assisted school travel cars and the two students who are in wheelchairs. No other cars are to use the car park. Could you please also remind any friends or relatives who may drop off or pick up your children of this. We appreciate your support in ensuring the safe arrival and departure of the students at RSPS.

Opportunity Class (OC) Placement (Year 5 in 2016)
Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. 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, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015.

Workers In Our Community
Stage 1 is learning about workers in the community. See what 1/2R students have to say about the jobs that Miss Sayers, Ms Mayhew and Mr Steve do ....

Miss Sayers is a very important person. She runs the school. If someone is doing a bad thing the teacher will send that person to the principal. Miss Sayers will talk to that boy or girl. Our school will not be running like crazy and I am glad to have Miss Sayers.

Ms Mayhew is the librarian and Assistant Principal. She helps us when we want a book in the library. Also when Miss Sayers is sick or something, she takes over. The school won’t function without her because who will be the librarian? Or who will show us where the books we want are?

Mr Steve is very important because he fixes everything. He fixes whiteboards, computers, chairs, tables, doors and a cupboard. He can fix difficult things like the whole school and a tap. If we didn’t have Mr Steve everything would be broken.

Sports News
Cross Country
The RSPS Cross Country carnival was held today. We were very lucky with the weather and managed to conduct the event. Well done to all students who competed in the races. 2km (8, 9 and 10yr olds) and 3km (11, 12 and 13yr olds) is a long way to run! The names of the place getters will be published in next week’s Rambler. The ESPSSA Zone Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 15 May at Heffron Park. Thank you to Mr Annetts who has coordinated the Cross Country.

PSSA Netball Trials
Girls in Years 3-6 who would like to try out to be on one of the PSSA Netball teams need to register by writing their name on the sign up list near the Community Noticeboard. Trials for the junior team will be held on Tuesday 28 April at 1:00pm. The junior team will comprise of students turning 8, 9 or 10 years old this year. Trials for the senior team will be held on Wednesday 29 April at 1:00pm. The senior team will comprise of students turning 11, 12 or 13 years old this year. Please bring your sneakers and meet on the netball courts at 1:00pm. Please be aware that if you are chosen to be on the team you will be required to attend training every Thursday after school until 4:00pm.

Ms Fester and Miss Reid
Netball Coaches

PSSA Soccer Trials
The Eastern Suburbs PSSA soccer competition is due to commence in Week 3 of this term and will run throughout Terms 2 and 3. Students are selected based on ability according to the relevant fundamental movement skills that students are able to demonstrate at trials.
Soccer team selections will be conducted during Week 2 of term:

- Juniors (students turning 8, 9 or 10 years old in 2015) will trial on Monday 27 April 2015 at lunchtime.
- Seniors (students turning 11, 12 or 13 years old in 2015) will trial on Tuesday 28 April 2015 at lunchtime.

These trials will be held at Paine Reserve. A permission note has been sent home. This note needs to be completed and returned before students will be permitted to leave the school grounds.

Students should bring shin pads and boots if they have them (please do not purchase these items especially for the trial). Teams will be announced and training will commence in Week 3.

Mr McMahon and Mr Davies
Soccer Coaches

App Of The Week

The “I have fun with faces” app for iPad and Android (created by NSW DEC) engages young children in many learning activities by focusing on facial features. Students can join in singing, listening, reading and solving jigsaws about parts of the face. The app that uses the human face as the focus for learning to support young children in early literacy and numeracy can be downloaded free from the App Store for iPads or from Google play for Android devices.

Mr Svanfelds
Computer Coordinator

3-6 Student of the Week

Term 1 Week 9

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<td>3G</td>
<td>Leyla</td>
<td>Always being a helpful, caring and kind class member.</td>
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<td>3R</td>
<td>Thea</td>
<td>Her outstanding comprehension work.</td>
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<td>4A</td>
<td>Nicole</td>
<td>Showing greater effort to complete her work.</td>
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<td>4F</td>
<td>Nayla</td>
<td>Always trying her best in all areas of school life.</td>
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<td>5R</td>
<td>Maddox</td>
<td>Improved work ethic.</td>
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<td>5/6G</td>
<td>Abena</td>
<td>Always displaying kind and considerate behaviour to others.</td>
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<td>6D</td>
<td>Branden</td>
<td>Sharing fantastic insights during class discussion.</td>
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Term 1 Week 10

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<td>Jack</td>
<td>Great enthusiasm when researching a science project using the laptops.</td>
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<td>3G</td>
<td>Matteo</td>
<td>Being an enthusiastic learner who tries hard in all learning tasks.</td>
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<td>3R</td>
<td>Aaron</td>
<td>His effort and enthusiasm in maths.</td>
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<td>4A</td>
<td>Siena</td>
<td>Excellent effort in maths.</td>
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<td>4F</td>
<td>Sebby</td>
<td>Trying his best in all maths activities.</td>
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<td>5R</td>
<td>Ryan M</td>
<td>Outstanding persuasive writing.</td>
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<td>5/6G</td>
<td>Alyssa</td>
<td>Brilliant commitment to her Antarctica assignment.</td>
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Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you are keeping dry and warm in this crazy weather. This term is a busy one for the P & C with three fundraising events:

- **1 May Trivia Night (next Friday)** – start making your teams (maximum of 8 people) and book your babysitters.
- **Mother’s Day Stall** – more details will come soon about our wonderful stall
- **Car Boot Sale on Sunday 21 June** – more details soon.

Make sure that you put the dates in your diary!
THE BABY SHED
A hands-on workshop for Dads/Grandads/Male Carers

**Venue:** Gardeners Road Public School, Rosebery
**Date:** Saturday 2nd, 9th & 16th May, 2015
**Time:** 9-11am

SENFC Family Support at South East Neighbourhood Centre with funding from the Benevolent Society is pleased to offer the Baby Shed, a FREE hands-on workshop for fathers originally developed by the South East Sydney Mums & Dads Health Father’s Life Project.

**Who is it for?** The Baby Shed is run over 3 consecutive Saturdays as a group workshop for all Dads/Grandads/Male Carers with Babies ideally aged 9 months or under.

**What is it about?** The workshop will cover the practicalities of feeding, setting, sleeping, infant communication, baby massage, infant play and help Dads/Grandads/Male Carers to gain a basic understanding of infant development, as well as exploring what it means to be a father. A Child and Family Health Nurse will be in attendance.

**How do I join?** Please contact Family Support at SENC:
*Ph: 02 9220 8306*
*Email: familysupport@senfc.org.au*

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**PlayPower**

**Making the Most of Everyday Moments**

**Birth to 3 years**

**Thursday 28th May 2015**

**10.00am - 12.00pm**

**Gardeners Rd Public School Library**

Gardeners Rd entrance, Rosebery

**Limited childcare**

Cost: FREE

Bookings are essential. Please contact SENC Family Support at the South East Neighbourhood Centre:
*Ph: 9388 8506*
*Email: familysupport@senfc.org.au*

**PlayPower helps parents to:**

Build loving Relationships with their children
Capitalse on daily Routines in their family life
Play, have fun and Relax with their children
Give positive Responses to build self-esteem
Establish Rituals that strengthen family bonds
Use Repetition to promote learning and Development.