Can you believe it - next week is Week 3 of our school term! I would like to acknowledge the work of our amazing Office staff who have a frantic start to the school year each year but manage to keep on top of everything. As you know, they are gems!

Our Kindergarten students have settled quickly into school - thanks to the fabulous efforts of staff and parents. Best Start assessments are nearly complete and teachers have begun entering data. Kindergarten parents will receive their child’s report in Week 8 (week of 14 March 2016).

Yesterday was our school swimming carnival (more details in the Sports News) and next week we have SRC elections and our Parent Information evening.

The Semester 1 calendar has been added to the school website and major events will be added to the School Stream app next week.

Staff News
Miss Rebecca Rice will be joining the staff of Rainbow Street Public School from Monday. Miss Rice will be teaching Year 1. Thank you to Ms Jennings who has been teaching Year 1 for the last seven days.

Mrs Argerakis is now working on a project at Arncliffe Office.

Parent Information Evening
Invitations to the Parent Information/Meet The Teacher evening on Wednesday evening were sent home early this week. This is an opportunity to find out about the teaching and learning programs, special activities and the class organisation and routines, and register for the class parent program. We hope to see you on Wednesday night.

Student Leaders and House Captains
Congratulations again to the following students who, at the end of last year, were elected as our 2016 School Leaders.

Captains
Sienna
Orlando

Vice Captains
Anneliese
Tim

Prefects
Alyssa
Georgia
Liam
Dhruv
Sports House Captains
As per our school Leadership policy, House Captain elections were held during House Meetings in Week 1 of this term. Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers to lead the sporting house:

Banks Captains  Bettina  Aaron
Vice Captains Matthew  Jules

Cook Captains  Lily  Levi
Vice Captains Sophia C  Ryan S

Endeavour Captains  Ayva  Arki
Vice Captains Zhenyao  Erol

Solander Captains  Abena  Jaydon
Vice Captains Anna  Sebby

Student Representative Council (SRC)
The SRC is a group of students in a school elected by their fellow students to represent all students in the school and who organise ways for students to participate in school life. SRCs work democratically to represent the student body in school decision-making. Students work together, with help from a staff member, to improve school life and to contribute students' ideas.

Nomination Of Candidates
Students are eligible to represent their class on the Rainbow Street Public School SRC if they:

- Display good leadership skills;
- Wear full school uniform at all times;
- Show willingness to assist at all times;
- Are a positive role model for other students in the classroom and playground and when representing the school;
- Display exemplary behaviour at all times;
- Take responsibility for their actions at all times;
- Are never violent;
- Show respect for all adults at all times;
- Uphold all classroom and school rules;
- Can represent the class at SRC meetings; and
- Display good Public Speaking skills.

Elections will be held this coming week for students in Years 1 to 6.

Nuts
We would like to remind all parents that we have a number of students at Rainbow Street PS who have severe allergies. Contact with the food(s) they are allergic to leads to an anaphylactic reaction which is life threatening. Children’s throats swell and they are unable to breathe.

Please do not bring to school any:
- Nuts, for example, peanuts, brazil nuts, hazelnuts, cashews, almonds, walnuts etc.;
- Nutella, peanut butter or other spreads made from nuts;
- Chocolate bars containing nuts, for example, Snickers;
- Muesli bars containing nuts.

Please check the ingredients listed on the pack for any food item that your child will be bringing to school. It is also important to let relatives or carers know as well as sometimes they might be getting lunches organised instead of you. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep children safe at school.

Safety
A reminder that the playground equipment is only to be used by students under the direct supervision of RSPS teachers or TRAC staff.

FREE School App – Receive School Information Instantly And Directly To Your Smartphone

How To Get The School Stream App On Your Mobile Device

1. From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Play Store (Android), search for School Stream and download the app to your phone.
2. Make sure you agree to push notifications.
3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search then select your school.

For more detailed instructions go to www.schoolstream.com.au/download

Choose What Notifications You Receive

1. Open the School Stream app on your mobile device.
2. From the slide-in menu, go to Settings.
3. Under Edit/Alerts select My Schools and select your school to open the Notifications page.
4. Toggle notifications on or off individually (e.g. Alerts, Events, Newsletters, etc.).
5. When you have finished, use the Back button to return to the Settings page, then select Done to return to your school.

Return at any time to change the notifications you receive.

Sport News
Swimming Carnival
Luckily we had booked the indoor pool for our swimming carnival yesterday! It was fantastic to see so many children racing and trying their best.

Special mention to Jesse and Sian who backed up for the 4x50m relay event for their house straight after swimming 100m and they had also swum in lots of other events!

Thank you to Mr Davies who organised the carnival and to the other staff who ensured a smooth event. It was great to see a large number parents attend too – we know it is not always easy with work commitments.

Our school swimming team for the ESPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival to be held at Botany Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 23 February 2016 will be announced shortly.

PSSA Sport Trials
Well done to all students who tried out for our school PSSA AFL, softball or tee ball team this week. The teachers will be announcing the teams shortly. The first round of the PSSA competition is on Friday 19 February 2016.

ESPSSA Zone Teams
The level above our school representative team is the zone representative team, made up of students from the 14 schools in our Eastern Suburbs zone (ESPSSA). These trials are held at various times during the year. Students are to see Mr Annetts if they are interested in trialling for one of these teams. Upcoming trials:

- Monday 15 February – ESPSSA Zone representative Basketball trials
- Tuesday 16 February – ESPSSA Zone representative AFL trials
- Wednesday 17 February – ESPSSA Zone representative Tennis trials

From the Library...
Welcome back to the RSPS library for 2016. Many students have already visited the library this term which is fantastic. Every class visits the library once a week for a library and research lesson. We are currently finalising the timetable for library. Keep an eye on the newsletter for your child’s library day. Students in Kindergarten to Year 4 need a library bag to borrow books to bring home. Students in Years 5 and 6 do not require a library bag and are expected to take excellent care of the library resources.

This term we will be asking students and staff to bring in a photo of themselves reading a book to add to our ‘Bookworm’ on the library display wall. We did this a few years ago and there were some excellent photos. Some suggestions are reading with a friend, at the park, lying on the beach… be creative! Photos may be printed and brought to the library or emailed to me at nicole.mayhew@det.nsw.edu.au

Library Monitors
Year 5 students have the opportunity to apply to be a library monitor. This leadership role in our school involves a commitment of at least one half lunchtime per week assisting in the library. Responsibilities include reshelving books, assisting other students to locate resources, encouraging students to play games and helping tidy up at the end of lunchtime. All Year 5 students have been invited to apply and those students who expressed interest have been given an application form. These should be completed at home and returned to me by Wednesday 10 February. I look forward to receiving lots of applications.

Nicole Mayhew
Teacher Librarian

Recorder
The Rainbow Street Recorder group is starting in Week 3 (this coming week). All students, from beginners to advanced players in Years 3-6 are welcome to join. Meet Miss McNab near the canteen after lunch eating time on Tuesday. Lessons are free! Come along and you will have a wonderful experience, you might even be chosen to play at the Sydney Opera House! Please see Miss McNab if you have any questions.

3-6 Student of the Week
Each week the names of students who have been recognised with an award at Assembly are published. Congratulations to the first group of students whose
names are listed below - a great start to the year!
Next week the names of students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will be listed. The lists will then alternate in line with our fortnightly assemblies.

**Week 1**

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<td>Amazing effort at the swimming carnival.</td>
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<td>Emilia</td>
<td>Her amazing organisational skills.</td>
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<td>4/5D</td>
<td>Edward</td>
<td>Excellent research skills when doing extension work.</td>
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<td>5R</td>
<td>Jules</td>
<td>A great start to the new school year.</td>
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<td>Anneliese</td>
<td>Her funky ‘street art’ poster.</td>
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<td>Aaron</td>
<td>His effort and enthusiasm in all class tasks.</td>
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<td>Azca</td>
<td>Setting into his new class beautifully.</td>
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<td>Ben</td>
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<td>Leila</td>
<td>Great effort at the swimming carnival.</td>
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<td>Daisy</td>
<td>Amazing editing of her writing.</td>
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<td>4M</td>
<td>Jack</td>
<td>A fabulous effort at the swimming carnival.</td>
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<td>4/5D</td>
<td>Lucia</td>
<td>Showing honesty and integrity.</td>
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<td>5R</td>
<td>Joshua</td>
<td>His contribution and effort during all lessons.</td>
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<td>Ryan</td>
<td>His mature and focused start to Year 6.</td>
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<td>6N</td>
<td>Lauren</td>
<td>Being a kind, considerate and helpful member of the class.</td>
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**Rainbow Awards**

The Rainbow Street Public School Rainbow Award system aims to positively recognise, value and celebrate students’ achievement in the following of our five school rules.

Our Rainbow Award System sets reasonable and reachable goals in which students can travel on their ‘Journey Over The Rainbow’. It continually and consistently reinforces positive behaviour. This enables all students to feel secure and happy while at school.

Once students have collected all seven arches (seventy stickers), their journey over the rainbow will be complete and their ‘Rainbow Award’ chart will be laminated and presented to them at an assembly along with a medal of merit in recognition of their successful journey.

As the chart carries over from year to year, some students will be presented with their medal of merit (Rainbow Badge) at upcoming assemblies. NOTE: A letter is sent home to parents indicating the date of the assembly at which their child will receive their badge.

We hope you have all had a smooth and happy start to 2016.

**Class parent reps needed!** Thanks to those parents who have volunteered to be their child’s class parent representative. We still need lots more help to make this program a success. Please email me at sally.notaras@optusnet.com.au or let the office or class teacher know ASAP if you would like to be a class rep.

Do you have all your school uniforms? LOWES at Eastgardens stock our uniforms now. They are open 7 days a week and late night on Thursdays but if you want to order online they will provide free delivery to your home for orders over $100. The shirts look very smart with the embroidered logo.

On Wednesday 10 February it’s **Meet the Teacher night** at school. This is not an interview but an information session. It’s a wonderful way to be informed about what and how your child will be learning this year. TRAC is providing limited free childcare for children over 3 years of age from 6.15pm so get in early and make a booking with Tanya at tracrandwicck@gmail.com.

On Wednesday 17 February the school and P & C will be hosting a Welcome BBQ from 5-7pm in the playground. It is a great opportunity for the kids to play with others and it gives you a chance to meet the other parents while enjoying a free sausage sandwich (halal or vegetarian) for dinner. Please bring your water bottle or reusable cup for a drink.
We are looking at starting ‘Library Fridays’ again soon from 9 – 10am to allow parents a time to chat with a cuppa whilst helping with simple tasks such as book covering, raffle ticket stapling and making rainbow tickets for the teachers etc. Further details will come soon......

Our next P & C meeting is on Monday 7 March, from 6pm-8pm in the Gallery of Learning (near the front office).
Sal Notaras
P & C President

DID YOU KNOW - the P&C website can be translated into 65 languages!
Take a look: www.rainbowstpandc.org.au

Canteen News

For those of you new to Rainbow Street my name is Jessica and I run the canteen. As a mum and qualified chef I understand the importance of a balanced and nutritious diet for your children and the menu at the Canteen reflects this. If you have any questions about the Canteen, ordering or just want to say hi, then please come and see me!

ONLINE ORDERING – This will be up and running from Monday 8 February. The website is www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au and orders can be placed up to two weeks in advance. Information leaflets are available at the canteen.

Orders can also be placed by writing the order on a paper bag along with your child’s name and class and placing the correct money in the bag (any change needed will be given with the lunch order). Orders are then placed in the canteen lunch tub in the classroom (please do not bring them to the canteen).

CANTEEN OPENING HOURS

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On Monday and Fridays the canteen is also open after school.

Have a great Term 1!!

Thinking your kids might play AFL outside of school?
The Maroubra Saints Junior AFL club are having a meet and greet with some of the current Sydney Swans players. They will be there to answer your questions (or your kid’s questions), and have a kick or two. A BBQ will be provided and your kids can get to know current students who play for the team. We kick-off the season in March and will hold a registration day on Saturday 20 February.

When: Monday 8 February, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Where: Pioneer Oval Clubhouse, Upper Field, 1160-1196R Anzac Parade, Malabar
More Info: Jodie Earnshaw 0425 223 955 or Carl Lee 0402 750 088
Tennis4Kidz!

WHAT’S ON OFFER IN YOUR LOCAL AREA?

- AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES AND SATURDAY CLASSES
- GROUP/PRIVATE/SEMI PRIVATE LESSONS AVAILABLE
- FREE RACKET HIRE
- SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS
- Round Robin Competitions
- FAMILY TENNIS EVENTS
- PRE SCHOOLERS LESSONS NOW AVAILABLE!

For all enquiries & bookings in your local area contact Liz on:

0413 072 666 or lizohare2@gmail.com

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Kids Karate
at Rainbow Street PS TRAC only

ENROLLING NOW
New students start on Thu 4th Feb

Thursday Afternoons
3:15pm, 4:00pm & 6:00pm
$12 per class for beginners boys & girls 5 - 12 years old beginner to black belt

balance & coordination
concentration & focus
confidence & self esteem

How to enroll?
- by phone
- in person
on your first day before class

Like your child to try it out for free?
Register for a Free Trial Class
at keymartialarts.com.au

1300 304 532 fb.com/keymartialarts.au

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Matraville Tigers
2016 Matraville Tigers Registration Day.

FREE TO JOIN!!

28 February 2016
10.30 am to 3.00 pm at Heffron Park

Matraville Tigers have teams ranging from under 5’s to A grade. Must be turning 4 in 2016 to play.
Registration day is for all new and existing players.
Training will commence on 1 March 2016 and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 4.30 pm.
ALL enquiries please contact Christie Thompson at admin@matravilletigers.com.au or 0404 095 228.

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South Eastern JCA MILO T20 Blast Girls
Girls only MILO T20 Blast starting on January 29th!
Waverley Oval, Bondi Road, Waverley (add in postcode 2024)
Fridays 3.30pm - 7pm January 29th - 16th March!

For ages 7-12 - Bring your sisters and friends!

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