At the luncheon we were all able to taste foods from other countries, some countries some children may never had heard of! There were so many good things to eat - I don’t think many people needed dinner last night!

A huge thank you to the organising committee (Miss Goonan, Mr Boersma, Miss Davies and Miss Lekovski) for all of the work that goes into organising such an event.

A huge thank you also to the many parents who donated and served food. It was very special being in the hall surrounded by representatives from the many different cultures in our school. It was also lovely to hear parents explaining their culture’s food and discussing recipes.

Great job everyone involved!

Rainbow Street PS
At last week’s ESPSSA meeting a teacher from Botany PS commented how much she loves her school competing against Rainbow Street as all of the students are polite and such good sports. This was quickly agreed to by many of the other teachers in the room with a number also commenting how great the RSPS students who have represented ESPSSA at carnivals are. Well done the RSPS athletes.

Ben Chifley Art Awards
Congratulations to Ayva who received a Highly Commended award for her entry in the Ben Chifley Art Competition.

Staff News
Congratulations to Julia Reid who married Gus during the recent school holidays. ‘Miss Reid’ is now Mrs Watson. Her class will stay as 3R until the end of the year to avoid confusing everyone.
Best wishes to Mrs Roomi who commences her maternity leave on Monday. We look forward to meeting her new baby boy shortly.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

The first session of the orientation/transition program for 2016 Kindergarten students starts on Tuesday. We will be welcoming 65 new students to Rainbow Street PS.

**Selective High School 2017 Applications Open**

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for selective high school placement are determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school entry to Year 7 in 2017, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply online. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer. Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement). The application website opens on 13 October 2015 and closes on 16 November 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, contact the Unit for assistance.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

**Dogs**

A reminder that for safety reasons dogs are not permitted on the school site. Also please do not chain your dogs to the inside of the school fence and leave them – there have been recent incidences of this where the dogs become distressed and whimper loudly which then upsets others when they hear an animal is in distress.

**Hats**

Please ensure that your child wears a school hat every day. We live in a harsh climate and the rate of skin cancer in Australia is high so please do all that you can to protect skin.

If your child does not have a school hat, please purchase one from the Office ($14).

Sometimes we get queries as to why we no longer have a baseball style cap. It is because these hats do not protect the cheeks, ears or back of the neck and are not recommended by health authorities for sun safety.

**Reverse Garbage Workshop**

Next Wednesday, 21 October, Stage 2 students (Year 3 and 4) will be participating in a fun, creative in-school workshop lead by two team members of the 'Reverse Garbage' Cooperative in Marrickville. The workshop will be held in the school hall and run for 1.5 hours.

Reverse Garbage is a community run organisation that recycles all sorts of items which would normally be thrown out by manufacturing companies. Students will learn how to make sculptural art from a huge range of interesting, weird, unusual and creative recycled objects. We are looking forward to this fun event.

_Mrs Hargrave and Miss Goonan_

**NRMA Science And Road Safety Day On Wednesday 25 November 2015**

Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science and Road Safety Day aimed at helping our students learn how to stay safe on the road. During the day students will participate in road safety shows and then complete road safety activities to reinforce the messages covered in that show.

We hope you will talk to your child about their day and what learned about road safety. When your children bring home their workbooks, look inside for a four-page Parent Insert on child road safety. It is a
quick reference guide with tips and hints on how to keep your child safe.

We would also like to invite all parents to come and watch a Road Safety Show. It will give you a great snapshot of road safety and what your child is learning.

More details closer to the event.

**K-2 Student of the Week**

**Week 1**

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<td>Behafarid</td>
<td>Excellent behaviour at all times.</td>
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<td>Juno</td>
<td>Starting the term with a great attitude.</td>
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<td>Samuel</td>
<td>A fantastic written recount of his holiday.</td>
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<td>Rakan</td>
<td>A fabulous effort in maths.</td>
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<td>Aedan</td>
<td>Trying hard to complete set tasks.</td>
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<td>Isaac</td>
<td>Excellent participation in class discussions.</td>
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<td>George</td>
<td>Being a super reader.</td>
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<td>Benji</td>
<td>An excellent prepared speech about the Syrian crisis.</td>
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<td>Alicia</td>
<td>An excellent speech about magpies.</td>
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**Week 2**

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<td>Doing a great job representing KD at the public speaking ‘speak off’.</td>
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<td>KH</td>
<td>Jeswin</td>
<td>Great improvement in writing.</td>
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<td>KR</td>
<td>Boxuan</td>
<td>Making a great start at RSPS.</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Celeste</td>
<td>Wonderful public speaking.</td>
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<td>1N</td>
<td>Annika</td>
<td>Fantastic effort in reading.</td>
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<td>1/2R</td>
<td>Amelia</td>
<td>Excellent behaviour and attitude to learning.</td>
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<td>2M</td>
<td>Sofia</td>
<td>Sharing her food and culture with us on Multicultural Day.</td>
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<td>Charlie</td>
<td>Doing a great job representing himself and our class at the Stage 1 ‘speak off’.</td>
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<td>Jessie</td>
<td>Fabulous work in English finding emotive words in a text.</td>
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<td>SB</td>
<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>Making significant improvement in handwriting.</td>
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**Rainbow Awards**

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<td>K</td>
<td>Joshua, Reuben and Jeswin</td>
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**NATIONAL NUTRITION WEEK**

11-17 October 2015

*Could you eat the recommended 5 serves of vegetables every day for 7 days?*

Sign up to take the ‘Try for 5’ challenge:


What a fabulous Multicultural Food Fair! Thanks to the teachers who organised this event and to the wonderful families who contributed dishes.

**Our Car Boot Sale is on next Saturday, 24 October.**

This is a great day where we can raise lots of money to help our kids at school. Thanks to those parents who have already volunteered. We still need helpers on the day with the cake stall, BBQ, face painting, jumping castle etc. If you can spare an hour or 2 please email Hui at huihoh@optusnet.com.au We also need our fabulous bakers to bring some cakes, cupcakes slices etc. to sell on the day. These can be dropped to the Gallery of Learning on Friday 23rd in a labelled container or on the morning of the 24th October. We appreciate your time and donations to help us reach our target of $6000 for the day.
Our next P & C meeting will be on Monday 2 November 2015. This will be our AGM (Annual General Meeting) where elections will be held for our 2016 P & C. This is your chance to vote for who you want to represent the parents of RSPS on the P & C. We will be electing office bearers for President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and up to six additional Executive positions. If you are interested in holding one of these positions and/or would like to know what is involved please talk to one of the P & C executive, see the information sheets at http://pandc.org.au, or email me on sally.notaras@optusnet.com.au. If you need childcare to attend the meeting, TRAC provides free care for children over 3 years of age. Please remember to make a booking with Tanya at TRAC before Friday 30 October at tracrandwick@gmail.com

Thanks to those parents who were at Library Friday this week. Come along next time (every 2 weeks) for a coffee and a chat while we cover some library books and home readers.

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

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 organisation of these events.

Did you know that the P&C website can be translated into 65 languages! Take a look: www.rainbowstpandc.org.au

Join the Sydney Sixers and Randwick Petersham Cricket Club for a day filled with T20 action at Coogee Oval!

There are plenty of activities for the kids, a coaching clinic from 1pm, as well as all the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup action!

Details
Where: Coogee Oval, Brook Street, Coogee
When: Sunday, 18 October
Time: Activities from 11:00 am, Coaching Clinic from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
How much: FREE!

Coaching Clinic places are strictly limited. For more information and to book your place visit sydneysixers.com.au/Randwick or call Liz on 0425 367 026.

Art therapy is for women of all ages who are suffering from trauma, depression or isolation. It is a supportive group and a creative process that increases self awareness and acceptance. We will cover protection, healing, strengths and resources through expressions in creativity using drawing, mandala, collage and doll making. There is no need to have artistic abilities to participate.

DATES: Friday 30/10/15 - Friday 4/11/15 (5 weeks)
TIME: 12:15pm (12:30 pm - 2:30pm)
VENUE: The Dell Women & Children’s Centre
72 Maloney Street, Eastlakes 2038
COST: FREE. All materials will be supplied.
BOOKINGS: Please call us on 9687-4666 or admin@thedell.org.au.
Childminding may be provided and must be booked along with the group.

This program is proudly sponsored under Australian Ethical Community Grant.