

RAINBOW RAMBLER

RAINBOW STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

Week 3

Monday 10 February – RSPS Swimming Carnival at Des Renford Aquatic Centre
Tuesday 11 February – Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11 February - Directions in Music tutorials begin from today
Tuesday 11 February – Junior t-ball and Senior league tag PSSA trials
Wednesday 12 February – Senior Band rehearsal commence
Friday 14 February – Senior String ensemble

Week 4

Monday 17 February – Junior Band rehearsal commence
Tuesday 18 February – Junior league tag and Senior softball PSSA trials
Wednesday 19 February - **Parent Information Evening**
Thursday 20 February – Scripture/Ethics commences
Friday 21 February – Round 1 PSSA
P&C Meet and Greet 6pm

Week 5

Friday 28 February – Round 2 PSSA
School's Clean Up Day

Week 6

Monday 3 March – High School Expression of Interest opens
P&C Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 4 March – ESPSSA Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 5 March – ESPSSA Rugby League trials
Thursday 6 March – ESPSSA basketball trials
Friday 7 March – Round 3 PSSA

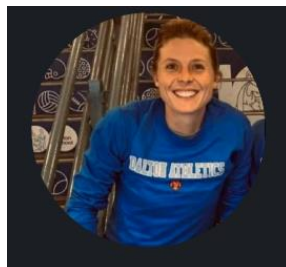
Welcome everyone to the 2025 school year! A very special welcome to all our Kindergarten students and to all other new enrolments to our school. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces at the gate as students return to school and settle into their new classes. Thank you to the P&C for providing 'tea and tissues' for our new Kindergarten families.



We hope that all families had a wonderful summer break and we look forward to a productive and enjoyable year, full of quality learning, performing arts, sports and cultural activities.

Staff News

We would like to welcome the following new teaching staff to the Rainbow Street Public School team.



Francesca Ehmig will be teaching a Year 4 class this year. Francesca was born in the Netherlands where she has worked in a number of different schools. She moved to Sydney three years ago and is loving the active lifestyle that our city offers.





Rebecca Wong will be teaching a Year 2 class this year. Rebecca comes from an Early Childhood Education background and joined Rainbow Street PS at the end of last year in a learning support role. She is very excited to be teaching her own class this year.



Hayleigh Quinn will be teaching a Year 1 class while Mr Stevens is relieving as Principal in Term 1, with the possibility this being extended. Hayleigh was born in Ireland and comes to us with experience working with primary students and students with additional learning needs.

We welcome back all our wonderful teachers and staff. The full list of staff is outlined below. As you are by now aware, Miss Joann Sayers will be Relieving Principal at Neutral Bay Public School while they undertake a rebuild of their school and Mr Ian Stevens will be Relieving Principal at Rainbow Street Public School. Ms Tegan Heynes will step into the role of relieving Assistant Principal also during this time.

Some happy news from both Ms Hunter and Ms Wheatley both giving birth to baby girls just before Christmas last year.



2024 Staffing

Our current staff structure is:

| EXECUTIVE | |
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| Principal | Ian Stevens (Rel) |
| Assistant Principal – Kindergarten | James Richmond (Rel) |
| Assistant Principal – Years 1 and 2 | Tegan Heynes (Rel) |
| Assistant Principal – Years 3 and 4 | Jacqueline Counsel |
| Assistant Principal – Years 5 and 6 | Brayden Irons (Rel) |

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| Assistant Principal – Special Education | Meritta Dalla-Vecchia |
| Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction | Christie McBeth |

| CLASS | TEACHER |
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| KS | Karina Sellors |
| KK | Danielle Keith |
| KR | James Richmond |
| 1A | Lucia Andreoni |
| 1M | Cody McTaggart |
| 1S | Hayleigh Quinn (Ian Stevens) |
| 1/2H | Tegan Heynes |
| 2H | Emma Hunt |
| 2W | Rebecca Wong |
| 2/3C | Jacquie Counsel |
| 3L | Anastasiya Lagutenkova |
| 3T | Paul Turner |
| 3/4V | Nikki Vassiliadis |
| 4E | Francesca Ehmig |
| 4/5I | Brayden Irons |
| 5G | Adam Green |
| 5/6C | Ben Carter |
| 6M | Kate Murray |
| SDV | Meritta Dalla-Vecchia |
| SL | Lisa Schindler |
| SM | Sally Meshel |
| SB | Maddy Burke |

| SUPPORT STAFF | |
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| English as an Additional Language/Dialogue (EAL/D) | Katerina LARBALSTIER |
| Learning Support | Vivienne Beck Leisa Griffiths |
| RFF Programs | Suzi Sikaloski Meghan Loader |
| School Counsellor | Julie Ryan |
| Teacher Librarian | Lauren Hughes |

| ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF | |
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| Administrative Manager | Jenny Gollan |
| Administrative Officers | Lisa Hayres Maria Todaro |
| Learning Support Officers | Grace Bishop-Clark Natalie Giles Ella Gollan Gina Stoikos Finn Hayres Marena Lummow Linh Medic So'nie Nicholl |

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| | Kobi O'Sullivan Mosh Sharmin Pippa Killigrew Madeleine Wiley |
| General Assistant | John Riley |

What's Happening At Rainbow Street?

Staff engaged in organisational tasks, collaborative planning and mathematics professional learning, during the School Development Days. During the students' first few weeks of school, students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will be focusing on getting to know each other, their teachers and the learning spaces. A big focus by our teachers will be in establishing routines and structures to enable quality teaching and learning throughout the year.

Kindergarten students have commenced their Best Start assessment this week. The data collected provides teachers with information as to where each student is at in literacy and numeracy and informs 'where to next' so that appropriate teaching and learning experiences can be planned.



Green Square Public School – Sharing Our School Site

This term you may also notice some additional happy faces around our school but wearing a different uniform. Green Square Public School has now officially launched and will be sharing our site while their new school is completed. Green Square PS currently have just over 100 students enrolled in Kindergarten to Year 2 with the bulk of these students in Kindergarten. They will be using the upstairs learning space in Block K (above Stage 3). Most of the Green Square students will be bussed over and back in the mornings and afternoons. Green Square will also work from a different school da with an earlier start time of 8:40am and finish time of 2:40pm. These measures are in place to minimise additional congestion at drop off and pick up time. Rainbow Street and Green Square students will be sharing the playground at

recess and lunch. It is anticipated that we will be sharing our site for at least Term 1 and Term2.



School Communication

We have four primary ways of communicating information to our school community: this newsletter (the *Rainbow Rambler*); the School Stream app, Compass and the school website www.rainbowstreet.schools.nsw.edu.au

The *Rainbow Rambler* is published each Friday and copies emailed to families. If your email address has changed, please notify the Office so that we can ensure that the *Rainbow Rambler* is sent to the correct address. The *Rainbow Rambler* is also available for download from the school website or through the *School Stream* app.

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

Compass is our school's student management system. Compass performs a number of functions including:

- *Maintaining attendance data*: parents can use Compass to explain their child's absence from school.
- *Excursions and School Events*: Permission to attend excursions and school events is obtained through Compass and there is the option to also make payments. For example,



this week If your child is in Years 3 – 6, you should have received the Swimming Carnival notification prompting you to provide permission and make the required payment.

- **Academic Reports:** Semester reports are published and accessed in Compass.
- **Parent Teacher Meetings:** Bookings for Term 1 parent teacher meetings will be made available in Compass later this term.

You should have already received a username and password to access Compass. If you need assistance with this, please contact the school office. It is strongly recommended that both parents have access to Compass.

The school P&C also has a website <http://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au/>, WhatsApp group and a mailing list that you can subscribe to.

3Bridges (out of school hours care providers) also has a website <https://3bridges.org.au/outside-school-hours-care/>

Make sure you keep up to date with everything that is happening!

Urgent Matters

Please do not email the school regarding urgent matters as whilst the Office staff do their best to check the school email account regularly throughout the day sometimes this is not always possible. Please call the Office on PH: 9398 1986 for any urgent matters.

Change Of Details

If you have changed your address, telephone number(s), emergency contacts and/or email address during the holiday period, please notify the Office. It is very important we have up to date information should we need to contact you about your child.



If your child's medical support needs have changed, please notify the Office.

If custody or access rights to do with your child have changed, please notify the Office.

Accurate information ensures that we can support you and your child.

School Times

A reminder that lessons commence at 9:00am each morning. We ask that students arrive after 8:30am as

there is no supervision until 8:30am. If you need to bring your child to school earlier than 8:30am, please contact 3Bridges, our before and after school care facility.



School finishes at 3:00pm each day. Please collect your child promptly. For safety reasons, please do not arrange to have your child wait unsupervised in Paine Reserve. If you cannot collect your child at 3:00pm, please contact 3Bridges, our before and after school care facility, to arrange care.

It is vital students are at school by 9:00am every day to maximise learning. The first part of the day is both a time when teachers explain learning intentions for the day and it is children's peak concentration time. If you are finding that you have already been running a little late, please leave home earlier, particularly on wet days.

| EVERY MINUTE COUNTS.... | | | |
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| When your child misses just... | that equals... | which is... | and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is... |
| 10 minutes a day | 50 minutes of learning each week | Nearly 1½ weeks per year | Nearly ½ a year of school |
| 20 minutes a day | 1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week | Nearly 2½ weeks per year | Nearly a year of school |
| ½ hour a day | ½ a day of learning a week | 4 weeks a year | Nearly 1 ½ years of learning |
| 1 hour each day | 1 whole day of learning each week | 8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year. | Over 2 ½ years of learning |

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!

Kiss and Drop

The Kiss and Drop/Ride Zone installed at the front of the school on Rainbow Street is designed for your convenience and for your child's safety. The zone operates under the same conditions as no parking zones, which means you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes. You're required to remain in, or within 3 metres of, your vehicle. Days and hours of operation apply to the Rainbow Street zone.



SAVE THE DATE - Parent Information/Meet The Teacher
We will be holding Parent Information/Meet The Teacher on Wednesday 19 February 2024 in the early evening. Full details will be communicated next week.

NOTE: This session will provide general information for all parents. If you would like to discuss your child specifically, please contact your child's mentor

teacher to arrange a mutually convenient meeting time.

Student Leadership

School Leaders

Congratulations again to the following students who, at the end of last year, were elected as our 2024 School Leaders.

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| <i>Captains</i> | Lenita and Cai |
| <i>Vice Captains</i> | Grace and Bryn |
| <i>Prefects</i> | Dah Anh, Harry, Bailly, Esther |

House Captains

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| <i>Gurru</i> | <i>Captains: Davin and Samayah</i> <i>Vice Captains: Dante and Daisy</i> |
| <i>Dhlaga</i> | <i>Captains: Hayden and Sofia</i> <i>Vice Captains: Parsa and Rachel</i> |
| <i>Badu</i> | <i>Captains: Carla and Felix</i> <i>Vice Captains: Frankie and Alex C</i> |
| <i>Wurri</i> | <i>Captains: Melania and Oliver T</i> <i>Vice Captains: Reigne and Josh P</i> |

Other Leadership Roles

SRC elections will be held once the lead teacher has been determined.

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.



Sport News

Swimming Carnival

Our annual

Swimming Carnival has been scheduled for Monday 10 February

2025 at Des Renford Aquatic Centre, corner Robey Street & Jersey Road, Maroubra. Students competing at the carnival must be able to swim 50m with correct freestyle, backstroke, butterfly or breaststroke technique. Year 2 students who turn 8 in 2025 (i.e. born in 2017) and are able to swim 50m with correct freestyle, backstroke, butterfly or breaststroke technique may also attend.



It is important to note that in keeping with ESPSSA Zone Carnivals, all events are 50m (1 lap of the 50m outdoor pool) and your child **should be able to confidently swim this distance before entering into a race**. There will be no 25m races. Students who do not demonstrate correct technique and/or do not meet minimum qualifying times will not be entered into the ESPSSA Zone carnival regardless of where they place in their event.

Students attending the carnival need to be at school at 8:30am to ensure they are on the bus on time and the carnival commences at 9:00am. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Parents are most welcome to join us at the carnival.

School PSSA Teams

Our school is part of the Eastern Suburbs Primary School Sports Association (PSSA). There are 14 local schools in the Zone. Sports events include carnivals, zone, regional and state teams, and interschool sport, all providing a high potential and gifted education pathway.

In Terms 1 and 4, our school competes against other schools in our Zone in t-ball/softball and league tag. In Terms 2 and 3, we compete against other schools in our Zone in netball and soccer.

Trials are held to select our school's representative teams. Students in Years 3 and 4 are eligible for the 'junior' teams and students in Years 5 and 6 are eligible for the 'senior' teams.

Team selection trials for our t-ball/softball and league tag teams will be held on Tuesday 11 February 2025 and Tuesday 18 February 2025 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Mr Irons will distribute permission requests through Compass to those students who have expressed interest in trialling for a team. Permission will need to be provided through Compass by Monday 10 February.

ESPSSA Representative Trials

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). Team trials are held at various times during the year. Students are to see Mr Irons if they are interested in trialling for one of these representative teams.



Upcoming trials:

- Tuesday 11 February – ESPSSA Tennis trials
- Tuesday 18 February – ESPSSA AFL trials
- Wednesday 5 March – ESPSSA Zone Rugby League and Soccer trials
- Thursday 6 March – ESPSSA Basketball trials
- Wednesday 12 March – ESPSSA Hockey trials

House Names

Don't forget we are now using our new house names. The names are in Dharawal Language, which was the dialect used by the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation whose land on which learn.

| Old Name | New Name | Meaning |
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| Banks | Gurru | the clouds in the sky above us |

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| Cook | Dhlaga | the ground we walk on |
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| Endeavour | Badu | water |
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| Solander | Wurri | the sun, the giver of heat and light |
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Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic break and are looking forward to another wonderful year ahead. As this is a short week, we just wanted to raise attention to a few key events happening in the upcoming weeks.

Firstly, we will be holding a special one-off second hand uniform sale next Wednesday (12 February 2025) under the COLA from 8.30am. Following that, second hand uniform sales will continue to be held on the 1st Wednesday of every month.

Our annual meet and greet will take place on **21 February 2025 at Coogee Beach club**, children welcome this year so save the date!. We would love to see you there. More information will follow next week with further details.

We have lots of exciting ideas and events planned for the new school year which we cannot wait to share with you. However, in order to run these activities we rely on the help from our fabulous school community. If you feel you could contribute in some way or even if you want to know more about what we are up to, we would love to hear from you! Please use the QR code below to join the community.



Rainbow St Public School
WhatsApp community



(Please note that the WhatsApp community group is a parent run group and not an official channel of communication from the school).

Warm regards,
Amelie Mouchot
Vice President, Parents, and Citizens Association
<https://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au/>