

### CALENDAR

#### 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

#### Week 7

Monday 10 March – Regional Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 11 March – Grandparents' (and other special people) Day

Wednesday 12 March– NAPLAN commence

Thursday 13 March – Kindergarten hospital visit

Friday 14 March – Round 4 PSSA

- Senior Butterfly
- 100m Open Freestyle

Alternatively, we will also accept official results from external swimming competitions. These must be verified club carnival results and need to be emailed to the school no later than 3:00pm on Friday 19 February 2025.



A big thankyou to the teachers and parent helpers who enabled the carnival to be run so smoothly.

### What's Been Happening In Stage 2 This Week?

It's been terrific to see the Stage 2 students settle into their hub with ease. Over the last few weeks, we have been busy getting to know one another and setting up systems across the stage. The teachers are also looking forward to meeting the parents on Wednesday 19 February to discuss our plans and ideas for the year. Below is a snapshot of some artwork that the students have been completing.

### What's Happening At Rainbow Street?

We dived straight into the year with our school swimming carnival held on Monday. Our students demonstrated competitive spirit, willingness to have a go or cheer on friends and teammates. Unfortunately due to the approaching thunder storm, the carnival was called off before all races were completed. For Zone selection, we will be reviewing 2024 times for the races that were missed including:

- Junior Butterfly
- 11 Years Butterfly



### Parent Information Evening – Meet the Teacher

**Rainbow Street PS**  
**Parent Information Evening**

Come along and meet your child's teachers and learn about our learning spaces, class routines and the teaching and learning program.

**Wednesday 19 February 2025**  
4:30pm-5:30pm Kindergarten, Year 1 and SM, SL & SB  
5:30pm-6:30pm Years 2-6 and SDV

Please meet in your child's learning hub. If you are unable to attend, handouts will be sent home.  
Note that this meeting provides general information, please contact your child's mentor teacher for a specific conversation about your child.

On Wednesday 19 February parents and carers will have an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and hear about learning programs and routines that will

operate in classrooms and at school and see the learning spaces that your children will be using this year. Kindergarten, Year 1, SL, SB and SM will start at 4:30pm and Years 2 – 6 and SDV will start at 5:30pm. The information sessions will be held in respective learning spaces.

## Student of the Week

Class	Student	Awarded for...
KR	Alice	Showing leadership qualities during class
KK	Jack	Consistently listening to and following teacher instructions
KS	Valentino	Being a focused listener
1A	Alex	Being a good role model in Year 1
1M	Atticus	Showing perseverance during sport
1S	Red	Showing initiative during Maths
1/2H	Tommy	Interesting ideas when discussing our learner qualities
2H	Ula	Being a helpful, kind and engaged student
2W	Dayah	Showing perseverance and pride in her work
2/3C	Marley M	Coming into class every day with a big smile
3L	Arden	Meaningful and insightful contributions to class discussion
3T	Elle	Displaying wonderful critical thinking in class discussions
3/4V	Taeho	Consistently demonstrating the learner qualities of RSPS
4E	Aleksa	Being a kind and engaged student, always ready to help his classmates
4/5I	Lyla	Being a supportive class member to all
5G	Khade	Excellent start to Year 5
5/6C	Leo	Being ready to learn on day one
6M	Samayah	Responsibly wearing her school uniform
SDV	Livia	Competing in the freestyle at the swimming carnival
SL	Tabseer	Settling into his new class
SM	Ezra	Settling into his new school
SB	John	Excellent participation in phonics lessons



## Creative Arts New Choir 2025

I am very excited for another year of fabulous music and singing with our Rainbow Street choirs. This year I am pleased to say that we will have 2 choirs, a Junior Choir for students in Stage 2 and a Senior Choir for students in Stage 3. In 2024 our choir submitted an audition video to the Arts Unit to audition to take part in both the Primary Proms and the Festival of Choral Music and thanks to the hard work of last year's students our school has been accepted into both festivals. This means that our Junior Choir will be working towards a combined schools' performance at the Sydney Town Hall in Term 3 and our Senior Choir will be working towards a combined schools' performance at the Sydney Opera House in Term 3. In addition to this there will be several other school-based performances for our students to look forward to.

If your child is interested in participating in our Junior or Senior Choirs I will be holding a trial day for each choir in Week 4 during lunch where students can come along, have a sing and see if they like it. All students are welcome. Following this I expect students to think carefully about whether they would like to join the choir and to make a commitment to attend the lunch time rehearsals and performances for the remainder of the year.

Junior Choir will be on Monday lunchtimes and Senior Choir will be on Thursday lunchtimes. Both choirs are to eat their lunch near the slippery dip and Ms Hunt will then collect them at 1pm to take them to the Year 2 Showcase room for the choir rehearsal.

If you have any questions at all about our choirs please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Ms Emma Hunt

Yr 2 teacher & Choral Director

### *Invitation to Join the Recorder Group – Festival of Instrumental Music*

I am excited to announce that Rainbow Street Public School's Recorder Group has been selected to perform as part of the Combined Recorders Ensemble at the prestigious Festival of Instrumental Music on Monday, 8th September, at the iconic Sydney Opera House. This is a wonderful opportunity for our

students to experience the thrill of performing in such a renowned venue.

We invite students in Years 3 to 6 to join the ensemble, whether they have prior experience playing the recorder or are beginners. All students are welcome, and I will be providing full support throughout the process.

#### Key Details:

- **Participation Fee:** \$40 (covers music, t-shirt for the performance, and other event-related costs).
- **Recorder Purchase:** If your child needs a recorder, one is available for purchase from the school office for \$15.
- **Additional Costs:** There will also be transportation costs for the rehearsal on Wednesday, 25th June, and for travel to the Opera House on the day of the concert.
- **Rehearsals:** Students are required to attend one weekly rehearsal and dedicate some practice time at home. They will also need to remain in the ensemble for the entire year, as we will continue learning new music for our end-of-year performance.

#### How to Join:

If your child is interested in participating, please contact me directly at [vivienne.beck@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vivienne.beck@det.nsw.edu.au). I'd love to welcome them to this exciting musical journey!

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,  
Vivienne Beck  
Learning Support and Recorder Teacher  
Rainbow Street Public School



## Sport News PSSA Sport

Team selection trials are underway with junior league tag and senior softball trials scheduled for this coming Tuesday afternoon. Friday PSSA sport will begin on Friday 21 February 2025.



#### Upcoming ESPSSA 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

#### From The Library...

##### **Library Monitor Leadership Roles**

Library Monitor leadership roles are very important in the smooth running of our library at Rainbow Street Public School. Library monitor roles enable Year 4 and 5 students to assist the Teacher Librarian in the day-to-day running of our school library.



Library monitors work as a team - helping people using the library, shelving books and promoting the library and books. They must be willing to do their rostered library duties.

Library monitors are people who are reliable, careful, friendly, hard-working, love books, like helping people, happy to use computers, good at alphabetical and numerical order, able to work without supervision, and good listeners and communicators.



Library monitors learn information service skills. They have chances to take responsibility and preview new books. Their acts of assistance are very much appreciated by teachers and students.

In Week 4, Year 4 and 5 students can nominate to be a library monitor if they fulfil the general school leadership criteria. In addition, they must:

- Hold a general knowledge and understanding of the organisation and role of the library;
- Show an awareness of the required behaviour and time dedication involved;
- Wear full school uniform at all times;
- Show willingness to assist at all times in the library;
- Be a positive role model for other students in the classroom, library, playground and when representing the school; and
- Model appropriate use of technology including the internet and library resources.

A meeting for interested students about the roles and responsibilities of a Library Monitor will be held before application forms are handed out.

#### Primary Ethics

Welcome to a new school year! We hope you are excited about the academic year ahead.

As you may be aware, Ethics is a course that is carried out weekly, delivered entirely by volunteers. Due to a current shortage of volunteers, we do have a number of students currently on the waiting list for this program. We are currently looking for volunteers to teach **Kindy, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.**

If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering, please let us know! Full training is provided and no previous teaching experience is needed. Sessions run for 30 minutes on a Thursday morning between 9am and 10am at Rainbow Street Public School.

For more information, please contact; [amcgowan2024@gmail.com](mailto:amcgowan2024@gmail.com) or go to [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au).

Mandy McGowan  
RSPS Ethics Coordinator

**Primary**  
**ETHICS**

ETHICS EDUCATION  
FOR CHILDREN  
THINK • REASON • DISCUSS

**Do something life-changing!**  
**Volunteer to teach ethics**  
**at your local school**

Ethics classes help children develop the life skills they need to voice their opinions, listen respectfully to others and make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

Thousands of volunteers from all walks of life and of all ages teach ethics every week. We offer free training, full lesson materials and ongoing support.



**You'll get as much out of it as the children do!**  
**Visit: [PrimaryEthics.com.au](http://PrimaryEthics.com.au) to learn more**



## Volunteers are needed now

For around an hour a week, you can have a positive impact for the future when you teach ethics, using an approved curriculum specially designed for each age group.

Topics include: How can we work out what's true? should animals be kept in zoos? what is fairness? is it ever okay to lie? The teacher's role is not to make judgements or give their own opinions about right or wrong, but to encourage questions and reflection by the children themselves.

**We rely on parents, grandparents and people who are community-minded - it's a rewarding way to get involved, learn new skills and connect positively with the future generation.**

**Primary  
ETHICS**

Learn more at:  
[primaryethics.com.au](http://primaryethics.com.au)



Welcome to week 3 and we hope all your little ones have settled in well!

We held the 2nd hand uniform sale on Wednesday which was a fantastic success. Thanks to everyone's kind donations, we had plenty of stock and still have lots left in a range of sizes from 4 up to 16. Second hand uniform sales are held on the first Wednesday of every month from 8.30am under the COLA (next to the hall.) Every item is \$5 so grab yourself a bargain.

Some of you may have noticed the structure being built by the Paine Reserve gates to the school. This is the new storage unit which will hopefully help us offer more after school activities aswell as more organised uniforms! We will keep you updated on it's progress.

As some of you may be aware, every year, a kind parent from each class group offers to be the class representative. This role is the link between the teacher and parents, sending out regular

communications about important upcoming dates or events. As such, we are asking parents to consider whether this is something that they feel they could help with and more information will be provided about it on Wednesday at the upcoming information evening.

Throughout the year, we will be running various fundraising events in the hope of raising all important funds towards new playground equipment. As such, if you or someone you know maybe able to offer any donations that we could raffle, please let us know, we would love to hear from you.

Finally- don't forget our annual meet and greet next Friday 21st February. It starts at 5.30pm at Coogee Beach Club and every adult gets a complimentary drink and nibbles. Children are welcome and is a fantastic opportunity for you to get to know your fellow school community. Please register your attendance on humantix website (click on the QR code) so that we have an indication of numbers. Entrance is free but donations are always welcome!

All that is left is to say have a wonderful weekend and keep an eye on the whatsapp announcements for any further updates.



**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/>



Community News

**SOUTH SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**OPEN DAY 2025**  
**TUESDAY 4TH MARCH, 4-6:30PM**

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Meet the principal  
Meet our team of teachers  
Take a tour and explore our fantastic facilities  
Learn about our Enrichment Program

**ENTERTAINMENT | Q&A | FOOD & BEVERAGES**

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