

CALENDAR

Term 4

Week 7

School Swim Scheme begins (Year 2 – 6)

Tuesday 25 November – Student leader posters due

Thursday 27 November – BYOD Parent Information Session (Year 4)

Thursday 27 November – Student leader election

Friday 28 November – Round 13 PSSA

Week 8

School Swim Scheme continues (Year 2 – 6)

Monday 1 December – Playground Upgrade installation begins; P&C Meeting and AGM

Tuesday 2 December – Music Showcase School Hall

Friday 5 December – Round 14 PSSA

Week 9

Tuesday 9 December – Stage 1 Excursion (Taronga Zoo)

Thursday 11 December – Kindergarten Excursion (Wildlife World and Aquarium); Volunteer appreciation breakfast

Week 10

Monday 15 December – Presentation Day Assembly (Randwick HS – South Hall)

Tuesday 16 December – K-6 First Aid Training (St John Ambulance)

Thursday 18 December – Semester 2 Reports published to School Bytes; Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Friday 19 December – Last Day Term 4; Talent Show; Year 6 Send Off



High Potential and Gifted Education

The academic talents of our students at Rainbow Street Public School were proudly showcased at last Friday's 3–6 Assembly. Thirteen students were recognised for their outstanding achievements in the ICAS school competition, receiving either a High Distinction or Distinction certificate. In total, 7 High Distinctions and 12 Distinctions were awarded.

Alongside these honours, many other students were presented with a Credit and/or Merit certificate by their teachers, acknowledging their strong performance. Considering that the ICAS competition is undertaken by thousands of students across more than 30 countries, this is an exceptional accomplishment for all who participated.

I would like to thank Mrs Counsel for her organisation of the ICAS exams. For a more detailed report, please see page 2 of the newsletter.

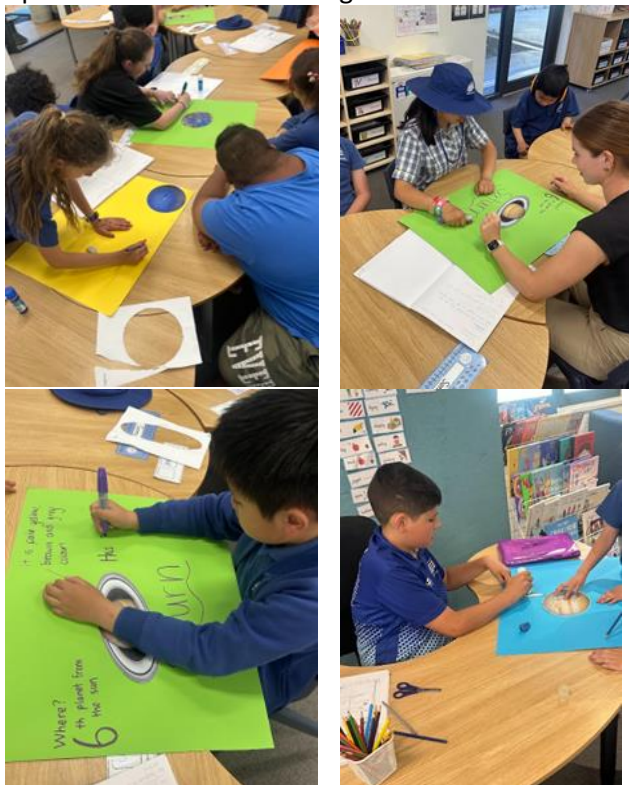
Finally, a reminder that our annual school swimming scheme begins on Monday next week. Students in Years 2 to 6 will receive intensive swimming instruction over a two-week period. This is a great opportunity for students to develop essential swimming and water safety skills ahead of summer.

What's Been Happening At Rainbow Street?

What a wonderful community event our school disco was last Friday! Students looked fantastic in their Hawaiian-themed outfits and were ready to dance the night away. It was a joy to see so many families joining in the fun, and I thoroughly enjoyed connecting with you all throughout the evening. A huge thank you to our P&C for hosting such a successful and memorable event.

What's Been Happening In Supported Learning This Week?

As part of our science and technology program this term, Support Unit students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 have joined forces to explore our Solar System. Students worked in small groups to select a planet to research, gathering information about its features, atmosphere, moons, size and location. They have used their findings to create engaging and informative posters about their chosen planet. Over the coming weeks, students will be presenting their research to their peers and sharing what they have discovered. We look forward to celebrating their hard work and impressive scientific knowledge!



Congratulations ICAS Award Recipients

This year, Rainbow Street Public School reintroduced the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS is an independent skills-based assessment program that recognises and rewards student achievement in English, Maths, Science, Spelling, Writing and Digital Technologies. The assessments are updated annually to ensure they accurately measure students' understanding and capabilities across different subject areas. The response to the reintroduction was very positive, with a strong number of students choosing to participate. All students who took part received a certificate acknowledging their effort and achievement. Students are ranked according to their percentile in each year level across Australia:

- Top 1% of students receive a High Distinction
- The next 10% receive a Distinction
- The following 25% receive a Credit
- The next 10% receive a Merit Certificate

The students photographed below received either a High Distinction or a Distinction, or in some cases both. We are extremely proud of their achievements and look forward to running this ICAS again in 2026.

Mrs Counsel



Distinction/High Distinction Award Recipients:

Toby, Hasan, Ella, Atlas, Owen, Adam, Beatrix, Charlotte, Taeho, Hannah, Frankie, Jonathan.

Active Routes to School Project

As part of the Active Routes to School Project that Year 5 have been working on, we would like to hear from parents and carers of Rainbow Street about their attitudes towards walking and riding to school. Please take a moment to complete the short survey using the link below:

[Open link](#)

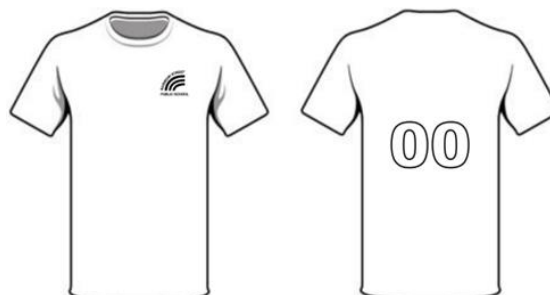
PSSA Team Jersey

We are in the process of upgrading our PSSA jerseys for 2026 and are inviting students to help design the new look!

Students can collect a design template from the front office and submit their completed design there.

There is a \$2 entry fee for each design submitted. All designs must meet the set criteria and be handed into the office by Monday 15 December.

A big thank you to our P&C, who are generously funding most of this project, and to Year 6, who are contributing their fundraising as their Year 6 gift.



Souths Cares Wellbeing Program

K-2 participated in the Souths Cares Program this week. Students took part in a 'wellbeing and nutrition workshop' followed by a 'footy skills clinic'. Some of our students were even lucky enough to walk away with some Rabbitohs merchandise.

We would like to thank the team at the South Sydney Rabbitohs for their continued engagement with our school community.



Christmas Bus

Rainbow Street Public School has been selected to participate in this year's Christmas bus decorating competition. The bus will arrive at school to be decorated on the morning of Thursday 4 December 2025. Local State member of parliament Dr Marjorie O'Neill will join us for the event. In preparation, students across the school will have the opportunity to contribute to creating decorations, on a voluntary basis, each lunch time during Week 7. We hope that the students enjoy this fun community event.



Stage 1 Excursion

Information, the permission form and payment details about the Stage 1 Excursion on 9 December 2025 has been published on to the School Bytes Parent Portal. Please log on to the portal and give consent if you have not already done so. We look forward to all Year 1 and Year 2 students being able to join us for the day.



Sport News Summer PSSA

League Tag

Juniors	Win
Seniors	Loss

T-ball/Softball

T-ball	Loss
Softball	Loss

Student of the Week

Class	Student	Awarded for...
KR	Alice	Great enthusiasm dance skills during sport
KK	Henry	Using interesting adjectives in his writing
KS	Arya	Consistent focus and always being ready to learn
1A	Egshiglen	Sharing insightful connections in geography
1M	Atticus	Using efficient comprehension strategies when finding an answer in a large piece of text
1S	Wilder	His hard work in his narrative writing
1/2H	Leon	Persistence with rounding numbers in mathematics
2H	Raf	His exceptional narrative that included descriptive language and a well-developed plot
2W	Eden	Great engagement during the Souths Cares visit
2/3C	Juliet	Creative writing and a diligent approach to reading
3L	Dylan	Being a role model to his peers
3T	Catalina	Displaying a positive attitude to learning
3/4V	Audrey	Showing initiative by respecting her learning environment and leading by example
4E	Florence	Consistently demonstrating interest and perseverance in creative and performing arts
4/5I	Lyn	Excellent work during literacy groups this week
5G	Celia	Publishing an outstanding persuasive text
5/6C	Louie	Consistently focused effort across all subjects
6M	Parsa	Great contributions to class discussions

Class	Student	Awarded for...
SDV	Francisco	Always helping others
SL	Candice	Being responsible for her own belongings
SB	Edward	Enthusiastic participation in number sense

Learner Quality Badges

 Collaboration	Marley (2H), Afaf (2H) Liam (2/3C), Chanaya (3L), Jimmy (3L), Violet (SB)
 Confidence	Aiden (2H), Alejandro (2H), Marley (2H), Andrew (2H), Luke (2H), Kirsty (2H)
 Critical and Creative Thinking	Benjamin (SDV), Maya (5G), Celia (5G), Maeve (5G), Claire (5G), Claudia (5G)
 Empathy	Harvey (2/3)
 Initiative	Aiden (2H), Marley (4/5I), Cai (6M), Duda(6M), Angus (3L), Chanaya (3L)
 Motivation	Alejandro (2H), Alex (2H), Daniella (SDV), Vincent (4/5I), Chloe (6M), Bora (6M), Hannah (6M), Dante (6M), Oliver T (6M), Sofia (6M), Maddie (3L), Arden (3L)
 Perseverance	Sonny (6M), Frankie (6M)



Rainbow Street Public School's Rainbow Raffle

This term, we will be running a 'rainbow' themed raffle. Each class will be allocated a colour and we are asking parents to donate anything of that colour that we could put in a hamper to raffle off. For example, if the class colour is pink, parents could donate some pink socks, pink sweets or a pink pencil crayon. (Be as creative as you can, but please no alcohol or nut containing products!)

Once all the donations have been made, we will raffle the hampers and give them out in early December - a perfect Christmas gift! (Information about purchasing raffle tickets to come shortly.)

Donations can be brought in and left at the Office anytime from Monday 3rd November 2025 (Week 4) until Friday 28th November 2025 (Week7).

The raffle colours have been allocated as such:

- Kindy - Pink
- Year 1 - Blue
- Year 2 - Purple
- Year 3 - Green
- Year 4 - Yellow/Gold
- Year 5 - Orange
- Year 6 - Red





P&C Rambler Update – Term 4 Week 6

I think we can all agree that the disco last Friday was a huge success! There were plenty of smiles all round and some wonderful outfits too. Thank you so much to all the teachers, parent volunteers and of course, our resident DJ Taline, who played a fantastic set and got all the kids engaged. We really do love organising these great community events.

Speaking of which...we'd like to say another thank you to everyone who has donated gifts for our Rainbow Street Rainbow raffle so far. Your generous gifts have already allowed us to make many colourful and

plentiful hampers ready to be raffled off. If you would still like to donate items, they can be left at the office now up until the 28 November (week 7). Gifts can be suitable for both children and adults- be as imaginative as you can, although please no nuts or alcohol! Please also remember that all proceeds made from the raffle tickets sales will go towards funding new PSSA shirts to be used next year. So not only will you be in for a chance of winning one of the wonderful hampers, but you will also be supporting a great cause. Tickets can now be bought using the QR link:



Here is the link to buy your raffle tickets:

<https://square.link/u/0joAJEOZ>

We still have some tea towels left that would make brilliant gifts for friends and family this Christmas! For a limited time, we are offering them at a discounted cost of \$10. If you would like to get your hands on one of them, you can purchase them through this link.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Amelie

Vice -President, Parents, and Citizens Association

<https://www.rainbowstpandc.org.au/>

Volunteers
MAKE IT HAPPEN



Above: School Disco

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.