



## Principal's Report

### February 2023 P&C Meeting

#### Recent Activities

- Welcome to Day 5 of the new school year! A special welcome to all new families. Over 90 new students commenced school at Rainbow Street last week. We are currently holding the same class structure which consists of 19 mainstream and 4 Support Unit classes.
- Well done to the teachers and Administrative staff who have settled students into their classes and learning environments so quickly. This has been a large task and the staff have worked really hard to ensure a smooth transition for students. Staff are currently focusing on building relationships and setting up structures, routines and expectations. It is vital teachers get to know the cohort of students in their learning space and students get to know their teachers along with the uses and expectations for each of the learning environments.
- Staffing:
  - This year we welcome some new staff to Rainbow Street Public School: Biana Walsh (permanent classroom teacher), and Rachel Hunter, Anna Vlahopoulos and Suzi Sikaloski join us as temporary classroom teachers for staff who are on leave.
  - Senia Becvarovski joins us in the Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction role she gained through merit selection last year.
  - Maya North (Relieving Assistant Principal) and Karina Sellors join our Support Unit staff.
- Staff are still in the process of finalising arrangements for Parent Information Evening/Meet The Teachers and we will let you know the time of sessions shortly. The sessions will be held on site on Wednesday 15 February 2023. The sessions will provide an opportunity to meet the teachers who will be teaching your child in the learning hub and gain general information about teaching and learning programs, structures and routines, and events.
- Best Start – Assessment of students in Kindergarten commenced last week. 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. Reports are issued to parents later in the term.
- COVID-smart measures as at the end of 2022 remain in place for Term 1 2023.
- New K-2 English and maths syllabus documents are mandated for implementation this year. Our staff have undergone a range of professional learning experiences and engaged in team planning to assist in the implementation. Mrs McBeth and Mrs Becvarovski are currently developing an information session for parents about the new curriculum. This will be held later this month.



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- Sport:
  - The school swimming carnival will be held at Des Renford Aquatic Centre next Monday, 13 February 2023. All races are 50m and students entering must be able to swim 50m unaided using correct technique. Parents are most welcome to join us at the pool.
  - The Eastern Suburbs PSSA will be meeting on Wednesday to discuss sport in our Zone. Depending on team nominations, summer sports include Softball/T-ball and AFL or League Tag.
  - ESPSSA representative team trials commence next week. These representative team trials are advertised in the Rambler and announced to students. Students interested in trialing should see Mr Irons.
- Staff Professional Learning Focus:
  - School Development Day - School information, organisational tasks, Child Protection Mandatory Training 2023, professional learning and a lot of collaborative teaching and learning planning took place.

### Upcoming Events

Please always check the Rambler for upcoming events. Main events on the school calendar will be added to the school website once dates are confirmed.

- Thursday 9 February – Evacuation Drill
- Monday 13 February – Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 14 February – ESPSSA Touch Football trials
- Wednesday 15 February – Parent Information Evening
- Thursday 16 February – SRE and SEE commence; ESPSSA Tennis trials
- Friday 17 February – Round 1 PSSA

### Other Information

#### *Traffic Update*

Sadly, there has been no further development regarding the traffic and Kiss and Drop zones around the school. Council has been contacted regarding installation of safety signage that had been discussed as this has not been implemented. Additionally, there has been no further development of the work on Fennelly Street at the rear of the school. This was raised again last week. CBUS are awaiting the required design for the wider footpath from Randwick City Council. They are also awaiting further information from Council regarding line marking and speed signage. We have also been advised that Newmarket Strata have requested no 'pick up drop off zone'.

#### *Extracurricular Programs*

Extracurricular programs run through staff generously giving their time. Staff are currently in the process of nominating to take on additional roles and run these programs.

#### *High School 2024*

Expression of interest forms for high school placement in 2024 will be moving online this year. Keep an eye out in the Rambler for high school open nights so that you can attend and get an overview of schools and their programs.

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