



Dear Stage 3 Parents and Caregivers,

The following key dates pertain to upcoming events for Stage 3 students. We will endeavour to keep you updated with any variations via Skoolbag, CareMonkey and Seesaw.

Important Dates

Book Week - Week 2

Dress up: Tuesday, 20th October

Leadership Day - Year 5

Thursday, 22nd October

Year 6 CPR Training

Friday, 6th November

Year 5 Camp

Monday, 16th - Wednesday 18th November

Year 5 Student Body Vote

Friday, 20th November

2021 Captain Speeches and Voting

Wednesday, 25th November

Year 6 Mini Fair

Thursday, 3rd December

Year 6 Camp

Monday, 7th - Wednesday, 9th December

Sun, Surf and Sea

Wednesday, 9th December

Fun run/colour run

Thursday, 10th December

Picnic Day

TBC

Presentation Day

Monday, 14th December

Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday, 15th December

Last Day of Term 4

Wednesday, 16th December

Key Learning Areas

English

The focus in English will continue to be on Informative and Entertaining texts. Students will engage in a poetry study looking at a variety of poems and figurative language.

Mathematics

The focus is on enhancing students' mathematical thinking, understanding and competence as well as fostering their creativity, enjoyment and appreciation of Mathematics.

Geography

Year 5 will continue to focus on the topic: Factors that shape places.

Students will investigate the following questions:

- How do people influence places and the management of spaces within them?

Year 6 will continue to focus on the topic: A diverse and connected world.

Students will investigate the following questions:

- How do people's connections to places affect their perception of them?
- Investigate connections between Australia and other countries of the world.

Science and Technology

Year 5 will continue to focus on the topic: Living World

The unit aims to help students to understand more about healthy eating, food waste prevention, and the vital part we play in ensuring that all Australians have a sustainable future. Students develop food preparation skills and techniques as they plan, prepare, and cook healthy nutritious food using recipes that help prevent food waste. Students will also look at the growth and survival of living things and how their adaptations over time suit their environment.

Year 6 will continue to focus on the topic: Earth and Space

Students investigate the effects of sudden geological changes and extreme weather events on the Earth's surface, like earthquakes and floods. They will also look at advances in science and technology which have assisted people to plan for and manage natural disasters.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

The focus topics for this term are:

- Child Protection (Year 5)
- First Aid and Drug Education (Year 6)
- School Sport (Stage 3)
- Gymnastics (Year 5)

Creative Arts

Year 5 - Dance

The elements of dance provide the scope for learning about the use of the body, movement and compositional principles in all kinds of dance from a range of contexts. Students will learn about and learn to use and describe the elements through performing, composing and appreciating dances.

Year 6 - Visual Arts

Students make artworks for a variety of audiences using different forms and techniques to convey meaning and represent the likeness of things in the world. They will discuss artworks in terms of how subject matter is used and represented, artists' intention and audience interpretation and make reasoned judgements about these artworks.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on Friday and be returned the following Friday. It will commence Friday, Week 1.

Homework expectations and weekly activities are located:

Year 5: <https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/year-5/weekly-homework>

Year 6: <https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/year-6/term-4>

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the appropriate teacher.

Stationery

It is an important classroom requirement that students come to lessons with correct belongings to ensure that learning is maximised. Please ensure your child has the minimum requirements of **headphones, red, blue and black pens, a ruler, a pair of scissors, glue, whiteboard marker** and a **lead pencil**. A small pencil case which does not take up much desk space or distract students is preferred.

Reminder

Please continue to assist us by:

- Reporting your child's absence to the school on the same day by phoning or emailing the school office randwick-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Unexplained absences will be followed up by a phone call/email.
- Completing late notes at the office when your child arrives late or leaves early for school.
- Ensuring that all homework is completed promptly and to an acceptable standard, using an appropriate schedule that does not encourage your child to leave work until the last minute.
- Ensuring your child wears a broad brimmed hat and sunscreen to school every day (especially sports days).
- Please remember to sign up, update details and regularly check Operoo and Skoolbag to receive up to date school information and permission notes.
- Did you know our school website has a real-time calendar for school events? Bookmark it in your favourites for easy access- <https://www.randwickpublicschool.com.au/calendar/>

Thank you for all your continued support.
Stage 3 Teachers