



Welcome to Term 2, Year 1 2023

Dear Year 1 families,

We hope you had a relaxing holiday break! We are very excited about Term 2!

School values

Each class has set expectations based on our school values. These have been negotiated by both students and teachers and reflect our school welfare guidelines. These three values underpin our day to day interactions as members of Randwick Public School.

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

Parents as Partners

The best way to encourage children to value education is to show them that you value it too. You can do this by ensuring your child:

- Attend school every day, unless sick.
- Arrives at and is collected from the silver seats at 3pm each afternoon, unless going to OOSH or Kiss and Go and this has been communicated to the classroom teacher.
- Wears a full school uniform including their school broad brimmed hat and black school shoes.
- Has a sufficient amount of nutritious food and water every day.
- Completes their homework each fortnight.
- Has all items LABELLED including hats, clothing, food and drink containers.
- Keeps toys and other valuable items at home.
- Has up to date personal and health information, including any medical details, kept at the office.

Communication with the Teacher

If you need to speak with your teacher regarding your child's learning or welfare, please feel free to contact the school office on (02) 9398 6022 and leave a message or email directly to your classroom teacher. You should expect a response within 48 hours.

Messages that need to be communicated to the whole school community will be shared via School Bytes via the office. Please ensure you have your email address up to date.

If you have an urgent message that needs to be shared with your class teacher or your child (e.g. change of afternoon pick up arrangements, please call the school office and they will relay the message to the classroom teacher in a timely manner.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school please email (randwick-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or call the school (02 9398 6022) as soon as you can. If your child is booked in to attend Randwick After School Care and they are absent from school, please alert the Care Centre.

Birthdays

We love celebrating birthdays in class. If you wish to send in something to celebrate your child's birthdays please send something individually packaged such as ice blocks from the school canteen. These can be pre-ordered via Flexischools. Otherwise individual cupcakes are a good choice.

Homework

Homework will be issued fortnightly on a Friday starting from Week 1, Term 2. It is to be returned to class fortnightly on a Thursday morning. Homework should take approximately 20 – 30 minutes per day, no more. Homework will include a grid with a variety of activities from different Key Learning Areas.

On the homework grid, the activities in the grey boxes are the recommended tasks. These include:

- completing a Maths Plus unit.
- reading the home readers every night. Students will take home 4 readers a week based on their reading level and exchange them weekly.
- practise the spelling of the tricky words.
- prepare for their talking time topic.

Students will also be asked to choose two other optional tasks to complete each week.

Please mark your child's homework as they complete it and initial the completed tasks on the grid. Instant feedback is one of the keys to successful learning.

Key Learning Areas

The six key learning areas in primary school are: English, Mathematics, History and Geography (HSIE), Science/STEM, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) and Creative Arts.

English K-2

The new English syllabus builds strong foundations in reading and writing. There is an increased focus on developing oral language skills, reading 'fluency', and ensuring that students have a clear understanding of how to create a sentence. It recognises that listening to and using literature can foster an understanding, appreciation and love of reading. Daily lessons include instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics, oral language and communication, reading comprehension, spelling, handwriting and writing.

Mathematics K- 2

The new Mathematics curriculum has a strong evidence base. It supports students to gain a deeper understanding of concepts through making connections and developing reasoning skills. There is an increased emphasis on number sense, classroom talk and place value. Content is structured to highlight the parallel connections across Number and Algebra, Measurement and Space, and Statistics and Probability, underpinned by the latest research.

History

Present and Past Family Life. Students continue their study of the past and the present, within the context of their own life. This topic also provides a study of local history. Students explore, recognise and appreciate the history of their local area by examining remains of the past and considering why they should be preserved.

Science & Technology

This term students investigate the Physical World strand of the curriculum. They will investigate how sound can be produced using a variety of materials. They develop an understanding of how sound is made and changed through manipulating vibrations.

Creative Arts

Creative Arts includes Visual Arts, Dance, Music and Music. In Term 2 students will be participating in weekly Dance sessions as part of the Footsteps program. Weekly Music lessons will continue to be taught by our specialist Music teacher, Mr Brown.

PD/H/PE

Physical Education sport sessions will be taught in Week 2, 5 and 7 during Term 2 by an external company called Sport in School Australia (SISA). Students are encouraged to wear sports shoes during these sessions. In Personal Development and Health lessons students will be learning about protective behaviours in the *Emmy*

and Friends program (5 weeks) as well as learn about drug safety, road safety, bike safety and how to respond to an emergency (5 weeks).

Assembly

Assembly will be held in the morning at the hall during Week 5 and 9 this term, starting at 9:10am. Parents and carers will be invited in to attend the assembly on the week their child's class is hosting and/or if their child is receiving an award.

Class	Hosting Week
1G	Week 5 (26th May)
1J	Week 9 (23rd June)

Important Dates in Term 2

What?	Grade	Date
ANZAC Assembly	All school	Week 1 - 26th April (10am - 11am)
Vaucluse Excursion	Year 1	Week 2 Students from 1G, 1F, 1M and 1W will be attending Tuesday 2 nd May. Students from 1K, 10 and 1J will be attending Wednesday 3 rd May.
Book Fair	All School	Week 3 - 8th - 12th May
Sorry Day	All School	Week 5 - Friday 26th May
Reconciliation Week	All school	Week 6 - 29th May - 26th May
King's Birthday - Public Holiday	All School	Week 8 - 12th June
NAIDOC Week	All School	Week 10 - 26th June - 30th June

Newsletters

Please read the fortnightly School Newsletter for more information relating to whole school activities. They will be sent to your email via School Bytes for you to read at your convenience or you can access them via the school website: <http://www.randwickpublicschool.com.au/>

Thank you very much, your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to another wonderful term of fun and learning with you and your child!

The Year 1 Team