



Welcome to Term 1, Year 1 2022

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 school on time;
- Has full school uniform including their school broad brimmed hat and is well groomed;
- Has sufficient amount of nutritious food and water every day.

Communication with the Teacher

If you need to speak with your teacher regarding your child's learning or welfare, please feel free to contact us directly via SeeSaw or via email if your child has more than one class teacher. Please understand that it may take a day or two to return your message. Student work and class/grade announcements will be shared via Seesaw. Messages that need to be communicated to the whole school community will be shared via SKOOLbag. If you have an urgent message that needs to be shared with me or your child (e.g. change of afternoon pick up) please call the school office on (02) 9398 6022.

Homework

Homework will be issued every Friday from Week 4, Term 1. It is to be returned to class every Thursday morning. Homework should take approximately 20 – 30 minutes per day, no more. You will have information inside the homework books that come home, detailing the homework for each week.

Homework Routines will include;

1. Daily reading for 10-15 minutes from the student's Home Reading Book. This includes discussing the book with your child. 4 books will come home on Thursday to read. Parents should sign and date the Home Reader Log Book. Home reading should be easy and enjoyable. Students are regularly tested in class and the level of home readers changed as appropriate.
2. Spelling or sightword activities.
3. Maths Mentals set in a textbook.
4. Online homework such as Mathseeds and Reading Eggs is optional.



Please mark your child's homework as they complete it. Instant feedback is one of the keys to successful learning.

Book Covering

On Friday 11th February students (who have purchased their book packs) will bring their school workbooks home to be covered. The books all have school title pages and students' names printed on the front. We ask that you cover all the books in **clear contact** or **reusable plastic covers**. This allows you time to get these materials before the weekend as all books need to be back to school on **Monday the 14th of February**. If you are unable to cover the books in time please send them back to school uncovered as students will need to work in them on Monday morning. We will resend any uncovered books home the following weekend.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held in Week 8 -10, Term 1. This is primarily centred on your child's social and academic progress at school and can provide the opportunity to discuss your child's development and address any concerns that you may have. If you wish to discuss your child's progress at another time please arrange an appointment by calling the school office or emailing me. I would be more than happy to discuss your child's progress, at a mutually convenient time.

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. Sadly we are not currently allowed to share food, given the COVID restrictions. 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.

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

English is an integral part of all learning throughout the entire school. The three English strands are: Reading & Comprehension, Writing & Representing and Speaking & Listening. In addition to daily reading and writing activities, students will give several oral presentations throughout the year, culminating in a Public Speaking Competition (date to be advised).

Mathematics



The three Mathematics strands are: Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability. Rotational activities, ipads, written work, hands on materials are all important parts of learning in Mathematics for Year 1 students. Ongoing assessment of each area happens throughout the year.

History

Present and Past Family Life: This topic provides a study of the present and past family life within the context of the students' own life.

Science & Technology

Students will learn to observe and describe the features of living things and their environments. This will include designing and creating an environment to cater for a living thing.

Creative Arts

Creative Arts includes Visual Arts, Dance, Music and Music. In Term 1 students will be creating portraits, self-portraits and sculptures in Visual Arts. Weekly Music lessons will also be taught by our specialist Music teacher, Mr Brown.

PD/H/PE

Fundamental Movement Skills will be taught in weekly Physical Education sessions this term. In Personal Development and Health lessons students will be learning about making safe and healthy decisions.

Technology

Students have access to technology in all subject areas. Programs provide opportunities for students' research, to create multimedia, publish written work, collate information, communicate with others and to extend upon their processing skills.

Each classroom is equipped with an Interactive Whiteboard and ipads. Students are encouraged to use this technology to enhance their learning across all curriculum areas and opportunities are embedded throughout Year 1 programs. There is a whole school focus on Digital Citizenship where we think about how to behave responsibly when using computers/ipads/internet devices.

Assembly

Assembly will be held fortnightly on Thursday at 11.40am in the Hall. Our first assembly will be Thursday 24th March. Your class teacher will notify you via SeeSaw of your child's assembly date.

Important Dates in Term 1:

What?	Grade	Date
School/class photos	All school	Monday 28th February and Tuesday 1st March



NRMA Road Safety Day	All School	Wednesday 24th March
Science Excursion to Centennial Park	Year 1	Friday 18th March
Harmony Day	All school	Monday 21st March
Parent-Teacher Meetings	All School	Monday 14 March - Friday 1 April

Newsletters

Please keep updated via the **fortnightly School Newsletter** for more information related to whole school activities. Please ensure your **email contact details** are up to date with the school office. Copies of the School Newsletter are available via Seesaw or on the school website: <http://www.randwickpublicschool.com.au/>

Throughout the school year, please remember;

- Ensure students arrive on time to school each day;
- Ensure students personal and health details are kept up to date and that any medication details are always kept at the front office and are up to date on CareMonkey;
- Ensure all homework is completed promptly.
- Small toys and valuable items are NOT be brought to school.
- Ensure that you child wears full school uniform including the school broad brimmed hat, black shoes and socks.
- Label ALL your child's items of clothing, hats, food and drink containers.

Pick Up Arrangements

Please collect your child from the Silver Seats at 3pm each afternoon, unless they are going to OOSH. If you would like your child to go to Kiss&Go with a sibling or by themselves, you must communicate this to the class teacher in writing.

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

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Year 1 Assistant Principals