



## Welcome to Term 2, Year 3 2024

Dear Year 3 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.
- 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 week.
- 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.

If you wish to speak with the Year 3 and 4 (Stage 2) Assistant Principal, please feel free to contact the school office and leave a message for Leanne King. Otherwise you may email her directly on [leanne.l.king@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leanne.l.king@det.nsw.edu.au). You should expect a response within 48 hours.

### **Attendance**

If your child is absent from school please email ([randwick-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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**

The purpose of homework at RPS is to provide consolidation of learning and support for students in planning and organising time as well as establishing habits of study, concentration and self discipline

Students will be expected to complete a **maximum of 40 minutes** of homework a day. Part of this homework will be home reading as well as completing a 'Maths Plus' unit of work. Optional activities will include Reading Eggspress and Matharoo Supplementary homework **may** be sent home by specialists and support teachers throughout the week. Occasionally students may be given additional projects to complete. Please mark your child's homework as they complete it as instant feedback is one of the keys to successful learning.

Homework will be issued on a **Friday** to be returned on **Thursday** the following week. This will allow students to use the weekend to complete homework if they wish. We are realistic about homework and understand 'life' gets in the way. However, we would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to complete their weekly homework tasks. This is important when instilling good organisational skills and independent work habits.

## **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 3-6**

In Term 2 students will continue to gain a deeper understanding of the textual concepts of genre and perspective and context through an analysis of the texts *Iceberg* and *Earth's Incredible Oceans*. Students will experiment with genre to create a variety of texts using their understanding of structure and language choices to suit a text's purpose. Later on in the term, students will study the text *Wandi* and explore how an argument may be a single perspective that is presented or defended. Students will develop texts using language choices for persuasive effect and also plan and deliver spoken presentations.

Please refer to the following document for more information about the new English Syllabus:

■ [english-3%E2%80%936-parent-and-carer-guide.PDF](#)

### **Mathematics 3-6**

In the Maths curriculum, students will develop essential numeracy knowledge and skills and develop an understanding of concepts on Number and Algebra, Measurement and Space and Statistics and Probability. Students will develop understanding of and fluency in mathematics through exploring and connecting mathematical concepts, choosing and applying mathematical techniques to solve problems to communicate their thinking and reasoning both coherently and clearly.

Please refer to the following document for more information about the new Mathematics Syllabus:

■ [mathematics-3-6-parent-and-carer-guide.PDF](#)

### **History**

Students will continue their study of the topic *Community and Remembrance* learning about the heritage of their local area and how it has changed over time. Students will explore historical features and examine diversity within the community. Local, state and national symbols and emblems of significance will be examined, along with celebrations and commemorations, both locally and in other places around the world.

## Science & Technology

Students will continue their study of the topic *Earth and Space* examining how the Earth's surface has changed over time. Students will investigate natural processes and human activity in order to develop a view in relation to sustainable practices. Students will explore the effect of the interactions between the Earth and the Sun.

## Creative Arts

Students will have their creative art lessons combined with their Italian or Mandarin language lessons this term. During these lessons they will focus on drama, using gestures, movement and voice to take on roles and explore characterisation in everyday and imagined situations. They will also view and share their opinions on the performances of others.

## PD/H/PE

Physical Education class sport sessions will focus on netball skills, including passing, throwing, moving, dodging, defending, attacking, intercepting, shooting, rebounding and teamwork. Students are encouraged to wear sports shoes during these sessions. Students will also continue to participate in PSSA sport or School Sport each Friday afternoon.

In Personal, Health and Development students will study the child protection unit *My Right To Be Safe*. Students will learn about the changes that happened during puberty. They will also learn about their rights and the rights of others and build their understanding of emotional and behavioural warning signs associated with unsafe situations. They will explore the impact abuse and bullying can have on someone and learn how to respond, seek help and advice if they find themselves in an unsafe situation.

## Assembly

Assembly will be held on a Tuesday this term (2:25 - 3pm) during Week 3, 5 and 7. 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
4M	Week 3 (14th May)
3S	Week 5 (28th May)
4SN	Week 7 (11th June)

## Important Dates in Term 2

What?	Grade	Date
ANZAC Assembly	All school	Week 1 - 2nd May K to 2 assembly 9am - 10am 3 to 6 assembly 10am to 11am
Cross Country	Year 2 to 6	Week 2 - 7th May
Mother's Day Breakfast	All School	Week 2 - 10th May (7:30am to 9am)
Book Fair	All School	Week 3 - 13th - 17th May
Sorry Day	All School	Week 4 - Friday 24th May
Reconciliation Week	All school	Week 5 - 27th May - 31st May
King's Birthday - Public Holiday	All School	Week 7 - 10th 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 3 Team