Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, hopefully everyone had a fun and relaxing break. Can you believe we are almost at the end of the school year, time flies when you’re having fun! If you have any questions about the information in this note please contact your child’s teacher to make an appointment.

Science – Push and Pull
In this unit students will identify forces they use in their everyday lives to work, play and live. They will observe and discuss the effects of gravity and how forces work in water, air and on the ground.

Homework
Daily homework in reading, spelling, writing, Maths Mentals and Mathletics will continue in Term 4, starting Week 2.
We encourage you to support your child to work to their full potential and present quality work in accordance with the schools Bookwork policy.
Year 1 students are trailing a new format for homework, we encourage your feed back as to how your child is enjoying the new set up.

Mathletics
In Term 4 all Year 1 and Year 2 students will continue to be assigned set weekly tasks to complete for homework which will revise and consolidate concepts taught in class. If your child is not able to access the internet from home please speak to your child’s class teacher.

Stage 1 Literacy and Numeracy
Guided reading groups will continue in Term 4. The focus in writing will be information reports and persuasive writing (year 2 only). When reading at home; remember that the books are supposed to be easy. This is when the children need to rehearse the skills they have learnt at school and read with improved fluency.
In Numeracy Year 1 students will work towards knowing all addition and subtraction number facts to 100. As well as exploring concepts involving division and multiplication. Year 2 students will work on addition and subtraction number facts up to and beyond 100 including the introduction of division and the continuing work on multiplication tables (x2, x5, x3 and x10)

Child Protection
Child protection education aims to assist students to develop skills in:
- Recognising and responding to unsafe situations
- Seeking assistance effectively
- Establishing and maintaining non-coercive relationships and strengthening attitudes and values related to equality, respect and responsibility.
Child protection will be taught in conjunction with our class circle time program and the PD/H/PE syllabus.

Reports
The final school reports for 2012 will be provided at the end of this term, Week 9. Throughout the term teachers will be assessing and monitoring students to gain information on their achievements. It is essential that children do not miss any school days unless they are sick as assessments are hard to chase due to students absence.
AusKick
All Year 1 and 2 classes will be participating in the Auskick AFL program this year. Please see the timetable below for your classes’ timeslot. Can you please ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate school uniform to play AFL.

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School Photos
School photos will be held on Monday 29th October 2012. The children will need to wear their summer uniform and black shoes and black socks, no sneakers. Can you please ensure that no one is wearing black tights or long sleeve shirts under their school uniform.

Year 1 Sport
Year 1 students will also continue their Fundamental Movement Skills Session throughout Term 4, with a particular focus jogging, running and sprinting.

Year 2 Sport
For students who elected swimming in Term 4, we will begin the program in Week 2. Can all students ensure that they come to school with their swim gear under their uniforms and that they have underpants to change into after their lesson. The remaining students will stay at school and participate in a fundamental skills program.

Year 2 Recorder
Year 2 students need to practise their recorder for 5 minutes every night and bring their recorder in every week on their designated day for tuition with Mrs Coleman. All Year 2 classes have recorder on Wednesday.

Morning Drop Offs
Can you please make sure your child is at lines by 9:00am in the morning. Having time to say goodbye to parents/carers and then meeting and playing with friends helps the children to settle into the day ahead with less stress or anxiety. There is a teacher on duty from 8:30am; you are welcome to drop your child off after this time each morning.

Car Park
A reminder for all families that children and parents are not to be in any of the car parks in the morning or afternoon, this is for the safety of your children.
Please do not walk through the car parks or use them to park your cars.
For your children’s safety, use the pedestrian gates in front of care centre.

Notes / Attendance
If your child is absent from school please ensure you send a note to your child’s class teacher as soon as they return to school, you may also contact the school via phone or email to report your child’s absence. If the absence is more than one day please inform the school immediately by phone or email; randwick-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
If your child is booked in to attend Randwick After School Care and they are absent from school, can you please alert the care centre on the day they are absent.
**Stage 1 Assemblies**

Assembly for Year 1 and 2 will be held on **Tuesday afternoons at 2:30pm** in the school hall, we would like to welcome all visitors and guests to join us. Children will be collected on Tuesdays **from the hall**. Please ensure your child’s teacher is aware that you have taken your child before exiting the school grounds.

**Parent Morning Teas:** Every Friday at 9am. 2 classes are rostered on every week to provide morning tea- look out for notices via your class parent representative and in the school newsletter.

**Presentation Day**

The annual school presentation day will be held on Tuesday 18th December at John Clancy Auditorium at the University of NSW. If your child is receiving an award you will be notified later in the school term.

**Christmas Party (Year 1) / Picnic (Year 2)**

The Year 1 Christmas party will be held on Monday 10th December. This is only for Year 1 students. It begins at 1pm and families are welcome to come along for lunch, keep an eye out for more information as volunteers will be needed to help prepare the lunch.

Year 2 students will be joining the primary classes for a picnic in Centennial Park on the same day. More information will come closer to the date.

**Year 2 Transition Evening**

In preparation for Year 3, we will be hosting an information session on how best to prepare your child for the demands and changes faced when leaving infants school for primary. We will be hosting this evening on Tuesday 27th November in the school hall at 6:00pm. This is an evening for adults only.

**Uniforms**

Each day it is important that the children attend wearing their proper school uniform, this includes the Randwick Public School wide brimmed hat, black shoes and black socks. If your child does not have their hat then they need to sit on the silver seats in the top playground for each break time. As we approach the warmer weather it is important that all children are wearing the appropriate school hat and uniform each day.

**Last Day of School**

The last day of school for children before we break for the summer holidays is **Wednesday 19th December 2012**.

The children will return to school on **Wednesday 30th January 2013**, all children will meet the teachers on the silver seats at 9am. They will spend the first couple of days with their 2012 teachers.

*(Please keep updated via the fortnightly School Newsletter for possible changes, additions and further details. Separate notes will be sent home closer to the date of each event.)*

Please remember the school protocol to follow for any concerns with your child. Please make the **class teacher** the first point of contact. If necessary, the concern will be taken to the next level.

We appreciate your continued support.

Thank you,

Stage 1 Teachers