Dear Parents / Carers,
Welcome back to another busy term at Randwick Public School.

**Homework**
Homework this term will continue to contain:
* A wide variety of spelling activities.
* A written passage using spelling words.
* Comprehension tasks.
* Editing tasks.
* Mathletics.
* Home Reading.
* Sun, Surf, Sand and Sea tasks.

**Assessment & Reporting**
Classroom assessment is continuous. Taken into consideration are class bookwork and participation, anecdotal records, homework, projects and tests. Grades are not based on tests alone. However, across grade assessments are necessary to compare children in different classes and to see what concepts need to be reviewed.

**Assembly**
The Stage 3 assembly will be held at 12:30pm - 1pm on the Wednesday of weeks 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9.

**HSIE (Human Society and Its Environment)**
Senior school theme: Global Connections.
The Global Connections unit provides opportunities for students to investigate how Australian people, systems and communities are globally interconnected and recognise global responsibilities.

**Science and Technology**
Primary Connections is an inquiry-oriented model of teaching science. Students will be involved in hands-on learning experiences with scientific phenomena. They will be given opportunities to develop investigations and build their understanding of science.
Senior school theme: Desert Survivors.

**Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)**
Senior school focus of 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.

In addition to child protection, students in Senior school will be learning about puberty by participating in the Interrelate program. There will also be an out of hours session of ‘Where did I come from & Puberty’ for year 6 only.

The Bounce Back program will focus on the topic of Success – identifying strengths; goal setting; trying hard and learning from mistakes.

**Creative Arts (Visual Arts, Drama, Music & Dance)**
We are looking forward to this term’s focus on CAPA. Drama, Music and Dance for all Stage 3 students preparing and rehearsing for the Seussical Junior musical to be performed on the 4th December Term 4.

**English Focus**
The focus on Literacy is on developing a range of effective comprehension strategies and a deep understanding of grammar and punctuation. Students will also engage with a variety of texts, producing their own pieces of writing. The social purpose focus in Term 4 is Recording Information.

Debating, public speaking, handwriting, spelling and guided reading will be taught in home classes.

**Maths Focus**
The focus in Numeracy is on Division, Patterns and Algebra, Chance, Working Mathematically and problem solving.
Position, Angles, Circles, Triangles and Mass will be taught in home classes.

**Sun, Surf, Sea and Sand Program**
Students will be involved in ‘Sun, Surf, Sea & Sand’ - Surf Education Australia and Craig Riddington at Bondi Beach. The students will receive a weekly overview, together with expected dates to complete their tasks and will be supported to work with variety of tasks independently and to effectively make use of schedules and timetables.

**Surf Safety Day on 8th November** includes a Level 1 Surf Awareness certificate.

**Year 6 Farewell**
A parent committee lead by Kate Ashton has been formed to organise the Year 6 Farewell. The Farewell will be held in our school hall on **Tuesday the 18th of December** and the theme is ‘Masquerade.’ We look forward to an enjoyable and memorable evening.

**Seussical Concert**
Stage 3 will be performing the ‘Seussical Junior’ musical on **Tuesday 4th of December** (evening and matinee performances) in the school hall. The musical is based on the Dr Seuss books and characters, especially the book, ‘Horton Hears a Who.’ The children are busy rehearsing and we look forward to the concert. Tickets will be available 1 month prior to the concert.

**Additional Programs**
- **Year 5 Sydney Region Debating.** Year 5 students will be involved in a Video Conference Debating Gala Day with the assistance of Year 6 mentors. We wish them best of luck.

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

*N.B. These dates mostly relate specifically to Stage 3 and do not include all Whole School events.*

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|                                           |       | o  Tuesday 9th October                       |
| Year 5 Video Conference Debating Gala Day | Yr 5  | **Term 4:**
|                                           |       | o  Thursday 18th October                     |
| Surf Safety Day excursion at Bondi Beach  | Y5/6  | **Term 4:**
|                                           |       | o  Thursday 8th November                     |
| Year 5 Leadership Day                     | Y 5   | **Term 4:**
|                                           |       | o  Thursday 15th November                    |
| Year 6 Mini Fair                          | Y6    | **Term 4:**
|                                           |       | o  Thursday 22nd November                    |
| Seussical Stage 3 Musical Production (Matinee and Evening performances) | Y 5/6 | **Term 4:**
|                                           |       | o  Tuesday 4th December                      |
| Year 6 Camp                               | Y 6   | **Term 4:**
|                                           |       | o  Wednesday 12th December – Friday 14th December |
| Year 6 Farewell                           | Y 6   | **Term 4:**
|                                           |       | o  Tuesday 18th December                     |
| Presentation Day                          | Y 6   | **Term 4:**
|                                           |       | o  Tuesday 18th December                     |

We appreciate your continued support. Thank you, Stage 3 Teachers.