



Rainbow Ramblings

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To the parents and members of the Rainbow Beach State School community,

Lock Down

Today we held a practice lock down drill. The purpose of these drills is to ensure that in the event that an unidentified person enters the school ground the students can quickly move to safe areas.

High Ropes

Congratulations to the Year 7 students for their effort and behaviour at the High Ropes last week. It was wonderful to see the students taking on the challenge of traversing between telephone poles 8 metres in the air. The students only accessed half of the activities leaving the remaining elements for another visit later in the year, hopefully with their parents!

Friday Sport

As this Friday is the final week for hockey and rugby league, it is necessary to thank a number of people.

I would like to publicly thank all the parents who have supported Rainbow Beach State School by transporting students to sport in Gympie on Friday afternoons. I believe that having the opportunity to compete in a range of sports, against other schools, is a valuable learning experience. These activities would not be possible without the support of parents. Thank you parents.

I would like to thank Michael and Darryl. These gentlemen are responsible for the quality of rugby league played by the students at Rainbow Beach State School. Our team is made up of students from years 4-7 and they successfully compete against teams of only older students (year 6 and 7). Thank you Michael and Darryl.

I would also like to publicly acknowledge the work of Tori. Without her organisational skills and desire to have Rainbow Beach students participate there would be no regular sporting activities. Thank you Tori.

Congratulations must also go to the students who have represented the school. Their behaviour and sportsmanship is something the entire Rainbow Beach community should be proud of. Well Done students

2009 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy test results

In May this year, around one million students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 14 September 2009, The Queensland Studies Authority, which is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in Queensland, will begin distributing results to schools across Queensland.

Every student who participated in the 2009 NAPLAN test will receive an individual report containing their results.

This report provides a range of information about your child's performance on each of the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on what was assessed in each test and how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots' of student achievement in literacy and numeracy, the results should be considered along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance.

If you have any questions or concerns about NAPLAN testing, please contact me.

Help us keep our school secure these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, please look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please phone the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let's work together to help create a safer school community.

If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call Education Queensland's School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.

Cheers
Chris Allom

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Years 4-7

Various activities and games are being offered to any students in **year 4-7 on Friday** afternoons for the rest of the term. It will commence at 2.35pm and finish 3.35pm on the school oval. This is part of the AASC program, which is a Government incentive to encourage kids to be active after school.

Prep – Year 3

Students are invited to participate in the Active After School program each **Monday** afternoon. Activities and skill building will be organised and implemented by Mrs Arthur from 2:45pm – 3:45pm.

All students must have permission prior to participate in the Active After Schools Program. Permission forms are available from the office.

2010 PREP ENROLMENTS

Was your child born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005? If so they are eligible to enrol in Prep for 2010. Please contact the school office to place your child on the enrolment list.

P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting – Tomorrow - Wednesday 09 September **5:00pm in the staff room.**

SCHOOL CAMP - Next year, 2010, the school is looking into taking the students from grades 5, 6 and 7 on a camp to Canberra and Sydney. This will obviously be a huge venture and will take a lot of organising, without your support it probably won't happen. We are looking at getting a group of parents together to help co-ordinate this. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Debbie O'Brien on 0409528612 (during the day) or 5486 8029 (after 4pm).

TUCKSHOP NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE** available for the last 2 weeks of the Term.

I will be making a fresh batch of Macaroni & Cheese this Wednesday, so take advantage of this before it goes into the freezer.

Next Term our menu will stay the same, we can cater with a fresh bread roll if preferred to a sandwich with all the same fillings at the same price.

We will be looking for Volunteers for next Terms Roster. Please put your name down at the office if you can find the time to work a couple of hours at lunch time, your support is greatly appreciated. And once again Thankyou to all the Parents and Caregivers for your help through out the Term, and a BIG Thankyou to Mrs Young's class 2/3 for the yummy muffins and bickies great job, well done guys.

Kind Regards Elizabeth.

Wednesday 09 September: Helper – Erin Johnson; Bakers – Kristy Watson & Cherie Betteridge.

Wednesday 16 September: Helper – Sarah Brantz; Bakers – Cherie Morris & Mrs Young and Year 2.

ADVANCED LIFE PHOTOGRAPHS

When did you last have a professional portrait taken of your family and children? For only \$15.00 you can get a professional photo of your family members. Bookings are now being taken for Saturday 12 September. See the attached leaflet for more information and return your Family Portrait fundraising voucher to the school or contact Cherie on 0427 065 644 to make a booking.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 09 September	P&C Meeting – 5:00pm in the staff room
Friday 11 September	Interschool Rugby and Hockey
Wednesday 16 September	Broncos Challenge

LADIES PINK DAY LUNCHEON

Where: Waterview Bistro

When: Friday 30 October

Time: 11:30am – 3:00pm

Cost: \$20.00 p.p.

Please book early as numbers are limited. Phone 5486 8344.

GYMPIE JUNIOR CRICKET SIGN ON

The sign on for season 2009 Gympie Junior Cricket will be held on 12th September 9am to 1pm at the Club House One Mile Oval in front of soccer field 11. New and previous players are most welcome to sign on and learn skills, sportsmanship, teamwork and have fun.

FEES:

Under 7 "Into Cricket" \$55 (Friday afternoons)

Under 9 \$100

Under 11 \$120

Under 13 & 16 \$130

PLUS – Volunteer Levy \$20/family (levy to be returned at end of season after volunteering)

Family membership: 3 or more children - \$290

Contacts: - Trevor Mahaffey – 0401 066 491, Bob Haylock – 5485 4148



GYMPIE AMATEUR ATHLETICS

Annual Spring Carnival – Sunday 13 September, Albert Park, Gympie

Nomination Fees - \$4.00 per event

You do not have to be a club member to compete. This event is open to all.

For any inquiries please contact the event co-ordinator, Leslie O'Connor – 0400 276 552 or 5483 1739 between 7pm and 8pm.

NIPPERS SEASON 2009/2010 – Sign on day and proficiency swims

Sunday 13th Sep 09 - Tin Can Bay Pool, 10am – 12.30pm

The proficiency swim for all nippers will also be completed on these two dates. Please bring copy of birth certificates if not already provided.

There will be a sausage sizzle following swims.

First day of Nippers this year will be Sunday 27th Sep 2009 at 8am

For any questions please contact Debbie O'Brien 0409 528 612

HAPPY HEALTHY PARENTING EXPO FOR MUMS AND DADS – Friday 11 September 10am – 6pm at the Gympie Civic Centre

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES- Grass Heads; Face Painting; Story Telling

10 am -12 pm in the park - **Under 8's tumble fun; Bubbles; Craft and messy activities**

11 am, 1 pm, & 4 pm - **First Fleet Puppet Shows**

OTHER ATTRACTIONS- Southern Cross Association bike display; Baby massage; Healthy food demonstrations & give-aways; Reiki; Parenting pampering; Head massage; Henna hand tattoos

And much more...

What: Middle School Maths/Science Excellence Program

Course Presenter: Staff from the University of the Sunshine Coast

When: 22 October - 26 November from 4:00 - 5:30pm, for 6 weeks (Graduation 3rd December)

Where: ICT Hub at James Nash (Myall St)

Cost: \$90

Contact Tammy Pengelly or Emma Palm on 54806333 or tpeng5@eq.edu.au or epalm18@eq.edu.au for registration and enrolment details.

Hurry! Course places are limited.

