



Rainbow Ramblings

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If you would like your newsletter
emailed home please send an email to
tlidbl@eq.edu.au

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Literacy and Numeracy

There is intense focus on literacy and numeracy and improving student results. Our school produced very good results last year and we plan to keep our performance well above the state average. Our staff are focusing on improving student results across the board as well as in the student's ability to perform well in the National Tests. Currently Mr Mileson is attending Literacy training and Mrs Young is attending numeracy training. This information is then shared across our school. We have a focused program for each class and individual students. Mrs Hodgson is working with individuals and small groups of students in specific skill building. Parents can help by either volunteering at school or spending that little extra time with their children on focused reading and comprehension. Please see Mrs Hodgson or myself if you would like more specific tasks to support your child/children at home.

Hot and Humid Weather

Please ensure your child is coming to school with a drink bottle and maybe a frozen drink in their lunch to ensure their food is cool and they have plenty of cool water throughout the day. We are making changes to the day's program to ensure students do not get too hot.

Air Conditioning

I am hoping to be able to air condition one more of our class buildings this year and if I am able to get additional funding from outside sources, I am hoping to get an additional building air-conditioned. If you have ideas for fundraising for this project or any other for our students, I encourage you to come to the P&C meeting this Wednesday. At this month's meeting I will discuss the Annual Operational Plan and Annual Budget for the 2009 school year.

To and from School

Senior Constable Damien came to our parade on Monday to talk about safe travel to and from school. Please continue to outline safe travel for your child.

Year 7 Leadership

Year 7 students are encouraged to nominate for senior leadership positions. They will be presenting an election speech next Monday on our school parade. Students and staff will then vote. Sports Captain Elections will take place later in the week.

Dianne Neumann
(Principal)

From the LOTE teacher:

Greetings! or Guten Tag! This year, your school will start up a LOTE program again and I am excited and privileged to guide the students along their journey.

My name is Barbara Wade and I live in Gympie. I am a native speaker of German as I was born and bred in Germany - so your children are in good hands.

Why learn another language?

Learning another language develops an understanding of how languages work which leads to improved literacy skills, including English. LOTE studies also teach students about other peoples, their ideas and culture and promote world understanding. In the increasingly global community in which we live, citizens who have sound knowledge of other languages and cultures are better able to participate, contribute and profit in a global society.

I look forward to teaching your children and, hopefully, meeting some of you at our various events I have in mind.

Barbara Wade (Mrs)

TAKEN FROM THE RAINBOW BEACH STATE SCHOOL RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN FOR STUDENTS

Consequences for unacceptable behaviour

Standards of expected student behaviour are linked to transparent, accountable and fair processes, interventions and logical consequences.

Students enrolling from another school with a previous history of inappropriate behaviour would not automatically be placed at or on a “stage” for example.

These students would be entitled to bring any systemic support e.g. Behaviour Management personnel intervention, time or funding with them from their previous location.

School Disciplinary Absences are used after consideration has been given to all other responses

The following model explains the stages of discipline which are followed at Rainbow Beach State School:

STAGE 1 – CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE

Classroom rules; classroom discipline plan; limited class withdrawal to cool-off area; Responsible Classroom Behaviour Plan; parent-teacher-student meeting (if on-going).

Refusal to follow directions or Continued Inappropriate Behaviour

STAGE 2 – CLASSROOM WITHDRAWAL

Student is withdrawn from the classroom. Parents notified by Principal for issues of a violent, racist or bullying nature immediately. All withdrawals documented by the individual staff member that initiated the withdrawal. Parents notified if student withdrawn three times in one week or each week in a month. All plans to be filed in the office. Stage 2 students are excluded from participating in the playground and all extra-curricular activities. Intervention teams are established for students regularly withdrawn. Student completes “Behaviour Plan” if appropriate.

Continued Inappropriate Behaviour

STAGE 3 – LONG TERM WITHDRAWAL

Student is placed in another classroom (away from peer group) and provided with an appropriate educational program. This placement will be discussed with teachers and parents prior to implementation and would be used only in rare circumstances. Referral Behaviour Management Officer.

Persistent Refusal to Cooperate

STAGE 4 – SUSPENSION

Suspension procedures are implemented. A meeting between teacher and Principal will be held to discuss the length of suspension. Written notice advising the student and parents of this decision will be completed. Alternative education programs will be arranged in case of a 6-20 day suspension.

STAGE 5 – RE-ENTRY

A re-entry meeting which may involve parents, student, teacher, Behaviour Management Officer and/or Guidance Officer and Principal to negotiate the student’s re-entry will be held. The meeting will focus on the school’s Code of Behaviour, support strategies for the student and a formal agreement between the student and school. Partial re-entry with regular report to parents may be the initial strategy.

Continued Inappropriate Behaviour

STAGE 6 – EXCLUSION

Recommendation for exclusion of the student pending investigation.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 11 February	P&C Meeting – 5:00pm in the staff room
Monday 23 February	Year 1 Photos – Gympie Times
Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 March	Covenant Players Drama Program
Wednesday 18 March	Young Leaders

KARATE

Karate is held each Monday and Wednesday 5:00pm – 6:00pm for juniors, 6:00pm – 7:00pm for seniors. Come along and give it a try. For more information please contact Darren – 0417 079 579.

DANCE CLASSES

Intense Workshop Days – All students welcome.

Tuesday 10th February

Times

Prep – Yr 2 3:00pm – 3:45pm

Yr 3 – Yr 5 3:45pm – 4:45pm

Yr 6 – Yr 7 4:45pm – 5:45pm

High school 5:15pm – 6:15pm

For more information please contact Lea-anne Grevett 5441 4275

GYMPIE FOOTBALL (SOCCER) SIGN ON

Saturday 14th February 10:00am – 2:00pm at One mile Ovals. For more information please contact Tori at the school.

GYMPIE NETBALL

Gympie Netball fixtures have now commenced. The Gympie Netball Association inc offers competition for senior and junior teams of all ages. It also offers 'Fun Net' and 'Netta' – programs incorporating learning skills, basic rules, playing modified Netball, and lots of fun for younger children.

For more information please contact Shona Heading on 0419 793 944.

2009 HOCKEY SIGN ON

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY - FROM 5.00PM

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY- 10.00AM – 2.00PM

AT THE HOCKEY CLUB, POWER ROAD, SOUTHSIDE

HOOK IN2 HOCKEY (U/7), UNDER 9

UNDER 11, UNDER 13, YOUTH & SENIOR HOCKEY

Come and join our Fun Family Sport

New players welcome!

Visit the Gympie Hockey homepage at www.sportingpulse.com

Or enquiries to: Shelley 5486 7210

MEET THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR FORUMS

When: Thursday 02 April

Where: Church of the Good Shepherd, Carlo Road, Rainbow Beach

Time: 3:00pm – 4:30pm

'Xpression Sessions with Jos'

Further to a successful programme last year, I am continuing to offer an after school, weekly, creative 'drama based' programme to the kids, focussed on encouraging children's self expression, and building confidence and individuality within the framework to creative activities:

- * Moving to music
- * Drawing the 'feeling' of a piece of music and describing it in your own words
- * Making musical sounds using basic props from home
- * Creating dances to various ethnic musical sounds
- * Role playing
- * Creating characters based on set information describing physicality/personality/emotions etc
- * Working in pairs/groups to act out scenes
- * Performing a play as the finale of our workshop

The programme will run over 8 weeks (Tori, if you think 8 weeks is too long, then maybe 6? you put what you feel is the right time, I extended it to take into consideration the play that we will be performing at the end.. it will involve some preparation!!!!!!) (the children need to be prepared to be involved in the entire programme) at a cost of \$10 per class.

It will be held in the music room at school on a date yet to be confirmed (dependant on suitability for families)

To book, please contact Josie on 04 6666 9699

'Learn French at Rainbow School'

I am a qualified French language Teacher, and have lived extensively in France, teaching English in Paris, and tutoring kids in the English language. In N.Z, I ran my own business teaching a French language programme to kids (of all ages) and adults. I would like to offer to the kids of Rainbow School the opportunity to embark on learning the French language as an after school activity, once a week.

The programme will run for 8 weeks duration, and will cover the basic fundamental aspects of language learning: Comprehension, Writing, Reading, Speaking and listening.

I will teach basic vocabulary focussed around conversational French. At the end of the course the children should be confident to introduce themselves, speak about their family, pets, hobbies, etc.... say where they live, name the major foods/ clothes/ animals/ hobbies etc... and ask questions coherently and have the ability to understand and respond to questions both in speaking and writing.

The course will cost \$10 per week (class is 1hour duration per week) and the children will require a blank writing book, a clearfile for keeping handouts, and 2 different coloured pens.

The date and day of commencement is yet to be decided, and is dependent on numbers and suitability of day for families.

To enquire or book, please phone Josie on 04 6666 9699

A tres bientot!! (hope to hear from you soon)

Bon apprentissage a tous!!! (happy learning to all!)

FIRST AID AWARENESS COURSE

Rainbow Beach Community Information and Resource Service are holding a First Aid Awareness Course. This will cover – CPR, choking, asthma, poisons, convulsions, bites, stings, broken bones, wounds, anaphylaxis. Presenter – Heartbeat Training consultancy. This is a non-certificate course, ideal for families and individuals wanting an improved knowledge of basic first aid.

When: Saturday 21 February 9:00am – 11:00am

Where: The church hall, Carlo Road, Rainbow Beach

How: Register at the Community centre, next to the library or phone 5486 3355

Cost: \$20 per person

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P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING – WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY – 5:00pm in the staff room COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL.

TUCKSHOP

Please find attached the new tuckshop menu for the year. Tuckshop will commence tomorrow – Wednesday 10 February. We are still in desperate need of more volunteers. If we do not get enough volunteers we will not be able to have tuckshop each week. If you can help out please complete the slip below and return to the school as soon as possible.

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TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEER FORM

I _____ can assist in the tuckshop by:

- baking cakes or biscuits
- helping out in the tuckshop on Wednesdays
- being a coordinator

Phone number: _____

