



# Rainbow Ramblings

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

If you would like your newsletter emailed home please send an email to [tlidbl@eq.edu.au](mailto:tlidbl@eq.edu.au)

## Student Leadership

On Monday's parade, our Year 7 students presented their leadership speeches. Once again I am exceedingly proud of our students, what a fabulous presentation. Our School Captains for 2009 are Rachel McFarlane and Jeremy Lawton.



## Tin Can Bay P-10 Principal

Last week, Brad Roberts, the new Tin Can Bay P-10 Principal visited Rainbow Beach School. It was great to welcome Brad and show him our school. Brad and I discussed working together to provide improved educational opportunities for our students in the Cooloola area. I've also had the opportunity to catch up with Brad at some social events so if you see Brad about in Rainbow, please say hi and extend a welcome to him. He is a positive and enthusiastic Principal and he and his family are happy to become involved in our local community.

## Year 3/5/7 Tests

Yes, I know, I wrote about them last week, but this is a focus for our school. This week, I have included in the newsletter a sample of Year 3/5/7 Language Convention and Numeracy Questions. Each Year 3/5/7 student will complete a Writing test, a Reading test, a Language Conventions test and a Numeracy Test. The Year 7s also complete a Numeracy test where they can use a calculator. Please have a read of the tests, give them a go yourself, so you know what our kids need to do. You will see there is a lot of reading in each test and a great variety of content covered. The answers have also been included. If parents would like me to run an information session so you can see all test papers, please see me and I will arrange one. Our staff will keep working on our regular literacy and numeracy programs as well as helping our students become better skilled at completing the tests.

## Beach Cricket Gear

Thanks to Allan Tilbury for his generous donation to the school. Allan won the beach cricket gear in the Surf Club Raffle and donated the gear to our school.

## Free Dress Day

To raise funds for the flood victims up in the north of Queensland and the fire victims in the south of Australia we are holding a free dress day. Please come in sun safe, modest clothing and bring a gold coin donation.

## Thank you to Rainbow Waters Caravan Park

Rainbow Waters Caravan Park have very kindly donated \$400 to the school. We will spend the money on purchasing Kids Pix, a computer program that our students can use to express their imagination. On 28 December Rainbow Waters held an Elvis concert. The concert was performed free of charge for the park by Carl Pomeroy. Carl travels all over Queensland entertaining Elvis fans far and wide. A great night of fun and great music was had by all.

Carl can be contacted on 0413 615 298.

The school has also received a \$500 anonymous donation to go towards PM benchmark reading computer program.

Dianne Neumann  
(Principal)

## Active After School Program

Our Active After School Program will start Friday 20 Feb 2009, 2.30pm to 3.30 pm. This term I will be offering cricket skills with a couple of games towards the end of term. The sessions are open for any students', boys or girls in years 4-7 who are interested in a bit of activity.

There will be a light afternoon tea provided for students.

Please leave your child's name with Tori at the office.

I am hoping to organise another weekly session for students. If there are any parents or interested people with coaching skills to conduct a weekly session of an hour for students could please contact office.

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### Dates to Remember

<b>Monday 23 February</b>	<b>Year 1 Photos – Gympie Times</b>
<b>Sunday 1 March</b>	<b>Clean Up Australia Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 3 March</b>	<b>Meet and Greet Afternoon at School</b>
<b>Monday 16 &amp; Tuesday 17 March</b>	<b>Covenant Players Drama Program</b>
<b>Wednesday 18 March</b>	<b>Young Leaders</b>

## P&C NEWS

### TUCKSHOP

Thank you to all the volunteers who have put up their hand to help. If you have forgotten to hand in your form and you are available to help you can contact the school and put your name down.

### **PLEASE NOTE; NO SUSHI THIS WEEK.**

We have noticed that quite a few foreign coins are used to pay for tuckshop. Often this is quite accidental but please check before sending money in because we can not bank foreign coins and therefore the tuckshop loses money. We do not make a big profit on tuckshop. It is a service we provide to the students and it is appreciated that you all support it.

### KIDS CLUB UPDATE FROM HOWIE, THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Kids Club is on again this year. Whether you've been before or not, come and join in the fun! We have afternoon tea, games, crafts... and you'll even have fun while you learn something.

(PARENTS/GUARDIANS: the advantage for you is you can take part of the afternoon off while we look after your children and they have a great time!)

THE PURPOSE OF KIDS CLUB: supporting, encouraging and assisting the young people in our community to have positive, caring relationships with themselves and others.

SAFETY INFORMATION: All volunteers will have a current Blue card. Children will be required to be signed in and signed out.

Each week the children will be given a summary of what has been discussed or what activities they have participated in to give to parents/guardians so that parents/guardians can keep informed.

Parents/guardians will also be invited to at least 1 session per term.

This term there's a big focus on Easter. We'll look at what a hot cross bun is, the story of the Easter egg, and why we celebrate Good Friday.

KIDS CLUB IS EVERY THURSDAY, 2:45pm to 4:30pm in the church hall of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Carlo Rd. Bring \$2.

For more information please contact me; you'll find me at the school on Tuesdays, every 2nd Wednesday, and Thursdays.

### 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

### 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, and anaphylaxis. Presenter – Hartbeat 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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### FASTRACK PROPERTY MANAGERS

#### A new real estate business has hit town

Fastrack Property Managers is based in Toowoomba with a local property manager doing all the person to person work up here. Caroline Hanger is Rainbow Beach's local manager. If families are looking for local accommodation, please give her a call on 1300 767 870 or 0458 767 870. This business concentrates solely on Property Management with no sales involved, giving the clients specialized expertise in the area they need it.

## Stuck?

### Need a hand with Maths, Science, English, Assignment Research or Study Skills?



Gympie Regional Libraries offers students **Free Online Tutoring**  
Expert tutors are online and waiting to help year 4-12 students Monday through to Friday from 4pm – 8pm!

Connect from your library or from home at: <http://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/library>



- Click on the Your Tutor Logo
- Type in your library barcode and
- Select your year, subject and location



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See you online! For further information contact Gympie Library

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## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009 is Clean up Australia Day!

It's your chance to lend a hand

So as not to delay getting down to the cleaning on the day, this year we are encouraging volunteers to pre-register.

Collect your registration forms from the school office or from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife office in Rainbow beach and return the completed forms by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

Each participant needs to complete a registration form. **IMPORTANT:** If a volunteer is under 15 years of age, then their parent / guardian needs to consent to their participation in the Clean Up activity (this is included on the registration form). We recommend forming teams with at least one adult supervisor per team.

When: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009

Time: 8am to register (for those who haven't pre-registered) and be allocated a cleaning zone.

Where: meet at the centre block, Rainbow Beach

Bring: gloves, hat, sturdy walking shoes, sunscreen, a snack and plenty of water to drink.

Provided: bags and protective gloves

Let's clean up Rainbow Beach – hope to see you there!

For enquiries contact the site supervisor: René Burgess (Public Contact Ranger Queensland Parks and Wildlife, Rainbow Beach) 5486 9101.

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

### **SCHOOL RULES**

There are **THREE** basic rules at Rainbow Beach State School –

#### **1. CARE FOR SELF**

#### **2. CARE FOR OTHERS**

#### **3. CARE FOR PROPERTY**

Under these three major headings there are commonsense sub rules for the classroom and the playground. All of these rules are in place for the safety, general well-being and to protect the rights of the student and staff. Classroom rules and their consequences are designed by the class teacher and students. The whole school participates in designing general and playground rules. Examples of sub rules and their consequences are as follows:

If misbehaviour occurs, logical consequences such as those listed below may be enforced appropriately, depending on the seriousness of the action.

- Reprimand
- Time out in a designated area
- Refer to Principal
- Notification to Parents
- Exclusion from special activities
- Community service around the school
- Written / Spoken apology
- Work with other children

### CARE FOR SELF

SUB RULE		LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE
We will do our homework so we learn and grow.	➔	Incomplete homework to be done at lunch time.
We will use playground equipment safely.	➔	Withdrawn from playground for set period OR Equipment withdrawn from student.
We will be friendly to each other AND use words to solve problems.	➔	Time out / Apology.
We will take care of ourselves by not using drugs or cigarettes.	➔	Parent contact, school health nurse, suspension at principal's discretion.
We will respect our body as private and our own.	➔	Notification to parents and / or appropriate authority.
We will take pride in our appearance by following appropriate dress standards as set out in the school handbook.	➔	Notify parents.

### CARE FOR PROPERTY

SUB RULE		LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE
We will take care of school property by: Returning sports equipment Treating library books with care Using furniture and fittings properly Using sports equipment properly Sharing and taking turns with equipment.	➔	Notify parents Notify principal in severe cases Banned from using equipment for a set period Community Service in Library (tidy shelves, fix books) Restore furniture / fittings to proper state Restitution Community Service in Sports Room Time out to observe how others use or share equipment properly Time out for designated period.
We will take care of the school environment by: Disposing of litter properly Looking after the grounds.	➔	Community Service in School Grounds eg litter patrol or gardening Students making messes have to tidy up in their own time or before rejoining the group.
We will respect other property by: Asking before using Returning to owner Handling / using with care.	➔	Restitution (restore, clean, repair, replace) Notify Principal in severe cases Notify parents Apology Reprimand
We will respect our own property by: Presenting work neatly Putting it away when not in use Use it with care.	➔	Repeat unacceptable work in own students Complete unfinished work in students own time.

### CARE FOR OTHERS

SUB RULE		LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE
We will respect the rights, feelings and privacy of others.	➔	Time out within classroom and outside classroom. Behaviour Plan Discussion with Principal.
We will respect the rights and feelings of others by not being a bully (physically and/or verbally).	➔	Written / Spoken apology. Write out examples of more appropriate behaviour. Implementing 'Bullying – NO WAY' program. Time out. Notify parents when appropriate.
We will treat others with kindness and consideration, including: Children from different cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. Children with physical/intellectual impairments. All peers. Staff.	➔	Written / Spoken apology. Time out Notify parents when appropriate.
We will respect others right to work and learn free from disruption.	➔	Work with others less capable. Time out. Behaviour Plan when appropriate. Notify parents when appropriate.