



Rainbow Ramblings

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

Choral – Fest

Well done to Mrs Mason and the choir. The Rainbow Beach SS – School Choir was accurately judged to be the Champion Primary Choir in Cooloola Coast section. Even though the choir had to perform under adverse conditions – during a thunderstorm in a school hall – their talent shone through. The students need to be commended on their performance and behaviour throughout the day long event.

Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students

Following on from last week's newsletter, below is a list of "I shall" statements that elaborate on the school rule – Care for Others

Care for Others

- I shall use good manners, speak appropriately, show respect and cooperate with all students and adults.
- I shall not interfere with the rights of teachers to teach and students to learn.
- I shall speak kindly and not hurt anyone's feelings.
- I shall play safely and sensibly at school
- I shall not swear or use inappropriate language at school.
- I shall take responsibility for my actions and accept the consequences of my behaviour.
- I will not interfere with the belongings of others.
- I shall keep my hands and my feet to myself.
- I shall keep all sharp or dangerous objects at home e.g. knives and ring-pull cans.
- I shall not photograph or record the voice of students or staff members without their permission.
- I shall walk on all concrete pathways and at the adventure playgrounds.
- I shall not bring chewing gum or bubble gum to school.
- I shall walk my bicycle within the school grounds.
- I shall not bring to school or use at school, cigarettes, alcohol or non-prescribed drugs.

Central to Rainbow Beach State School's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students is our school rules:

- Care for Others - Care for Self - Care for School

These rules apply at all times and in all situations while students are attending Rainbow Beach State School or associated activities.

Principal Professional Development

I will be required to attend a series of professional development sessions on Thursday and Friday of this week. The content of the professional development focuses on multi-aged classrooms and is run by the *Multi-age Association of Queensland*. I will also be visiting a number of primary schools that have unique approaches to multi-aged classes and the incorporation of computer technologies in their classrooms. Although reluctant to be out of the school for two days, I feel the learning that I will be able to have can benefit Rainbow Beach State School

World Teachers' Day – Friday, October 30

World Teachers' Day is a chance for students to acknowledge the hard work of their teachers. I would encourage all students to think of a small way to say thank you to their classroom teacher – maybe a card or chocolate.

Cheers
Chris Allom

New parent resources – achieving with literacy and numeracy

Literacy and numeracy skills are vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life.

A new suite of parent resources, *Achieving with Literacy and Numeracy*, has been developed to assist parents with their children's literacy and numeracy skills.

The new resources include a range of fact sheets and activities for the early, middle and senior phases of schooling.

Parents and carers are encouraged to visit the new website, which also includes video clips of parents sharing their literacy and numeracy tips. The videos can be played in English and 12 other languages.

The website also provides useful information on how to get involved within your school community, support services available and details about the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's literacy and numeracy skills please contact your class teacher.

The resources can be downloaded online at: www.education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy

Swimming

A school swimming program for students in year 2 – 7 will commence this Friday 23rd October. The cost of this 4 week program is \$20 per student. Please return the swimming permission note and payment to the school as soon as possible.

RAW ART – Friday 30 October

Each year we are fortunate to have a group of highly talented and professional artists visit the school to work with our students to produce a range of wonderful artwork. This year the students will be working on:

- Prep/1** **Mad Monster Murals** (Painting/Drawing) – Students work in small groups to invent their own crazy monster, using paints, charcoal and pastels.
- Year 2/3** **Clay Dragons** (Ceramics/Sculpture) – students will learn various modeling techniques which will form the basis for sculpting their awesome winged dragon creatures.
- Year 4/5** **Screen Printing Fun** (Printmaking) – Students design and make their own printing stencil which is used to produce a mounted art piece.
- Year 6** **Electric Enviro Art** (Mixed Media) – Students develop a slogan, work with a range of images and text, and use a wide range of nature stencils, and various 2D media.
- Year 5/7** **Cone Heads** (Ceramics/Sculpture) – Students are taught a range of technical skills to create a funky 3D sculpture.

The cost of these workshops is \$8.50 per student. The P&C very kindly subsidises this, so the cost to parents is \$6.00 per student. Please return the attached payment envelope to the school no later than Wednesday 28 October.

Netball Day – Tin Can Bay P-10

On Tuesday 27th October Rainbow Beach, Wolvi and Tin Can Bay schools are meeting at Tin Can Bay for games of netball. Rainbow Beach has two teams and the students are looking forward to showing off their skills. Students will bring home more information and a permission form in the next few days.

Dragon Boat Junior Regatta

On Sunday 25th October a Dragon Boat Junior Regatta is being held. Students in grade 6 & 7 turning 12 are invited to join the Cooloola Dragon Boaters on Sunday 18th October at 10:30am for a practice paddle and "have a go". If your child is interested in a fun Sunday they can see Mrs Arthur to sign up.

Free entry, free sausage sizzle and live music.

Fun Paddling!

School Health Screening

As part of the Health Program for Schools as provided by Queensland Health, a Child and Family Health Nurse will be visiting the school on Wednesday 28th October to undertake health screenings. The nurse will assess the hearing and vision of year 1 and the vision of year 5 students. An information sheet and a consent form were sent home last term.

NO CHILD WILL BE SEEN WITHOUT A SIGNED CONSENT FORM

Other students will be seen if time permits if they have returned a signed consent form, obtained from the school office.

If a child misses the screening service make an appointment with the Child and Family Health Service vision and Hearing Clinic by phoning 5489 8691 or use local optometry services for a vision screening as found in the yellow pages. The first visit to an optometrist for vision screening is Medicare bulk billed.

Triathlon

This year's triathlon is being held on Friday 30th October at Tin Can Bay. Teams should consist of 1 swimmer, 1 bike rider and 1 runner. Alternatively students can compete in the individual event. Interested students should be training regularly in preparation for this event. Entry forms are available at the school office.

Dates to Remember

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| Wednesday 28 October | Year 1 and 5 hearing and vision testing |
| Friday 30 October | Raw Art |
| Friday 27 November | Swimming Carnival |
| Wednesday 02 – Friday 04 December | Year 4 – 7 School camp |

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.

For Sale

Mobile Phone – LG flip, Model TU550. Charger, head set, car charger, manual and disc.
JABRA BT 125 Bluetooth head set.
\$100 the lot.
Phone 0431 054 338

Tin Can Bay Art Fest

When: Saturday 24th October
Where: Tin Can Bay P-10 school
Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm
Lots of displays and activities for children.
Come along and celebrate the 75th anniversary of Tin Can Bay School.

P&C NEWS

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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| Wednesday 21 October | Helper – Carmen Speed | Bakers – Year 2/3 & Erin Johnson |
| Wednesday 28 October | Helper – Selina Palmer | Bakers – Year 2/3 & Kylie Betteridge |

TRIVIA NIGHT – 13TH November 2009

The P&C will be holding a Terrifying Trivia Night on **Friday the 13th of November** at the undercover area of the school. We will be combining it with a Fingerfood Buffet Dinner starting at 5.30pm prior to the Trivia. Tickets are available for purchase from the school for **\$15 per person** or **\$5 per person if you bring along a plate of fingerfood to share**. Come dressed up in your spookiest outfit (optional) for your chance to win a prize. This is an adult's only event. So get your teams of 6-8 together and brush up on your trivia skills..... you will need them!!
*****Tickets must be pre-purchased for catering purposes – if you can help in any way, please return the tear off slip to the school *****

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Name: _____

I require _____ tickets at \$15

I require _____ tickets at \$5 and will be bringing _____ (food)

TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED: _____

I am able to help with: (Please tick)

- Setting up in the afternoon
- Selling tickets for alcohol
- Selling raffle tickets
- Assisting on the night

Contact phone number: _____

Family Relationship Centre Gympie
Parenting After Separation Information Sessions

Come and talk to our Community Outreach Worker to discuss how we can help families who are separated or who are going through separation.

At the Family Relationship Centre we offer advice and family dispute resolution to give parents assistance to resolve disputes and reach agreements, in relation to their children.

Venue: Tin Can Bay Resource & Referral Centre

11 Dolphin Avenue

Thursday 5th & 12 November 2009

12.00 to 2.00pm

RAINBOW BEACH STATE SCHOOL REHEARSES SONG THAT STOPS AUSTRALIA



Students at Rainbow Beach State School are busily learning a new song in 'Music. Count Us In,' Australia's biggest school music gig. For the third year, hundreds of thousands of children in schools across the nation are joining in music to help celebrate the importance of music education in all children's lives.

"Last year's program saw 1698 school communities – from the Kimberleys to Campbelltown - joining to make music together," says project Ambassador, John Foreman. "Principals, teachers, local politicians, town bands and families joined students to perform the song. We reckon there were about 450,000 participants nationally."

For Music. Count Us In, a song is written, recorded and arrangements developed for different school music settings. These include infants' choirs, high school rock bands, ukulele groups, percussion groups, recorder ensembles, concert bands and orchestras. A version is made available in Braille for vision-impaired students and a signed version is modelled on the website, too. Schools register online, download all the song files and support materials and agree to perform the song at the same time, on the same day: Thursday 22nd October at 11.30am AEDT.

The 2009 song is 'The Music is Everything', co-written by four NSW secondary school students under the guidance of John Foreman, with other students involved in the recording of the song, including lead vocalist, Angel Tupai from Campbelltown High School of the Performing Arts in Sydney's south west. The song can be heard at www.musiccountusin.org.au.

Research shows that school music education is in decline in Australia, despite the many benefits to students' development in learning music.

"There are links between learning music and many positive impacts on children and adolescents," says organiser, Tina Broad, of the Music Council of Australia (MCA). "These include improvements in team skills and self-esteem and in other important learning areas such as Maths and English. While music learning is good for *all* students it can be particularly beneficial for students who are not achieving well in school," she said.

The Federal Minister for the Arts, Peter Garrett, will count down the national simultaneous performance in Canberra outside Parliament House with 2000 kids from schools across the ACT, 600 NSW students will perform the song on the steps of the Sydney Opera House and 1000 Victorian students will join together at Federation Square to make music. At the same time, students from tiny remote schools in the Northern Territory to large metropolitan schools in WA and everywhere in between will also perform the same song.

Music. Count Us In is supported by The Australian Government.

www.musiccountusin.org.au