



# Rainbow Ramblings

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This Friday is ANZAC Day. We have a school parade on Thursday morning and Joe Casey from the RSL will be our special guest. The School will be marching on Friday as part of our town's Anzac service. Our school choir will be singing. I ask all students to march with us. Please meet on the Centre Block at 9:30am. The main service will commence at 10:00am. Students need to be in full school uniform (yellow t-shirt, navy shorts/skirts, white socks and black shoes).

During the holidays, our School Toilets were upgraded to a dual flush system as part of our successful water grant application. Work on the underground tanks and plumbing will be starting shortly and I ask that all students stay away from the back of the Year 3/4 class and demountable. Tori and Darrel are doing a great job of getting this project underway.

The Zone Cross Country will be in Gympie next Tuesday. Please return all notes to Ms Moore so she can finalise transport for the day. I would like to congratulate all our students who are representing the school and I wish them well on the day.

#### Athletics Carnivals

Our school will be holding our carnival on a Monday in May, to fit in with when Mr Stanieg is here. Rainbow Beach will be hosting the interschool carnival between Wolvi, Kia Ora and Gympie East in June. So we will need parent helpers. If you are able to help with marking the oval, setting up, being involved on the day or helping with the canteen, please let me know. I will be sending out more information closer to the day.

Thank you to Martin and Paula Cartwright for their kind donation of a trailer to be used in the school grounds.

Regards

Dianne Neumann  
(Principal)

KIDZORIA will be on this week at the church. Come along for some great fun with Darren our school chaplain.

#### Dates to Remember

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| <i>Friday 25 April</i>                           | <i>Anzac day</i>                         |
| <i>Monday 05 May</i>                             | <i>May Day Public Holiday</i>            |
| <i>Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14, Thursday 15 May</i> | <i>Yrs 3,5,7 Testing</i>                 |
| <i>Friday 16 May</i>                             | <i>Gympie Show Holiday</i>               |
| <i>Monday 19 May</i>                             | <i>Interhouse Sports Day</i>             |
| <i>Thursday 22 May</i>                           | <i>Arts Council – The Beat Detective</i> |
| <i>Monday 09 June</i>                            | <i>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</i>   |
| <i>Tuesday 10 June</i>                           | <i>Interschool Athletics Day 1</i>       |
| <i>Friday 13 June</i>                            | <i>Interschool Athletics Day 2</i>       |

# P&C NEWS

**P&C MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 5:00PM IN THE STAFF ROOM. ALL WELCOME. COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL.**

## **Join the Walk Safely to School Day**

The Walk Safely to School Day is held across Australia on Friday 2 May and we want you to participate! The day is an annual, national event when parents and primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school.

On 2 May, parents who usually drive to school could try parking the car at least 10 minutes away and walking with their child to school.

Of course, safety is all important so please remember that young children, especially those under 10, need to be closely supervised when walking to school.

Parents and carers should always hold a child's hand when near, or crossing, any road.

Let's get behind this community event and promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment – 2008 is the Year of Physical Activity!

Regular walking makes you feel better, is great for the environment, and reduces traffic congestion around the school. Plus it's fun.

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

## **National testing for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9**

On 13, 14 and 15 May more than 200 000 students across Queensland will take part in the first national literacy and numeracy tests.

The tests will see all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sitting the same tests as their interstate counterparts, replacing the previous state-based tests.

It is also the first time Queensland Year 9 students are involved in the testing.

The test results will provide useful information about how all state and non-state school students are performing in literacy and numeracy at their year level in comparison to their peers across Australia.

The literacy assessment will focus on areas of reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar while the numeracy testing will cover measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern.

Results from the tests will be used for reports to parents, school reporting to their communities, and reporting by states and territories to form a national overview.

The tests will also help teachers identify key areas for learning during the rest of the school year.

While it's important that students perform at their best, it's also important that students are not unduly stressed.

Here are some general tips for beating test nerves:

- Get at least eight hours sleep
- Take time out from test preparation to do something relaxing and enjoyable
- Exercise and eat healthy meals regularly
- Develop a time management plan for studying
- Ask an older sibling or friend who has been through tests to give some tips on how to study
- If feeling anxious, take a few moments to breathe deeply.

For more information on the national testing, visit [www.qsa.qld.edu.au](http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au)