



Rainbow Ramblings

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To the parents and Rainbow Beach State School community,

I would like to thank the community for their warm welcome during my first few weeks on the job. As you can imagine I have gone through a steep learning curve – learning names, understanding the processes in place and generally getting a feeling for the position. I am very much looking forward to next term and working with staff, parents and students to continue making Rainbow Beach State School the best school possible.

Personally the last two weeks have been very tiring. Not only have I had to finish my own report cards but I have had the pleasure of participating in training at the High Ropes Course at Gympie East State School. I am now qualified to take groups (students and adults) through the high ropes course. I look forward to taking the year 6 and 7 students to this wonderful facility during term 3 and helping them to overcome obstacles. I hope not too many of the students are scared of heights.

As the term draws to a close I feel it is necessary to remind students and the community of the behaviour expectations that exist at Rainbow Beach State School.

The three basic rules at Rainbow Beach State School are: -

- Care for self
- Care for others
- Care for property

Logical consequences may include

- time out
- written/spoken apology
- notification of parents
- exclusion from activities
- community service around the school

Help us keep our school secure these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call 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, please 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.

Education Tax Refund – Don't forget to claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return.
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50 per cent of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student. You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs. Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too. To find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

Cheers
Chris Allom

BALL GAMES

On Friday 26 June (last day of term) we shall be holding the ball games events that we missed on our sports day. All the grades will be involved. Come along and show your support from 1:30pm.

YEAR 2/3 PARENTS

Have a great holiday with your children. We all deserve some sleep-ins and free time.

Our class has had a busy, busy term but very, very purposeful and productive.

Thanks to the parents who made interview times. For those who couldn't make it, I'd love to see you next term.

Take care, happy holidays from Therese Young.

LIBRARY – Books due back tomorrow – Wednesday.

Dates to Remember

Friday 26 June	Last Day of Term 2
Tuesday	First Day of Term 3
Wednesday 12 August	School Photos
Monday 17 – Monday 24 August	Book Fair
Friday 28 August	Muster Pupil free day

P&C NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT – Thank you so much Kylie and Andrea, our Fundraising Co-Ordinators, for organising a really fun night. Thanks also to the Rainbow Beach Hotel for the use of their wonderful function room and to Mr Michael Curtis and his tricky trivia! Congratulations to all the lucky prize winners (of which there were too many to list)! The total amount raised on the night was \$348.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Wednesday 24 June Helper – Sarah Brantz, Bakers – Cate White and Cherie Morris.

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.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

This term students from Year 4-7 have been involved in Interschool Sports in Gympie playing hockey and rugby. We would like to thank: Rod (Ed's Beach Bakery), Sam (Tourist Information), Michael and Tanya (The Shak), Ruth (Foodworks) and Rainbow Meats for their kind donations towards transport costs. The cost of transporting the students into Gympie each week is quite high and without these donations students would not get these great opportunities.

MS READATHON

There's great news for students who haven't yet registered for the MS Readathon - there's plenty of time to jump on board! You can now read for **ANY 30-DAY PERIOD** in June, July or August. You have until 31st August to return completion forms and sponsorship and collect some great reading rewards.

Registration is easiest and quickest online at www.msreadathon.org.au - and you get to build your own set of webpages and update your booklist online too! If you can't register online, ask your teacher for a registration form.

In 2009 MS Readathon is celebrating 30 years of reading to help people living with multiple sclerosis and with your help we can make this the biggest and best year yet!

Cooloola Cove Store Closing Down

Whitegoods, Kitchen ware, shelving and storage, commercial kitchen equipment.

Come make an offer in our Secret Auction before June 30th.

Enquiries Please Call 5488 0880