



Rainbow Ramblings

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Congratulations to our triathletes who competed last Friday in the Cooloola Schools Triathlon. Ben O'Brien, and Eric and Jeremy Lawton placed 3rd in their division with Ryan Cozens, Brent Litzow and Luke Lidbetter coming 10th. The Team of Sarah O'Brien, Toby Miller and Jack Gilmore finished 6th in the mixed division..

Swimming

Swimming started yesterday and it was great to see so many students improve so much in just one session. Once again I had great reports on student behaviour and effort from all adults involved. Thanks to the parents who were able to provide some help and support at the pool. Monday morning is a little hectic getting money and caps organised as we head off to the pool. If you are able to send money in an envelope clearly marked that would be a great help. If you are able to send it in before Monday that would also help.

The Year 5/6/7 students need to be at school by 8.15am on Mondays so we can away by 8.25am and make the most of our time at the pool. Thanks

After School Programs

We are pleased to be able to provide support and the venue for several after school programs. It is great to see so many children involved. This week the Active After School Program started with Mr Stanieg and this term they are focusing on volleyball and hockey. Volleyball is held at the school on Monday's after school and hockey is held on the centre block on Thursday's at 4:30pm. This week, Mrs Lane gets her art classes underway and Josie starts her Expressions program.

Staffing 2009

I am very pleased to be able to put a very experienced and enthusiastic staff together for our school for 2009. Ms Lynne Chamberlain, an experienced teacher will join us in 2009. All staff are excited by the opportunity to work at Rainbow Beach with our school, parents, students and local community. There is such a good mix of staff skills and experience. Final class make ups will be determined by "DAY 8" numbers. ie the number of students enrolled at our school on the 8th day of school in 2009. We will continue to have multi aged classes and final make up of classes will be determined by numbers in each year level. Please note: we often need to split year levels across 2 classrooms.

If you know you are leaving Rainbow at the end of the year, please let us know.

At this stage Mrs Lawler and Mrs Stanieg will be team teaching our Prep/Year 1 class. Mrs Young will have the Year 2/3s and Mr Milesen will have a 4/5. The remaining Year 5/6/7 students will be in 2 classes – yet to be determined -and have either Mrs Arthur or Ms Chamberlain. My teaching role will be minimal, allowing me the opportunity to work as a non-teaching Principal. I can not give you more details at this stage.

Dianne Neumann
(Principal)

P&C NEWS

TUCKSHOP

Attached to the newsletter is a tuckshop roster for the remainder of the year and a tuckshop menu. Please note that changes have been made to the tuckshop menu and some things are not available or have had a price increase.

If you are unable to bake or help on the days you are rostered on please contact me as soon as possible, this ensures that a replacement can be found in time.

Thank you Elizabeth Kilgower (0431 054 338).

UNIFORM ORDERS FOR 2009

Attached is a uniform order form for 2009. Please indicate on the form if you will require uniforms for next year. Payment is not required until next year.

Thank you

Dates to Remember

<i>Wednesday 29 October</i>	<i>School Nurse visit for Year 5 & Year 1 children</i>
<i>Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 November</i>	<i>Year 3,4 camp to the City</i>
<i>Wednesday 19 November</i>	<i>RE Break up held at the church</i>
<i>Thursday 04 December</i>	<i>School Concert (To be confirmed)</i>
<i>Tuesday 09 December</i>	<i>Year 7 Dinner (To be confirmed)</i>
<i>Friday 12 December</i>	<i>Last day of 2008 School Year</i>

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

An Induction Service for Mike (Tin Can Bay chaplain) and Howie (Rainbow Beach chaplain) will be held at Rainbow Beach Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday 2 November at 4:00pm followed by afternoon tea. All parents, student and teachers are very welcome to attend.

A Fashion Parade will be held on 8 November to raise funds for Chaplaincy. This will take place under the trees beside the Tin Can Bay library at 2:00pm. Cost is \$6.00 which includes a Devonshire Tea. Invitations are available from the church or contact Narelle McLeod 5486 4134.

Sunday School will recommence at the Tin Can Bay Community Church at the Community Complex. Children from Prep to Year 7 are welcome and it commences at 9:00am and goes until 10:15am. Any enquiries please phone Eleanor Macfarlane 5486 2120.

KIDS CLUB is held every Thursday at the Church of the Good Shepherd from 2:45pm – 4:30pm. The purpose of the club is to provide a supporting and encouraging environment to assist the young people in our community to have positive and caring relationships with themselves and others. All volunteers have current Blue Cards. For more information please contact Ray Parker on 5486 3132.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

DAVID GIBSON MP

A position exists for an office trainee. The successful applicant will undertake Cert III in Business Admin. Award wage as per traineeship awards. Position description: - email gympie@parliament.qld.gov.au
Applications close: Fri 28th Nov 2008.

GIVEAWAY KITTENS

Ready now, phone 5486 3297.

EVERY DAY COUNTS AT OUR SCHOOL

Our school encourages all parents and members of our community to support the new State Government initiative to improve student attendance.

The new program – *Every Day Counts* – has four key messages:

- All children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day
- Schools should monitor and create ways to improve attendance in schools
- Attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community
- Children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they choose not to attend or skip school.

While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education.

Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future. If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or within two days of returning to school.

For more information or if you need support regarding your child's attendance, see our school principal and download the guide for parents at: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/

R U in2arts?

The Department of Education, Training and the Arts has just launched a new website for children and young people to easily access all the arts projects across the state.

The *in2arts* website is searchable by every Queensland region and also by the type of arts activity - for example, dance, film, circus, museums, galleries, festivals, music and writing.

The website makes it easy for you or your child to match family interests with local activities, festivals and special events. Lots of great stuff is happening all over Queensland so get searching and get involved!

The *in2arts* website is constantly updated so if you have any suggestions or ideas, use the online feedback forms.

Visit www.arts.qld.gov.au/in2arts/