



# Rainbow Ramblings

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

## **Eisteddfod**

I would like to wish the students representing Rainbow Beach State School all the best for their performance on Thursday. I will have the pleasure of joining Mrs Mason and Mrs Arthur in Gympie for the Eisteddfod performance. I would like to thank Mrs Mason for her hard work and dedication. It is because of Mrs Mason's passion for music that the students at Rainbow Beach are able to reach high standards in choral performances.

## **Student Achievement**

As we move through yet another busy term, I think it is appropriate to celebrate the success of all students at Rainbow Beach State School. I would like to present the following statistics from the reports from semester 1 this year.

Using the state wide reporting 5 point scale – A to E or Very High to Support Required – the following results were achieved by students at Rainbow Beach State School.

### Academic

55% of students surpassed year level expectations and achieved either A (Very High) or B (High) on their report cards in the Key Learning Areas.

36% of students achieved year level expectations and achieved C (Sound) on their report cards in the Key Learning Areas.

These results show that 91% of students at Rainbow Beach are achieving at or beyond their year level expectations.

### Behaviour

36% of students received an A for their behaviour result.

32% of students received a B for their behaviour result.

24% of students received a C for their behaviour result.

These results indicate that 92% of students have displayed acceptable standards of classroom behaviour last semester.

### Effort

36% of students received an A for their effort result.

44% of students received a B for their effort result.

18% of students received a C for their effort result.

I am particularly pleased with the effort results achieved by students at Rainbow Beach. Although not all students may be able to achieve high results academically, all students are able to work hard and try their best. I believe that hard work is a measure of success and with 98% of students working hard, students at Rainbow Beach should be proud of their achievements.

## **Term 3 Overviews**

A term 3 overview for each class will be published over the next few weeks. We will start with the senior and middle school this week and the junior school next week.

### Year 5/7

During term 3, students will focus on the following concepts.

**SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY** – Students will work through the Primary Connections Unit – Package It Better. This unit provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of the design of packages and the choice of appropriate materials to use. They will design and test a package that will safely deliver a fragile gift. Through investigations students observe and gather information about what makes a successful package.

**SOSE** – Students will explore how they belong to different social groups.

LANGUAGE - Students will revise the generic structure of: an exposition, a procedure, a report and a recount.  
MATHEMATICS – Students will develop and consolidate their knowledge of the following concepts: division, decimal and common fractions, place value for large numbers, surveys, conversion of measurements, volume, money, angles, geometry and use of simple algorithms to solve problems.

#### Year 6

Grade 6 students will be working on a unit entitled 'Caveman to Spaceships' this term. All curriculum areas focus on covering the required Essential Learning for this class. English studies include reading, research, writing tasks (narrative review, personal letter, brochure). In SOSE, students will learn about the development of civilization and the infrastructure needed for settlements to provide man's basic needs as well as environmental sustainability. Science encompasses Earth and Beyond, including technological developments throughout history. Math concepts include number (place value, fractions, decimals, percent) beyond 1 million, measurement, data and co-ordinates. Students are also completing art and technology projects around this theme.

#### Year 4/5

This term students are investigating the life cycles of flowering plants. In addition they will be involved in a range of activities to promote trust and co-operation. This is in addition to the regular class work of developing the skills and knowledge in literacy and numeracy.

#### **Teacher Strike**

The latest information is that all strike action in the Wide Bay South district has been postponed.

#### **Golf lessons**

Thanks to the Rainbow Shores Golf Club, interested students in years 5-7 will have the option of participating in fortnightly golf lessons. Further information is available on the permission note.

#### **Cricket**

Thanks to the Gympie Cricket Association, a fun cricket activity will take place for the 2/3s and 4/5s on Tuesday in the afternoon session.

Cheers  
Chris Allom

## **P&C NEWS**

### **P&C MEETING TONIGHT, 4 AUGUST 5.00pm at Sport & Rec Club**

**Please note the different day and venue - Come along and have your say about your school.**

**SCHOOL CAMP** - Next year, 2010, the school is looking into taking the students from grades 5, 6 and 7 on a camp to Canberra and Sydney. This will obviously be a huge venture and will take a lot of organising, without your support it probably won't happen. We are looking at getting a group of parents together to help co-ordinate this. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Debbie O'Brien on 0409528612(during the day) or 5486 8029 (after 4pm).

#### **TUCKSHOP NEWS**

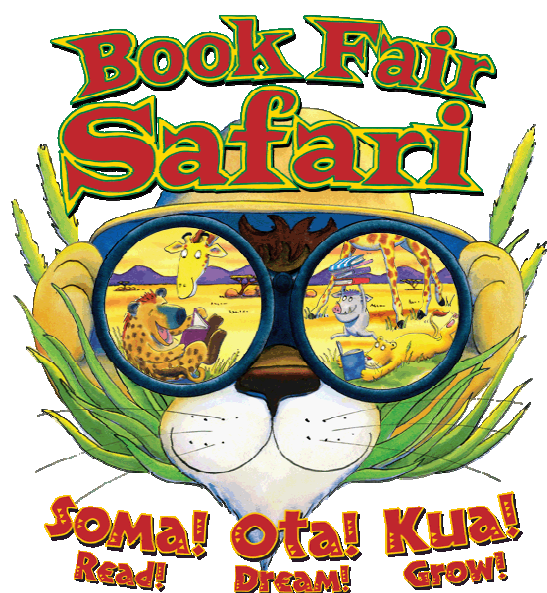
Wednesday 5 Aug: Helper – Carmen Speed; Bakers – Sarah Brantz, Michelle Gilmore

Wednesday 12 Aug: Helper – Tamara Emms; Bakers – Andrea Hayes, Kylie Betteridge

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM** - Touch football skills and games are being offered to any students in year 4-7 on Friday afternoons for 7 weeks. It will commence at 2.35pm and finish 3.35pm on the school oval. This is part of the AASC program, which is a Government incentive to encourage kids to be active after school.

I would appreciate any parents who would like to help or join in. Thank you.  
Dan Stanieg

**AUSKICK** – Just a note to remind parents that kids can come along to the Auskick sessions at no charge but for any extras there are charges as per Auskick leaflet. When the footballs arrive, they will also be available to buy for \$10 each.



**Coming Soon!  
Scholastic Book Fair Safari.**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August.**

A fantastic selection of books will be on display in the library and available for sale before and after school during the Fair.

Get your Safari Costumes OR your Favourite Book Character costumes ready and dusted off for our **Fancy Dress Parade** that will be held on Wednesday 19 August.

(More info to come later...)

**SCHOOL BANKING** – School banking is held at the school every Thursday. School banking is a great way to teach young children the importance of regular saving. If you would like to open a school bank account for your child, please contact the office. If you already have a school bank account for your child, imagine what they could buy if they saved just \$2 a week, start saving now and bring the bankbooks into the office on Thursday mornings.

**FREE MUSTER PASS** (Muster starts Friday 28 August)

Gympie East State School runs a Bush Kitchen at the Muster and if you would like to do a shift or two in exchange for a free pass to the Muster we would love to have your company. If you would like more info please ring our Muster Convenor Jules Delgado 0401 199 476 or the school 5487 7111.

**James Nash High School Yr 7 Transition Program**

At James Nash we appreciate the importance of choosing the right school for your child's secondary education. We wish to provide all prospective students and parents with the opportunity to see what James Nash has to offer. Below are our important dates to remember. We also have an informative website which displays important information and many other aspects of our school life. You are most welcome to call in and pick up an enrolment package and with a prior appointment, you can even tour our wonderful campus. Please don't hesitate to contact us on 5480 6333 if you have any queries.

5-9 October 2009 – Visits to primary schools. Enrolment packages handed out to students.

14 October 2009 – Year 7 Parent Evening

16 October 2009 – Enrolment forms for all class groups due.

16 October 2009 – Enrolments due for Extension Plus.

11 & 12 November 2009 – Extension Plus Interviews.

7 & 8 December 2009 – Yr 7 Students orientation day at James Nash

7 & 8 December 2009 – Uniform selling day 9:00am – 1:00pm

22 & 25 January 2010 - Uniform selling day 9:00am – 1:00pm (student free days)

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**Dates to Remember**

<b>Thursday 6 August</b>	<b>Gympie Eisteddfod</b>
<b>Wednesday 12 August</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
<b>Monday 17 – Monday 24 August</b>	<b>Book Fair</b>
<b>Wednesday 19 August</b>	<b>Book Fair Fancy Dress Parade</b>
<b>Friday 28 August</b>	<b>Muster Pupil free day</b>