Week 2 of Term 1

Welcome to the start of a new school year. We have had a great start to the year already with all of our returning students making a smooth transition back into school and our Prep students making a positive start to their schooling. It was great to see them all up on parade receiving their student of the week certificates last week as a reward for making such a fantastic start to their schooling.

I would like to start by welcoming all of our new families and students to Rainbow Beach State School. I am sure that you will enjoy your time here at our school and in this community.

2016 promises to be a great year for our school. As a school we will be focused these key priorities. The teaching of Reading and Writing, School Wide Positive Behaviour Support and an Expert Teaching Team.

Reading
We will be continuing our focus on reading this year. Reading is the fundamental building block for all students to learn across the curriculum. This year the focus for our school will be on ensuring we continue to embed the teaching strategies and reading rich routines in all classrooms.

As the year progresses parents will begin to notice that all of our classrooms have common artifacts on the walls and in our student’s desks to assist with their use of both comprehension and decoding strategies.

You will also see regular updates in the newsletter for parents and families on things we can do to assist our students in improving their reading and confidence as readers. We believe it is important that all of the students at Rainbow Beach State School see themselves as good readers.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
Our schoolwide expectations are Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner.

SWPBS is a research-validated approach to managing and improving student behaviour. It uses a functions based approach to behaviour management and works to ensure that all students are able to have their individual needs met, through the demonstration of socially acceptable behaviours.

To assist students with understanding the new expectations and what is expected of students in order to meet these expectations we will be teaching students explicitly the behaviours we want to see them displaying. Accompanying this will be a new rewards system that rewards the individual on a regular basis as they demonstrate the desired behavioural expectations.

There are more details about this weeks behaviour focus in the SWPBS section of this newsletter.

Writing
As the year progresses we as a staff will be spending time developing our whole school approach to the teaching of writing. The aim is to have a consistent approach across the school mirroring the success we had with our approach to teaching reading.
Staff will be accessing professional development and spending time developing our understanding and use of the writing procedures (Shared, Modeled, Guided and Independent) in our classrooms.

**Staff Development**

An expert teaching team will be the key plank for all that we do. There are volumes of research that tell us that an expert teaching team and expert teachers with deep content knowledge is the key to positive academic development for students.

We will be spending time this year observing and discussing our teaching and working collaboratively on moderating student work (both internally and externally) to ensure consistency of high quality learning and assessment of learning is happening in everyday in every classroom at Rainbow Beach SS.

**2016 Classes and Staffing**

We have four classes in 2016.

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(Total students 90)

At this stage we do not expect to have any further increase in enrolments and the classes will remain as they are at present for the remainder of the year.

Mrs. Suzanne Hodgson will again be Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy and our Students with Disabilities teacher. Mrs. Hodgson will be working here 5 days per fortnight. For term 1 Mrs. Hodgson will be taking leave for one day per week and will be replaced by Ms. McColl.

This year we are welcoming a new staff member. Miss Eryn Truin has joined us from Berserker Street State School in Rockhampton. Miss Truin will be based at our school and teaching music at Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay, Kia Ora, Wolvi and Gympie East State Schools.

We will again have all of our wonderful teacher aides returning this year. Mrs. Dargusch, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. White and Mrs. Brantz do a fantastic job with our students. Our teacher aides will again be running the Daily Rapid Reading program working with students one on one for 15 minutes to develop their reading. In term 1 we will have students in years 1, 2, 3 and 5 participating in this program. More information will come directly to parents if your child is participating in this fantastic program.

We will as always finalise our staffing once we have received our staffing confirmation after the Day 8 enrolment collection.

**Meet and Greet**

It was great to see so many families at our meet and greet evening on Tuesday the 2nd of February. It was a great opportunity to meet with fellow parents, new families and our staff. I would also like to thank the P&Co for supporting this evening. A special thanks goes to Tangles for setting up the BBQ and tables and to all of the wonderful people who helped clean up afterwards.

**Office Hours**

Our school office hours this year will be from 8:00am to 2:30pm Monday to Thursday. And 8:00am to 2:30pm every second Friday. The office will be closed on the following Fridays:

- February 12
- February 26
- March 11
- March 25
On the days the office is closed we will have the phones on night mode, which means they will go straight to the answering machine. The messages will be checked at each break and any messages for students and staff will be passed on at these times.

**Student Arrival Time at School**
At school we are always conscious of student safety. In the mornings before school we do not have any active supervision for students who arrive prior to 8:15am.

All students who at school prior to 8:15am need to remain seated outside the administration block.

At 8:15am all teachers will have their classrooms open and will be present in their rooms to supervise children inside.

We would appreciate if you could ensure that your child is not arriving at school before 8:15am. If this is not possible, please remind them that to be safe, they will need to remain seated outside of the administration block.

**Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards**
We are very luck at Rainbow Beach that students are able to ride, skate and scooter to school and home each day. To ensure the safety of all students we require students to walk their bike, scooter or skateboard once inside the school fence before and after school each day. Can you assist us in helping your child be safe and remind them of this expectation.

**Dad’s: Becoming a Reading Legend in Your Family**
Did you know that the home environment plays a powerful role in encouraging children to read?

Being read to at an early age is critical in terms of a child's social, cognitive, emotional and language development, and their overall well-being.

*Dads Read* was developed following recent research that highlights the importance of dads reading to their children during their early developmental years, before they start school.

- 50% of our language is learned by three years of age. [www.literacytrust.org.uk](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk)
- When fathers are involved with their children's literacy education from a young age, their children demonstrate increased cognitive abilities, higher self-esteem and greater social competence (Ortiz 2000)
- There is evidence to suggest a strong link between engaging fathers in literacy activities and their sons’ progress (Zambo & Brozo 2009)

**Importance of reading**
Reading together:
- **models** positive reading behaviour
- **prepares** your child to learn to read
- **introduces** your child to written language
- **opens up** new worlds for your child’s imagination and understanding
- **develops** reading mileage – the more time spent reading the more reading improves
- **improves** your child’s language and listening skills
- **gives** your child an opportunity to talk to you about ideas presented to them and about how they see their world
- **builds** social skills and family bonds
- **stimulates** creative and critical thinking

Reading with your child not only helps them to develop a love of reading, but also strengthens their literacy skills, models positive reading behaviour and builds your child’s self-esteem around reading which is a fundamental and necessary life skill in today's complex, digital world.
Getting Involved
‘Reading together – just 10 minutes each day is an investment in your child’s future’
(Shane Webcke, Queensland Channel 7 Newsreader and reading legend.)

The best way to become a Reading Legend in your family is to:

- **Start today – reading just 10 minutes every day with your child.** You’ll be helping your child to develop a love of reading that will make a positive difference to their future, and you’ll be their reading legend.

Use the QSchools App
With the free [QSchools app](http://www.deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html) you can find out the latest news from our school instantly. No more missing newsletters or hearing about school events at the last minute. We also use the app to issue notifications such as emergency announcements to you.

You can ‘favourite’ more than one school on the app if your family has children attending another state school. QSchools is available for Android, Apple and Windows devices.

**Smoking Ban Extended to 5m Around School Grounds**
From January 1 last year smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police officers or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend over businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Please remember to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.


**Mr Micheal Grogan**
Principal

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**P & C NEWS**

All parents are invited to attend our first P & C Meeting for 2016, to be held next Thursday afternoon in the School Administration building at 3:00pm. Please come along - it’s a great way to meet new people and have some fun. The main aim of our P & C is to provide support to our kids, their families and the school. By working together we are able to provide subsidies for school camps, excursions and contributions to school projects and equipment. We welcome and encourage you all to share your ideas and help make the P & C of 2016 a great success.
SCHOOL CROSSING FLAGS
We are in need of a parent helper to put up and take down our schools crossing flags each day. If you are able to assist please advise the school office.

STUDENT BANKING
Our school banking day this year will be Thursdays, and will commence this Thursday 4th February. This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers - the Dollarmites will go on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings. Information packs for new students will be sent home this week. All students are welcome to participate in the School Banking program. Please ask at the school office for further information.

FUNLANTIS CLASS NEWS
We have had a really great start to 2016. This year we welcome two new students to our class, Koby and Sophia. Koby is nine and in grade four. He came from Tin Can Bay School and he does not miss his old School. Koby’s hobby is surfing and his best subject is art. Koby likes his new classroom because it has air conditioning and, he likes his new teacher because he is very funny and nice. Koby was nervous on the first day until he met his class. Sophia is nine years old and she is in grade four. She came from Tin Can Bay School and she doesn’t miss it. Sophia’s hobbies are reading and maths. Sophia’s best subjects are art and maths. She likes her new classroom because her teacher is really funny and she has made lots of friends. Sophia was nervous on the first day but now she is not.

Mr Milesen

YEAR 4/5/6 CLASS NEWS
Welcome to the 5/6 class of 2016. Your teacher’s this year will be Mr Grogan (Mondays and Fridays) and Ms McColl (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays). We are looking forward to teaching you this year and to helping you achieve your potential. Here is a look at what we will be studying in this first (short) term, being only 9 weeks:

Our English units for term one are focusing on short story narratives and examining persuasive writing in media text, science sees us looking at the plant and animal world to see how species adapt to their environments to ensure survival, year six geography is aimed at looking at our Asian neighbours and how we establish and maintain strong relationships with these countries, year five history is looking back on how and why did an Australian colony develop over time and how did colonial settlement change the environment. We will also be creating animals in art to co-inside with our science learnings and create something new in technology.

LOTE – This year the students will be studying Japanese for their second language. Japanese will be on Thursdays this year from 8.30am-10am. Our LOTE teacher this year is Mr O’Neill. If you have older siblings at Gympie State High, they might also have Mr O’Neill as their Japanese teacher. I hope your all looking forward to immersing yourselves in this new language and learning about the Japanese culture.

Ms McColl
POSSIBLE GIRL GUIDES GROUP AT TIN CAN BAY

Gympie District Guides is looking into the possibility of starting a Girl Guides Group for girls living in Tin Can Bay, Cooloola Cove and Rainbow Beach. The proposed day and time will be Tuesdays during school terms from 4-5.30pm for girls aged between 7 & 12 and 6-8pm for girls aged between 13 & 18 at the Tin Can Bay Community library meeting room.

Girl Guides is one of the largest organisations in Australia for girls and young women and provides leadership and personal skills development to around 22,000 members in Australia, with over 10 million members around the world. The Guide Program is delivered by trained volunteer leaders and Heather Brown, the District Manager for Gympie District Guides will be heading up the program in Tin Can Bay.

The mission of Girl Guides Australia is to empower girls and young women to grow into confident, self respecting, responsible community members. Activities include working towards badges, games, crafts, cooking, first aid, outdoor activities and camps.

There will be a ‘Come and Try’ afternoon on Tuesday 9 February at the library from 4-5.30pm which is an opportunity for any girls and parents who are interested to come along and find out all about what is involved in being a Girl Guide. Membership fees are $130 per girl per year plus a $25 joining fee, and a weekly fee of $4-$5 to cover costs of supplies. Girls are asked to wear the guide shirt which costs $26 with their own shorts or trousers and closed-in shoes.

To help with these costs, girls aged between 5 & 17 whose parent, carer or guardian holds a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card are eligible for a 'Get Started' voucher of up to $150 from the Queensland Government. Applications opened on the 27 January and close on 30 March this year. To obtain a voucher:
2. View the list of registered clubs to find Tin Can Bay Girl Guides
3. Click on the ‘apply for a voucher’ link on the department’s website and enter your details and your daughter's details, including your Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card number.

A voucher with a unique reference number will then be generated. Print off the voucher and send it along with your daughter to receive up to $150 off the membership fees.

Adult leaders will also be needed to help with the group. If you are interested, application forms will be available at the 'Come and Try' afternoon. You will also need a blue card for working with children which are free of charge for volunteers through the Guides Association. There is also a membership fee involved of $155.

For more information please contact Chappy Ronnie on 0413 135 867.

SCHOOL KITCHEN GARDEN

Thanks to the installation of an irrigation system during the school holidays, our kitchen garden is looking fantastic with a wide range of herbs, eggplants, rosellas and watermelons growing in the raised beds. Many of the fruit trees in our small orchard have fruit and plenty of new growth.

In the next few weeks we will be planting out tomatoes, capsicum, rocket, sweet corn,
silverbeet, beans, beetroot, cucumbers and more rosella plants in the bush tucker garden. These should be ready for harvest by the start of term 2 and we are hoping that each grade will have the opportunity to invite parents to a lunch which the students will prepare and serve.

We will be starting gardening classes this week, with students who were keen to get back into the garden last week helping us collect seeds and gather pine needles for use as mulch on the beds ready for planting out.

We have several very healthy lemongrass plants that will be split up and replanted to form a hedge around the garden. If any parents would like some lemongrass plants, come and see Ronnie or Debbie on Thursday or Friday. Here are a few facts you may not know about this versatile plant:

Fresh lemongrass has a delicate, floral rose-like fragrance mixed with a fresh and grassy aroma. Lemongrass adds body and a touch of the exotic to meals without overpowering or dominating the flavour of the dish. It goes well with garlic, galangal, shallots, turmeric, ginger, chicken, pork, fish and chilli. Lemongrass is too tough to eat but can be minced or finely sliced. To mince, smash with the back of a knife first. It is often used in Thai, Indonesian, Vietnamese and Malaysian soups, curries, stews, laksas, rendangs and condiments. Additionally, it can be added to many Asian desserts made of rice flour, palm sugar and coconut milk.

Indigenous Australians used lemongrass leaves for a drink and applied it to sore eyes, cuts and skin conditions as a wash. Where lemongrass is native it is made into a tea called ‘fever tea’ which is used to treat diarrhoea, stomach cramps and headaches. Studies have shown that lemongrass kills multiple different types of bacteria and fungi and has deodorant properties. It contains five constituents that inhibit blood coagulation. Essential oils in lemongrass help strengthen blood vessels and decrease the chance of varicose veins.

You can use lemongrass as a steam by adding lemongrass leaves to boiling water. This will cause the pores to open up and clear out pimples and blackheads, Lemongrass is used in aromatherapy as a mood lifter.

This information and more can be found at: www.gourmetgarden.com

Chappy Ronnie

BOOK CLUB 2016

ORDERS NEED TO BE EITHER RETURNED TO SCHOOL OR PLACED ONLINE BY TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2016
PILATES EXERCISE CLASS

Cooloola Coast Pilates & Personal Training

Thursdays 4:30pm – 5:30pm
$15.00

School Library

Work on core strength, flexibility, body awareness and injury prevention

For further enquiries contact Sarah Booth on 0432 690 194
www.cooloolacoastpilates.com

NASHVILLE SCOUTS

Do your kids like:
- Camping, sailing, hiking, abseiling or Rock Climbing?
- Orienting, construction or knot tying?
- Learning first Aid?
- Open fire cooking or kayaking?
- learning, survival skills, tackling obstacle courses & making new friends

Then come down to our Sign On Day on Saturday 6th February 2016 1pm - 3.30pm at our Nashville Scout Grounds Batchelor Rd Gympie. Our Leaders & youth members will be running fun activities throughout the Day.
' Free Sausage Sizzle'

We run all sections
Joeys - 6 - 8 yrs, Cubs - 8 - 11 yrs, Scouts - 11 - 15 yrs
Venturers - 15 - 18 yrs, Rovers - 18 - 26 yrs
We meet every Friday night 7pm - 9pm

Contact Carol Harris - 0437426055 or nashvillescouts@gmail.com

Gympie District Girl Guides

Including Tin Can Bay and surrounds

“Empowering girls and young women to grow into confident, self respecting, responsible, community members”

Guides is about having fun, making friends, learning skills, and being part of the wider community. We have vacancies for all age groups, including 18-30 year olds. We are also on the lookout for women who like the idea of helping girls achieve all the above. We will train you and help with all aspects of becoming a leader, including getting a blue card. Call ASAP to get started early this term.

Gympie District Guides meet at 19 Shanks Street, Gympie at the following times:-

Monday 4-5.30pm 5-7 year olds Jenny 0433 385 777 gypmiegumnuts@hotmail.com
Tuesday 3.30-6pm 13-17 years Leonora 0425 850 360 leonora.cox@gmail.com
Wednesday 4.30-6.30 7-9 year olds Heather 0413 674 457 brownies101@bigpond.com
Thursday 4 – 6pm 10-12 years Kaz 1stgympieguides@gmail.com

And the fantastic news is that we have a new unit starting at Tin Can Bay!!!
Please contact Heather 0413 674 457, or enquire at Tin Can Bay State School.

2016 is going to be an exciting year with lots of outdoor activities, community involvement, leadership development, arts and crafts, camping, music, cooking, and lots, lots more. In fact, any ideas the girls have, the leaders try to implement. There are badges to earn too if that’s what you want to do. Come and try during week 2 and 3 and you will find there’s a lot more to guides than you realise.