Welcome back to school for another exciting term ahead. Already this term we have had the Life Education van visit, had staff attend some valuable Professional Development on providing feedback to students and functional behaviour assessment. This week we will be welcoming the team from AFL Queensland to talk to the kids about the wonderful AusKick program and to take the HPE lessons on Friday.

As you can see it has been a busy start to what promises to be a very exciting term. Some of the events happening this term include Sporting Schools starting up again, AusKick, School Performing Arts visit to the school, NAPLAN, Report Cards, ANZAC Day, Athletics carnivals and the Gympie Zone Cross Country just to name a few.

**Library Upgrade**

Today we took delivery of our new library shelving. The school and the P&C have invested approximately $7000 in purchasing some new shelving for the library in order to make this space more flexible both as a learning environment for our students and as a usable space for things like playgroup and other community uses.

The library will be closed next week as we install the new shelving. As I am sure everyone can appreciate this is a big job and involves literally taking every book off the shelves and putting them all back on again.

If you would like to help Mrs. Dargusch with this task, please call the school or see Mrs. Dargusch to let her know when you can help out. Any help at all would be greatly appreciated.

**ANZAC Day Service**

We will be holding our schools annual ANZAC service on Friday 22 April (this Friday). The service will begin at 8:30am. As usual we will be welcoming members of the local RSL as our special guests. This year we will also be having our choir perform Spirit of the ANZACs.

We look forward to seeing as many parents and community members at the service as possible. It is a great opportunity to remember the lives of all those who have served and fallen in the name of their country.

**Reading**

Each fortnight over the first term we have been providing some details about the reading strategies we focus on to allow parents to see why the strategy is important for students to know and be able to use and the types of questions students can ask themselves when using the particular strategy. This fortnight we will be examining *Questioning*

**Questioning**

Questioning is when the student poses questions before, during and after reading a text. Questioning plays an important part of the process of self-monitoring as students ask themselves, “Does this make sense?” Encouraging students to become aware of and value the questions they ask naturally is a way of helping them to engage with the text.
How does Questioning help Reading Comprehension?
Asking and answering questions helps to engage the reader with the text. It provides a purpose for reading and gives the students a reason to clarify meaning. This connection helps to deepen comprehension.

Language we use when questioning:
- I wonder why, where, when, how, if, who, ...?
- What is going to happen next?
- What is the author trying to tell me?
- Do I already know something about this topic?
- What do I think I will learn from this text?

P&C AGM
The P&C recently held its AGM. At the meeting our executive team for 2016 were elected. Our P&C executive for 2016 are:

- **President:** Kirstie Jordison
- **Vice-President:** Kylie Mawhood
- **Treasurer:** Glenda Misso
- **Secretary:** Fiona Worthington and Sarah Brantz

I would like to thank Kirstie, Kylie, Glenda, Fiona and Sarah for volunteering their time and serving as our P&C executive in 2016. It is greatly appreciated and will ensure that our P&C continues to be able to support the school in providing the best possible education to the kids of Rainbow Beach.

Our next P&C meeting will be this Thursday at 2:45 in the Staffroom. I look forward to seeing you all there.

State Swimming Championships
We also had two students attend the State Swimming Championships. Annie and Jasmin swam fantastically and put in a great effort. I would like to congratulate Jasmin on her selection in the Queensland Swimming team. Jasmin finished third in the breaststroke and will now travel to Darwin with the Qld team to complete at the national championships. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done Jasmin.

Gympie Zone AFL
Last term we had several students attend sporting trials in the last week of school. I would like to congratulate Nathan and Charlie on their efforts at the Gympie Zone AFL trials. Both boys played well and Nathan was successful in making the Possibles Vs Probables game.

Australia Zoo
Our whole school trip to Australia Zoo on Tuesday 22 March was a great success. I would like to thank everyone who came along and made the day such a great day. Our parent helpers were amazing and helped ensure all of the kids got to experience as much of the Zoo as possible.

Readers Cup
This week we will be getting together two teams of students to compete in the Readers Cup. The Readers Cup is a state wide competition run by the Children’s Book Council each year. It takes the form of comprehension competition, with all questions based on a set book list. The students participating in the Readers Cup will need to read six books. We will travel to Hevery Bay in June to compete in the Wide Bay section of the competition. Should the students do well at this completion, they may get the opportunity to progress to the next level and compete against students from other regions around the state.

*Mr Micheal Grogan*
Principal
PREP CLASS NEWS

We are back at school and the holidays already seem like a distant memory. The next 10 weeks are going to be very busy and will see the Preps receiving their first report card at the end of term.

This term we will be looking at our family history and backgrounds for history and our reading focus will be about making connections between a text and something they know or have experienced themselves. In Mathematics we will be finding out about location, 3D shapes, time, and continuing with number. Our Science focus will be about the weather and how it affects everyday life as well as how it creates change in the Earth’s surface so it will be a very busy term as usual.

At the end of last term we had our excursion to Australia Zoo where we had a wonderful day looking at, and learning about what animals need to survive and thrive. The children were so well behaved and we were all very, very proud of them. They completed some great writing about their experience as well as you can see in the photos below.

Unfortunately we needed to say R.I.P. to our Mr Grassy Head as a very naughty staffy decided to chew him up during the holidays so we may need to add that to our list of things that living things need - water, food, sunlight, shelter and no naughty staffy!

😊 Lynne, Sarah, Jill and Theresa.
AUSTRALIA ZOO
Term One is over and Term Two begun.
Active! This word best describes the Design and Technology unit.
What activities have the children been doing to get the most out of Design and Technology???
That is the question!

Playground Design

The children explored playgrounds with the aim of creating a new playground.

They focused on the materials and techniques needed to make a model of their playground

The students constructed their model, evaluated the process and reflected on their learning.

1. Students listed the features of the small school fort and drew a map to help determine the position of the features. They used their map to help construct the small school fort.

*The Year One students constructed this fort using April’s (in Year Two) very accurate and complete plan.*

2. The students conducted a survey of their classmates to determine which features were most and least popular. They represented this data in a graph. The students used the data to decide which features of the playground could be taken away. After viewing a variety of alternate playgrounds, the students thought about a new feature they could add. They drew and labeled a map of the playground with its new features.

3. Next the students planned how they would build their new feature. They listed the materials they would use and wrote a set of instructions. They used this plan to build their playground feature.

4. Cooperative team members at work.
Amalia designs a bridge to attach from the school little fort to the school big fort.
Tabitha and Luke have added features such as a seesaw, steering wheel, water slide, exercise bike and kids gym.

The Year One students reveal a new version of our school playground.

5. When students completed their features, they reviewed their plan to see which materials and techniques worked well and which needed to be changed.

YEAR ONE, TWO AGREE THAT IT WAS A "FUN AND EXCITING" UNIT!

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lawler
Rose Vicic and the Funlantans surprised Miss Erin with their happy birthday wishes together with an extra special cake. Rose and her father, Simon, prepared an amazing birthday cake for Miss Erin. The cake was shaped like a music book and decorated with treble clef and musical notes. The class sang her happy birthday for her special day that took place on April 10. Rose’s thoughtfulness and desire to make others happy is to be commended. Well done Rose, well done the Funlantans and Happy Birthday Miss Erin!

Mr Mileson

YEAR 5/6 CLASS NEWS
Our trip to Australia Zoo was fantastic. After an early start – alarms set at 6am – we arrived at school ready to leave on the bus at 7am. We were all very excited and ready to explore. Some of us had been to the zoo before, so knew what to expect. Our day was scheduled around being at the ‘endangered animal’ learning centre at 10.45 and at being at the Crocoseum at 12.00pm for the ‘main event’. The rest of our day was up to us to plan. Many of us opted to catch the bus down to the end of the zoo and walk back, visiting Bindi’s Island and her tree house, seeing the tigers, rhinos, red pandas and patting some very tame kangaroos. The day was very busy, with no time to rest! We learnt a lot about animals, their life-cycles, feeding habits and natural habitats. The focus of the day was on protecting these fantastic animals and how human’s impact on the survival of many wild animals. What a great classroom Australia Zoo was!

Ms McColl and Mr Grogan
Brekky club and running club are back on in Term 2!

The first Thursday of term had a great roll up of runners - some training for Zone trials, and popular bacon and egg muffins. Big thanks to Foodworks, Rainbow Beach Fruit, Rainbow Beach IGA for their donations. Also thanks to Ronnie and volunteer helpers! Including Mick Emery assistant to Dee this week. Look out for our next celebrity chef making a surprise appearance...

Reminders: Kids please bring their gold coin donation. Parents and friends - please donate milk/cereal/fruit/eggs/cheese etc for the breakfasts and your ideas - very welcome! 7am for Running Club and 7.45am for breakfast - every Thursday during term. All welcome.

P & C Meeting
The next P & C Meeting will be held this Thursday 21st April in the Administration building staffroom. Please come along and support our students. All welcome.

Scavenger Hunt
Come along and have some fun at our Scavenger Hunt, finding random items and performing random acts!!

Saturday 7th May, starting at 9:00am.

Meeting Point: Park near the skate park

Cost for Entry: $4.00 per person

PRIZES for 1st Place and Best Dressed

Maximum of 6 people per team

Entry forms are available at the RBSS Office or Rainbow Beach Fruit Shop. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase afterwards.

P & C Committee
The Gympie Garden Expo is being held again this year on Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May at the Gympie Showgrounds. If you are interested in gardening in any way, then the Expo is worth a visit. There is a huge variety of exhibitors, well-known guest speakers and a variety of competitions to be entered including the School Garden competition. This year our school’s kitchen garden has been entered and will be inspected next Monday 25 April by a team of judges. We are hoping that they will be impressed by the variety of garden beds, vegetables, bush tucker garden and other features of our garden including our living tunnel. Students have been amazed by the gourd growing in the tunnel and this is a photo of how these vegetables which are actually not edible can be decorated.

So that our garden is looking its best for the judges, we would like to move the greenhouse from behind the sports shed to a spot next to our current garden area where we can use it to store pots and other garden items. Could any parent who is available for 10 minutes this Thursday at 8.30am please meet Ronnie and Deb at the office.

May is Eat Local Month around the Gympie region and our school is hosting one of the events listed in the Eat Local Month Guide that is attached to this newsletter. Make sure that you check out the Gympie Regional Produce Autumn newsletter (www.gympieregionalproduce.com.au/gympie-gold-news) that features an article on school parent Simon Vicic and his signature dish, Schezuan barbecued kangaroo fillet infused with lemon myrtle and native pepper with candied rosella and sweet onion jam. Simon uses rosellas grown in our school garden for this recipe which can also be used to make jam, jelly, tea and cordial.

Students will be conducting tours of the school’s kitchen garden on Friday 20 May and devonshire teas with rosella jam will be for sale, together with plants and herbs. If any parents would like to help out on the day, please contact Ronnie via the school office or mobile 0413 135 867.

Chappy Ronnie
Rainbow Beach State School – Kitchen Garden Tours

20 May

Rainbow Beach State School invites you to tour their School Kitchen Garden. Tours will be conducted by the students. Learn about Australian Stingless Native Bees and Bush Tucker Plants. Plants and produce will be available for purchase!

Cost: $5 per person, includes Devonshire Tea served by the students

Where: Rainbow Beach State School, Warooga Street (map ref T3)

Bookings: Ronnie Timperon; phone 0413 135 867 or email ronniet@chappy.org.au

Information: Bring a hat, sunscreen and comfortable closed-in walking shoes
Are you interested in your child or children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2016. An information meeting for parents will be held at St Patrick’s Parish Centre (next to church) on either Tuesday 3rd May at 7.00pm or Wednesday 4th May at 1.30pm. (You need only attend one meeting.)

We invite you to participate in this preparation of your child/children, with guidance from Fr Pat and the Sacramental Team who will introduce parents to the program. In the year when the Children turn 8 (year 3), they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A Baptismal Certificate will be required if your child was not baptised in the Gympie parish. The Registration Fee for this program is $10.

For any enquiries please phone St Patrick’s Church Parish Office on 54821 213.

Free Breast Cancer Screening in Tin Can Bay
(Cathy House, Coral Trout Drive)
19 April – 12 May 2016

All women aged 40 years and over are invited to attend this free service. Women aged between 50-74 are strongly encouraged to attend.

No doctor’s referral is needed.

Phone 13 20 50

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Sacrament of Confirmation
St Patrick’s Parish – Gympie