June 16th 2016
Week 10 of Term 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to week 10 of term 2. What an exciting final two weeks of the term we have ahead of us. This week we have seen the wonderful performance Swag of Tales, Tuesday we held our Athletics Carnival and yesterday the Semester One Report Cards were sent home. Next week we will be heading up to Inskip Point for the Annual Fishing Day, before we all head off on our winter break.

**Athletics Day**
What a great Athletics Carnival we had on Tuesday. This is always one of my favourite days of the year. One of the great things about our school is the level of sportsmanship on display from our students on days like Athletics Day. Every student is supported by his or her peers, to do their best and to keep trying at all times.

I would like to thank all of the staff for making the day run so smoothly. I would like to say a special thank you to Miss Sauer who has once again organized a great day. A special mention also goes to Mr O’Neill and Alice who did such a great job with the score keeping on the day.

As always there is a winning house. In yet another close competition we have seen one of our houses just scrape through for the win. Congratulations to Cooloola, our winning house this year.

I would like to congratulate all of our Age Champions for 2016. Our Age Champions for 2016 were:

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**Small Schools Athletics Carnival**
We will be hosting the Cooloola Small Schools Carnival this year. The Carnival will be on Monday 25 July (Week 3 of Term 3) and will see Wolvi, Kia Ora and Gympie East State Schools coming to Rainbow Beach.

As with last year this day will be an event for the whole school with students from Prep to Year 6 at all four schools participating in both competitive and non-competitive events.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
All teachers will be conducting interviews throughout the remainder of the term. You should have received a note from your child’s teacher offering you an opportunity to book an interview to discuss your child’s progress. If you are unable to make a suitable appointment time prior to the end of term, please discuss with your child’s teacher an alternative time for an interview after the holidays. These interviews offer parents a great opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss ways we can support your child reaching their potential.
**Fishing Day**
Notes for the annual Fishing Day went home last Friday. Please return these notes as soon as possible. This is a unique event to Rainbow Beach State School and I would encourage all families to come along and be part of the day.

**Staffing for Last Two Weeks**
Over the last two weeks of term we will see some staffing changes. This is in part due to staff taking leave and also teachers being released for planning sessions. As always disruptions will be kept to a minimum. Mrs. Chamberlain will be taking leave for the last week of school and will be replaced by Ms. Margetts and Mrs. Brantz will also be on leave for 4 weeks, commencing this week.

**Sporting Schools**
Next term for sporting schools we will be offering Tennis lessons. The lessons will be split into two 4 week blocks. The first block will be for students in Prep-2 and then a second 4 week block for students in 3-6 will occur.

As always this is a free program. Numbers will be limited so make sure you get your notes in as soon as possible if your child wishes to participate in the Tennis lessons. Notes will go home to students in the early part of term 3

**Important Cyber Safety Tips**
The department has recently been alerted to random users contacting children using the social media app ‘Instagram’.

The following tips are provided to parents on how their children can avoid random contact on social media:

- Know which social media your child uses.
- Discuss with your child who their online friends and followers are. Only be friends with people online who you know and trust in the real world.

**New Free Learner Driver App**
The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has recently released an app which allows learner drivers to record their driving hours using a smartphone or tablet device.

The Queensland Learner Logbook app is the first of its kind, enabling learners to electronically submit their completed hours directly to TMR for processing. This instant submission not only saves learners time and money mailing their completed logbook to TMR for processing, but it also means that TMR will be able to start checking submitted logbooks sooner.

Learners can use the app to:
- view their progress against set target hours
- enter information for past journeys
- use the timer to record new trips
- save multiple vehicle and supervisor details
- seek approval for trips from their supervisor by email.

Those who have already recorded some trips in a paper logbook can still use the app by creating new entries to transfer their past trips across, or by submitting both logbooks for processing.

Download the app for free today from the App Store or Google Play for Android.

For more information, visit www.qld.gov.au/learnerlogbookapp.
UQ Robotics Holiday Workshops
The University of Queensland offers a range of holiday workshops for students including the Robotics Holiday Workshops for Kids (students in Years 7 to 12) and the Robotics Holiday Workshop for Girls (girls in Years 5 to 12). Visit www.eait.uq.edu.au/robotics-ict for more information.

Mr Micheal Grogan
Principal

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT “STUDENT OF THE WEEK” RECIPIENTS**
Soils ain’t soils – During the past two weeks in Science we have been looking at the difference between soils and how the climate affects them, as well as different landscapes and their characteristics. We have been exploring the concepts of under, over, beside, on top of, above in math’s. The children have also been practicing their balls skills in preparation for sports day and are trying very hard to master catching and throwing. This week we will be looking at time and whether things take a long or a short time to complete.

Quote of the week by Sebastian:
While checking what the children had learned I asked Sebastian why there wasn’t anything growing in the bare patch of sand. His reply was solid gold! “Because the water washes all the nutri-grains (nutrients) out of it!”

Not much will grow in this sandy soil.

Looking at lovely fertile soil.

Water has washed away all of the topsoil.

This soil is fairly sandy.

Lynne, Sarah, Jill and Theresa.
Mathematics Activities; Just to name a few!

Doing a Mathematical Guided Inquiry (MGI) was an ideal way to stimulate the students’ curiosity to learn more about Data.

What are the important phases of an MGI?

1. Discovery Phase
   In this phase we discovered the question to be investigated.
   “WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO REPRESENT A GROUP OF PEOPLE?”
   We also discovered the meaning of vocabulary used when talking about data.
   *Data Vocabulary*

   ![Diagram showing the Discovery Phase of MGI]

2. Devise Phase
   In this Phase of the MGI, we devised a way to collect data, devised a way to record data and devised ways to represent data.
   Students devised a suitable question to ask their classmates, to gather information about the group. They wrote their question and provided a limited selection of options for their classmates to choose an answer from.
   Students also devised a way to collect and remember their data. They recorded each group members’ answer to the question.
Oakley and Amalia ask a suitable question for gathering data. They have a selection of options for classmates to choose from. They record the names of each person they asked under their preferred option.

Finally, the students devised three different displays that they could use to represent data. They included SORTING, STACKING OR PICTURES.

3. Develop and Defend
In this phase, the students developed the inquiry by representing their own data. They used two different data displays. Students explained the similarities and differences between their displays. They defended their choice of representations by justifying what was useful and what they liked the most about each type of display.

Tiahna asked the question, “What is your favourite animal?” After gathering data from her classmates, Tiahna chose to display her data using STACKING and PICTURES.
Murphy has a go at SORTING and STACKING to represent the data for his question, “What is your favourite type of cookie?”

A walk through the Year One/Two class has seen children busily involved in these key activities. They lay the foundations for much of the graphing and data problem solving done throughout the school years. The students are learning some of the many skills that contribute to the long term goals of Mathematics.

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lawler

FUNLANTIS CLASS NEWS
The students of Funlantis have now completed their 2 dimensional designs for their section of the kitchen garden. They are now commencing their 3 dimensional models. Last Friday students from Funlantis met with Elaine and Jon, representatives from Bunnings. Bunnings has kindly donated a number of prizes to reward our young designers for their great ideas. A special mention also goes to Jackson and Rubi who thanked them and accepted their generous donations.

Students are pictured in front of our school’s new “Buddy Bench”.

Mr Mileson
YEAR 5/6 CLASS NEWS

We have just come from watching a school performance based on the history of how Australia was colonised by the British, what life was like in early times Australia and Federation. This was a fantastic ‘one man’ show, which kept us all laughing and learning. The props, being – puppets, audience volunteers, song, accents and timely costumes all worked well in the telling of the stories. On reflection, we had students say they learnt:
- what corks on hats were for,
- what the Federation star on the Australian flag represented,
- the number of bush rangers that were around and
- what it was like to iron and how heavy the iron was.
Mikayla, ‘cooked’ a BBQ and did a wonderful job modelling the pride of Australia and the different ways in which Australians are allowed to use our Australian flag.

Ms McColl and Mr Grogan

FISHING DAY
Just a reminder to return your Fishing Day permission form by Friday morning so we can organise transportation to and from Inskip Point for students who’s parents are unable to provide transport. We will be departing school approximately 10.30am. If you are collecting your child from school we will be departing from the undercover area.

P & C NEWS
New Lunch Tables!!
We would like to invite as many dads as possible to come to the school 10:00am this Saturday 18th June to help move our new timber tables out of the shed so we can paint them. You are welcome to stay and paint or maybe you might like to babysit for Mum so she can paint with us. The brushes and paint are provided by the P & C. If you have any queries please call Kirstie on 0439 701 227.

P & C Committee
**CHAPLAIN NEWS**

**Kitchen Garden Update**

We were blessed to have a visit from Elaine and Jon from Bunnings Gympie last Friday who dropped in to donate a ‘buddy bench’ to the school, plus some watering cans and prizes for the Grade 3/4 garden design competition. The idea of a buddy bench started in 2013 when a young boy called Christian who was in Grade 1 at Roundtown Elementary School in Pensylvannia, USA thought this would be a way of eliminating loneliness and fostering friendship in the playground. The idea has been adopted by schools worldwide and even has its own website: [www.buddybench.org](http://www.buddybench.org) if you would like to check it out.

We hope that if students at our school see someone on the buddy bench, they will make sure to go over and talk to them. As you can see, Ivy, Hailey, Ethan, Jackson, Lilly and Ashton did a great job painting the bench in rainbow colours. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for more photos: [www.facebook.com/rbsskitchengarden](http://www.facebook.com/rbsskitchengarden)

It would be wonderful if one of our students could send a story about our buddy bench to the buddy bench family worldwide via the website.

The kitchen garden team had a fantastic surprise last week with the news that the garden is the recipient of a generous donation of $1,000 from a local person who wishes to remain anonymous. They approached Liz Kilgower in Rainbow Beach Fruit after seeing an article in the recent Rainbow Beach Community News and wanted to make a donation to go specifically towards the garden. Each class is creating a special project for the garden to commemorate the school’s 30 year anniversary and this money will go towards purchasing supplies to make the class projects a reality.

*Chappy Ronnie*

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**Gympie Youth Mentoring Program**

We are currently seeking volunteer community members to mentor young people in a one-on-one or small group setting to inspire students to achieve life, education and career goals. This program builds self-confidence in young people and provides opportunities to develop vital decision making, problem solving and communication skills. Mentors and mentees work through structured activities and mentors are able to specialise in a topic that utilises their life skills and experience.

If you are interested in becoming involved in this program, or would like more information please contact Cassandra Elstob on 0408 992 822 or email: volunteer@chsn.org.au

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**Holiday Fun**

Gympie Regional Council is providing the perfect excuse to get out of the house these school holidays with the Holiday Fun Program. The Holiday Fun program offers a range of budget friendly, new and fun activities for kids of all ages. For all the different activities, dates and times check out [holidayfun.com.au](http://holidayfun.com.au) or call Council on 1300 307 800. Bookings are essential, so save your spot now! So get out and about these school holidays and have some fun for the whole family!
UNDER 8’s Play Session!!! Come and join in the FUN.....

We are celebrating UNDER 8’s WEEK...

*0 to 8 years play session is on Thursday, 23rd June, 2016.
*Here at school. 9:00 am to 10:45 am
*Bring your own picnic mat; morning tea; and join in the various play stations.
*Please supervise your child to ensure suitability and safety of the play activity for your child’s age.

FACE PAINTING.........SANDPLAY AND CLIMBING
MAKE AN AREOPLANE.......... GAMES.......... FINGER PAINTING.......... STRESS BALLS.......... BUILDING AND CREATING..........
LIBRARY NEWS

Could all student’s library books be returned to the library by the end of this week – Friday 17th June Thanks.

Book Fair - 2016 is the 70th Anniversary of the Book of the Year Awards. The theme for book week this year is

**Australia - Story Country.**

To celebrate book week this year, we will be holding a scholastic Book Fair in the library from 18th July – which is week 2 of next term. And you know what that means –

**DRESS UP DAY!! Yay!!**

There are so many talented Australian authors who have given us such wonderful characters and stories unique to our country and culture.

Finding an Australian character to dress up as should be extremely easy for everyone.


So start planning your costumes to help make this an outstanding Australia: Story Country celebration.