Hello and welcome to week 6 of the term. I hope this week finds you well. It has been a very busy fortnight here at Rainbow Beach for both the students and the teachers.

Over the last two weeks we have seen all of our teachers attend Professional Development opportunities aimed at deepening our content knowledge of the English and Mathematics curriculums. There will be two more days this term and further opportunities in term 4. These days are important and provide our teachers with opportunities to work with their colleagues at other small schools in the Gympie area as well as regional Heads of Department.

Last week we saw eight of our students travel into Gympie to participate in the Gympie Zone Athletics Trials. All of our students did a fantastic job and three have qualified to be part of the Gympie Zone team to participate in the Wide Bay Trials in a few weeks time. I would like to congratulate our three Gympie Zone Athletes Archie (Shot Put), Clive (100m, 200m, 800m, long Jump, High Jump and the Multi Event) and Jasmin (100m, 200m and the Multi Event).

I would also like to say a special congratulations to Clive and Jasmin who were named age champions on the day. This is a fantastic effort, well done both of you!

YOU!!! The best marketing tool the school has...
I meet quite a number of prospective parents who are looking at Rainbow Beach State School as a choice for the primary schooling of their children. I have that opportunity to talk about what makes Rainbow Beach State School a great school. We also have other opportunities through various advertising campaigns and our digital presence to share what we do. However, the best form of marketing is our community.

When our children are attending other events their behaviour and cheerfulness celebrates what makes us a good school. Likewise, positivity from our whole community helps to promote the school in more ways than any flyer or well-constructed advertising campaign could. Why is it so important? Well...
Queensland’s NAPLAN Results Continue to Improve
NAPLAN summary results confirm the hard work of Queensland teachers and students is paying off. Queensland ranked first in Australia in the national minimum standard for Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation and second in four other test areas.

Rainbow Beach State School continued to demonstrate improved and high performance, with school means in reading and numeracy continuing to go on their upward trend since 2013.

Some highlights of the results this year include:
- 60% of year 3 students in the upper two bands for Numeracy
- 50% of year 3 students in the upper two bands for Writing
- School mean for year 3 and 5 Numeracy above the national mean
- Year 5 mean scores above the national mean in 4 out of 5 test areas

What Good Readers Do
Sometimes children are accurate and fluent readers but this may not automatically mean a child has a good understanding or retention of what they have read. I know that when I am reading something heavy and more technical it may take a couple of readings before it actually sinks in. Another reason why this can happen is that sometimes we don’t actively focus on the text. Research over the past 25 years has shown that proficient readers are active readers. Active readers tune in when they read, prior to reading, during reading and after completing reading. They use a variety of strategies and questions to actively tune in to the text.

A useful idea to help your child be actively engaged in their reading is to have them retell a story orally, with all the details, correct sequencing and some of the vocabulary used in the story. This helps children develop their memory skills, and allows them to question their thinking and evaluate the text. It also gives students ideas for their writing.

School Uniform
The school uniform policy that has been endorsed by the P&C asks students to wear a navy blue jumper. Through the winter months it can be difficult to ensure students are able to keep warm and stay in school uniform. As the weather is beginning to warm up it is important that if you can,
you send your child to school in correct uniform. If you are unable to find a navy blue jumper, we ask you to not send your child to school in a hooded jumper. These can become a distraction for students and we ask that they not be worn to school. Please also remember that all students need to be wearing a broad brim hat during eating and playing time. To be Sunsmart you need to be wearing a hat with a brim of 8cm wide or more. These can be purchased at the school office for $10.00 each. We appreciate your support in this matter.

**Triple P Offers Free Parenting Help**

Sick of nagging your kids to get ready? Find out how Triple P strategies fixed this problem for a Queensland family, plus get tips that work, recipes and more, in your Triple P parent Tippaper.


*Mr Micheal Grogan*
Principal

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**PREP CLASS NEWS**

How exciting this past week has been for the children discovering the Olympic games! We have had the games and highlights live streaming in the background during the week so that we can celebrate all of the Australia achievements as well as the all important medal tally. We have a display of the medal tally on our entry door so that everyone can keep up with what is happening. The children have also learnt “Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, oit, oit, oit!” They have also learnt that participation in sport is the important thing and that it’s a bonus if you win a place but what is really most important is that you have a go and always try your best.

We have continued with our Dr Seuss rhyming unit and this week have been reading and rhyming with The Foot Book so please ask them to tell you a word that rhymes with “feet”. They have also enjoyed playing Beat the Frog which is a rhyming game and the children were so good at rhyming that the frog only won once.

You may have also heard something like thunder all over town during the week. Don’t worry it was just the children improving their hand eye coordination by constructing items using a hammer and nails. Hopefully Sarah didn’t have a headache afterwards.

😊 Lynne, Sarah, Jill and Theresa.

**YEAR 1/2 CLASS NEWS**

History work has seen the Year 1, 2 class busily involved in the following experiences.

- using a source to tell a family story about the past
Students were given the task of describing the ANZAC Day Ceremony held in Rainbow Beach. They explored different sources, such as medals, flags, poppies and personal family photos to make connections about ANZAC day. Students worked together to look at the coverage of this event in the Rainbow Beach Cooloola Coast Community News. They examined the ANZAC Day ceremony in terms of its key traditions, attendees and special locations. What’s more, students then developed their own written narrative to communicate how Rainbow Beach commemorated the significance of ANZAC Day. Following are narratives written by Ruby and Tabitha.

ANZAC DAY

The event of ANZAC Day happens every year, April 25th. The event is put on to remember those who have risked their life to go to war. It happens all around Australia. For us is Rainbow Beach, we do the march in the main street. Once we’re marched to the town Cenotaph, the choir sings an ANZAC song. The choir, Flight Squadron, Air Force, and Navy attend the event. The Last Post, jet fly-past, one minute silence, march and laying wreathes are the important traditions of ANZAC Day. ANZAC Day is important because we celebrate in honour of those brave people who died to protect our country, in war.

My sources that help me to remember are the Rainbow Beach Community News and flags, badges and medals. The text in the Community News helps me by showing me who was there and what people were doing. I felt sad for those who died in war….. but also happy because it is my birthday on April 25th.

By Ruby

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day happens every year on April the 25th. ANZAC Day is mostly about remembering the soldiers who fought for us in World War 1 and other wars. ANZAC Day happens all across Australia and New Zealand.

The event happens at the Cenotaph in town. It also happens at school. School students, families, choir and police all attend to the ANZAC Day ceremony. The traditions are The Dawn Service and The Last Post played on a bugle or a trumpet. We also march from the Community Hall to the Cenotaph in town. ANZAC Day is significant. ANZAC Day is all about remembering the brave people who went to war to defend our country.

My sources that help me remember ANZAC Day are a photo of my Dandan in his Navy clothes and my poppy. I felt sad for all those people who died but I also felt proud to have someone in my family who was a returned soldier. My sources help me to remember all those soldiers who returned and all those that didn’t. I respect those Australians who risked their lives and I respect all those who went over from New Zealand. I we wish we could all just live in peace.

By Tabitha

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lawler
**The Hunter That Was Greedy**

One late afternoon there was a hunter, his name was William. He was a big adult and was hunting in a pine forest. He shot a deer that he proudly hunted. Although he had enough to feed him, he felt he wanted another deer. He thought, “Oh, I’ll just get another deer nothing will happen the first one. There’s a deer over there” he shouted out aloud “I’ll shoot it!” But he could not because he missed! He returned back from running in the pine forest to where he had landed his first deer. It was not there! Just at the last minute he realised a wolf was running away with it. He realised it would be in the wolf’s stomach in a minute. He knew that wolves are faster than humans. He didn’t risk running after the wolf, but instead he walked to his house. William Was worried. Now he had no dinner. He thought he would starve. But there was still hope. He looked in the fridge and the freezer but in both there was nothing. "Well that probably serves me right. Being greedy is not a good thing it is an awful thing”, he thought to himself. “Well now I have learnt my lesson”, whispered the hunter to himself. “Next time I will only get what I need and not be so greedy”.

Written by MAX

**Use Your Time Wisely**

Once upon a time there was a boy named Freddy. He loved to play Five Nights at Freddy’s. He hated doing work. His mum would tell him “Do your homework!” Freddy would reply “I’ll do it later”. This is what he always said to work.

At school he gets in trouble as well. He often gets a detention. He doesn’t do any work in detention either. Strange thing for a year 3 boy, yes he is only 8 years old.

The next day the teacher said, “Here’s this week’s homework and on Friday we will have a test. Freddy was so busy thinking about the electret fun he’d have playing video games on the holiday he didn’t listen to his teacher.

The teacher told them “If you don’t do your homework and fail the test, you have to come back to school on the holidays!” Freddy didn’t care and just played video games all week.

On Friday year 3 and 4 did the test. Freddy failed like usual and Freddy got sent to the naughty corner. On the holidays Freddy went back to school to do all his unfinished work. He learns to use his time wisely. Freddy’s parents went to the holiday without him. So Freddy had to stay with his grandma and study.

The End

by AIDEN

**Beauty Is In The Eye Of The Beholder**

Once there was a mole, yes a mole, the blind worm eating creature, trying to find food like any mole. He was underground crawling through the dirt. He was searching for worms when he definitely heard something like voices and metal hitting something. All of the sudden he fell through some loose gravel being mined by a strange figure.

Next thing he knows he’s being pushed around in a mine cart. He hopped out and ran behind a rock. He heard what appeared to be a head miner. The man said “There’s still treasures to be found yet.”
When mole heard that, this is what he thought “I don’t know much about humans but my treasure is worms, worms, worms and more worms. Whole mountains of them! So maybe I can help him look for treasure. I’m sure he’d share”. So he scuttled up to the man and said “Hey”.

“Ahh! Didn’t your mother teach you not to sneak up on people like that. Hang on where are you?”

“Firstly my mother got eaten by a predator…..secondly down here!”

“You’re a talking mole”

“That’s right, so let’s get to the cut, I’ll help find the treasures that you speak of if you share”.

“This is great! A mole would know this place like the palm of his non-opposable hands”.

“Okay mole take me to it”, commanded the head miner.

So they started to dig and dug and digged and dug and dug and dug. It’s been 2 hours and still they haven’t found anything but dirt and stone. Just to make matters worse “WE’RE OUT OF FOOD AND WATER!” But just then we hit something and that something is colourful something hard and that something are….. gems and rare metals. “We’ve hit the jackpot yeess I’m rich”, hollered some of the miners.

“Where are you going?”, asked the mole, “Why are savouring those coloured rocks”

“These are not rocks they’re gems and rare metals like diamond or gold.

“There the same to me, just rocks” mole said as he gloomily walked off wishing they had found his sort of treasure… WORMS!

The end.

By kellin

Mr Milesen

DENTAL VAN
The Dental Van is currently at Rainbow Beach State School and a 2 page Child Dental Benefit Scheme (CDBS) flyer – Medical History form has been issued to all students.

If you would like your child/ren seen by the School Service this year, please complete the reverse of the CDBS flyer and both sides of the medical history form and return to school immediately.

School Dental Staff will be contacting parents directly to arrange a suitable appointment time.

P & C NEWS
There is no Running Club for the next few weeks, it may commence again in Spring!!
Please come along to Brekky Club, happening every Thursday 7:45am. Gold coin donation is welcome on the day. Any donations of cereal, butter, fruit or milk are very welcome!

Our next P & C meeting is on Wednesday 17th August, all parents and community members are welcome. Please come along and join us in the RBSS Staff Room at 2:45pm.

P & C Committee
CHAPLAIN NEWS
CHAPLAINCY TRIVIA NIGHT
You are invited to test your trivia knowledge at the annual Chaplaincy Trivia Night next Saturday 20 August from 7-9pm in the Tin Can Bay School hall, with registrations starting at 6.30pm. Come as part of a team or join a table on the night. Cost is $10 per person including supper with cappacinos and soft drinks for sale. Lucky door prizes will be drawn throughout the evening. To register phone Chappy Ronnie on 0413 135 867 or email: ronniet@chappy.org.au

SCOUTS FOR TIN CAN BAY
An information night to discuss the possibility of starting a local Scouts Group is being held in the Lorikeet Room at the Tin Can Bay Community Complex this Thursday at 7pm. Parents who are interested in becoming a leader or their children becoming part of this great movement and community members who would like to be leaders are invited to attend. For more information, contact Karl Lingard from Scouts Qld on 0409 573 900 or rdso3@scoutsqld.com.au or Chappy Ronnie on 0413 135 867.

Chappy Ronnie

Telehealth Parent Counselling Trial
As a way of delivering parent counselling to families in rural and remote areas or those unable to access a Child Health Centre, the Trial is looking at telehealth video appointments (video conferencing). All counselling is provided by fully qualified professional social workers or psychologists known as Early Intervention Parenting Clinicians/Early Intervention Clinicians.

These Clinicians assist families with children aged 0 – 8 years where they are facing challenges in their parenting/caregiving, they are experiencing difficulties with their child’s emotions or behaviours or are facing other difficulties that are affecting their parenting abilities.

The counselling can be done in family homes or in a local GP or health service anywhere in the Sunshine Coast, Noosa or Gympie area.

Parents can self-refer by telephoning the SCHHS Child and Youth Community Health on 5319 4824.

PROPOSED SCOUT GROUP FOR TIN CAN BAY
Scouts Qld is looking at the possibility of forming a Scout Group in Tin Can Bay and wants to hear from adults who would like to be leaders as well as young people who would like to be involved. Scouting is a worldwide movement that has shaped the development of youth and adults in Australia and around the world for more than 100 years. It is the biggest and most successful youth organisation in Australia with approximately 15,000 boys, girls and adults aged from 6-26 involved in Queensland. Scouting is great fun and it prepares young people for life in the adult world by teaching them responsibility for their own actions and learning through outdoor adventures. Camping, abseiling, caving, horseback riding, fishing, rock climbing and diving are just a few of the exciting experiences that a Scout can be involved in.

Scouting challenges young people's minds as well as their bodies. Scouts can enjoy activities linked with the internet and amateur radio and awards linked to citizenship, community service and personal spiritual development.

If you are interested in being a leader or have a child who would like to become part of Scouts Qld, please contact Karl Lingard, Region Development and Support Officer on 0409 573 900 or via email rdso3@scoutsqld.com.au or Chappy Ronnie on 0413 135 867 or via email ronniet@chappy.org.au

For further information check out the website: www.scoutsqld.com.au
Thank your teachers with the ultimate token of appreciation!

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