August 30th 2016

Week 8 of Term 3

I hope this week finds you well. We are now into week 8 of the term. It is hard to believe that we only have 2 more weeks after this week before the spring break.

We have lots happening over the next two weeks including welcoming a new Pre-Service Teacher, Miss Fiona Rose. Miss Rose will be in the 3/4 class until Friday 9 September. I am sure Miss Rose will enjoy her time here.

Over the next two weeks we will again see teachers going to other schools to work with other teachers and deepen their content knowledge of the national curriculum in English and Mathematics. On Tuesday 30 August Ms. McColl, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lawler travelled to Monkland SS and on Wednesday 1 September Mr Milesen, Mrs. Chamberlain and myself are going to Glenwood SS.

These days are invaluable opportunities for staff to work with their peers and have those professional conversations about their work, the curriculum and the best way we can approach enacting the curriculum, assess student learning and better cater for the diverse needs of all of our students.

Reading
I was fortunate enough to be in the 1/2 class last week to see Mrs. Young teaching. While in there, I heard Mrs. Young say to her students:

“The more you read the more you know, the more you know the more you grow.”

It struck me how that one simple phrase has summed up all of the work we have been doing at our school around the effective teaching of reading. Reading is the key to all learning. By effectively teaching our kids to read we open up the curriculum, and also the world to our children. It is the single most important thing we can do as educators.

So this fortnight my message around reading is encourage your kids to read; read with them if you can, share a story or a book, a favourite author or poem. Try to make reading as fun and enjoyable as possible. I myself was a reluctant reader at school and as an adult, but I have seen first hand through my chosen profession what a profound impact reading and the ability to read can have on children’s lives. Encourage your kids to read as best as you can, so they will grow to love reading and continue to open their minds and grow both as learners and more importantly as people.

As Mrs. Young has told her class, reading is the key to growing your mind. It is the key to all that we do.

School Movie Night
I would like to say a massive thank you to the wonderful people from Arcobeleno who kindly donated all of the pizzas for our Movie Night last week. Your support along with that of all of the other businesses in town is greatly appreciated.
I would also like to say a big thank you to Sarah who did all of the organizing for the night. It is greatly appreciated by all of us. Lastly I would like to thank Mrs. Young, Miss. Sauer and Ms. McColl who came along to help out on the night.

**Gympie Maths Team Challenge**
Our 5 mathletes headed into Gympie last Friday to compete in the Maths Team Challenge. Once again they have done themselves and our school very proud. The won the teams challenge and came second overall. This is a fantastic effort competing against schools from all over the Gympie region. Well done Archie, Annie, Charlie, Bailey and Chase.

**Athletics Stars**
Well done to our Gympie Zone Athletics representatives. Archie, Jasmin and Clive all travelled to Kingaroy last week to trial for a spot in the Wide Bay Team. They all did very well and achieved some pleasing results. Clive has been successful in gaining selection in the Wide Bay Team and will travel to Brisbane to compete in the State Athletics Titles. Below is a summary of their results.

*Archie – 12th in Shot Put*
*Jasmin – 4th in 200m, 5th in Multi-Event, 11th in 800m*
*Clive – 1st in Multi-Event. 1st in 100m, 1st in 200m, 1st in 800m, 3rd in Long Jump, 9th in High Jump,*

**Kidsing**
Our Choir students will head off to Kidsing on Friday 2 September. This is a great opportunity for our kids and Miss Eryn to participate in such a positive and beneficial choral program. The aim of Kidsing is to give students the opportunity to sing in a massed combined primary schools choir and work with a guest conductor in a workshop and then perform in a concert.

**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**
In 2014 our school started the implement the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) Framework. SWPBS or as it is sometime known Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an evidence based framework for providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students.

At Rainbow Beach SS we have adopted our three school wide expectations Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner and each week in classrooms students are explicitly taught what they look like in our schools. On parade each week we discuss our rules and the focus of the current week and the week to follow.

Our SWPBS focus lessons for the next two weeks are listed below:

**Week 8 – Be Safe – Keep Hands and Feet to Ourselves.**
- It looks like maintaining personal boundaries. Being responsible with sporting objects.
- It sounds like speaking nicely to each other and being friendly. It feels safe.
- Students choosing to solve frustrating situations in a positive and non-violent way.

**Week 9 – Be a Learner – Having a Go.**
- It looks like students always doing their best to meet the challenges of learning in and out of the classroom. It sounds like asking questions and participating fully in class discussions. It feels rewarding.
- Students choosing to challenge themselves and stretch their minds and their personal boundaries.

**Staff Car Park**
Just a reminder for all parents that the car park at school is for staff and official use only. We would appreciate it if all parents could please remember to use the available on street parking and continue to encourage students to use the footpath at the front gate before and after school each day. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.
**Interschool Sports Day**
Our year 4/5/6 students will be travelling into Gympie for the Interschool Sports Day on Friday 9 September. The students will get the opportunity to learn new sports and get expert coaching from local coaches and sports development officers. This is a great opportunity and we would like to thank the P&C for paying for the bus to transport the students in and out of Gympie on the day.

**Bling Your Helmet and Ride to School Day**
On Tuesday 6 September we will be having a visit from some of the 600 riders coming to Rainbow Beach next week for the Cycle Queensland 2016 Adventure Tour. To celebrate the occasion we will be having a Ride to School and Bling Your Helmet Day.

The Ride will commence at the park beside the IGA travel along Carlo Rd to the school on the morning of Tuesday 6 September. We will meet at the park from 8:00am and travel to school at 8:10am. Students can ride their bikes, scooters or skateboards.

Bling your helmet is as simple as decorating your helmet as best as you can. All of our students can participate whether or not you ride, walk or drive to school. There will be prizes for the best helmets and winners will be announced at our special parade that day.

Below are a couple of examples to get the creative thoughts going.

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**Mr Micheal Grogan**
Principal

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Our Pre-Prep classes commencing Term 4 2016!!
Children born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012 are eligible to start Prep in 2017. To assist with this transition we are holding Pre-Prep classes at the school each Thursday morning from 6th October till 24th November. This is a great way to get your children familiar with the school environment before they actually start school.

We will be holding an information session about our Pre-Prep class on Wednesday 7th September from 9:45 to 10:45am. This will be held in our school Library. We will have some activities set up for the kids so please bring them along. All welcome!!
We have certainly had an exciting two weeks observing the Olympic medal tally and watching it grow. The children were very impressed that we could add to our tally each day and ended up with 29 medals all together – the perfect opportunity to learn counting on and we will be just as excited when the Paralympics begin in a few weeks.

We have been learning about things that sink and things that float along with the properties that make them sink or float such as how porous or dense an item is. The children have loved participating in these hands on activities through the use of assorted items in the water trough. (Thanks Sarah)

During Maths we have been learning about time (o’clock), rainbow facts and the equivalence of groups. This week we will be focusing on Father’s day as our art activity and on that note wishing all the Dad’s out there a very happy day!

Our Medal Tally

Sight Word Sort

Beat The Fro

Lynne, Sarah, Jill and Theresa.
To develop an awareness of History, students were asked to relate stories about significant family events from the past.

Aims of this task were for students to:
- Understand that History is about events that have happened earlier and that are recognised as important
- Examine sources to interpret how they help when recalling past events
- Communicate their own stories in the form of written narratives

Following are some Year One narratives describing significant personal or family events from the past.

**My significant event was going to another country. It happened because Dad wanted a holiday. We went to France and Germany. Me and Mum and Dad went. My brother wasn’t born yet. We saw famous places like the Eiffel Tower. I had my first milk shake. I liked being in another country. My photos help me remember when I was in another country. It is hard to remember because I was a baby.**

By Lylah

**My significant personal event was my birthday. It’s when I turned five. It happened at my Auntie’s place. Me and my dad and my brother and my auntie and my mum were there. I had cake and presents. It was a red brick house. The red brick house was cold and it was loud. Dinner tasted like chicken. I was five years old, big enough to help Dad. My source is my rock. When I look at my rock it reminds me of my birthday.**

By Jesse

**My special event was I got to go on holiday. I went in May. My family wanted a holiday so we went to Darwin. Mum, Dad and Darcy were there. We took photos and went on the Crocodile Cruise. We saw the King of the River. He swam up to us. He was waiting for a teenager to fall in. We saw lots of palm trees. I was nervous at the airport. It was my first time to fly. My source is my crocodile. It helps me to remember the Crocoseum.**

By Murphy

**My significant event was Brisbane. I went four years ago. I want to see Nana and she lives in Brisbane. Mum and Billy, me and Guy were there. We played in the yard. I had chicken for lunch. It tasted “yum”. I heard the cat meowing. Nana wanted to give me a present. My source is Stripy Teddy. He is my favourite teddy because Nana gave it to me.**

By Jimmy

**My significant personal event was three years ago. I went to Aussie World for fun. It is in Brisbane. Dad, Mum and Luka came. We went on the log ride and ate chips and saw people dressed up. It looked big and sounded noisy. It smelled yummy. I went on rides and got to eat ice-cream. My source is my teddy bear. It helps me remember Aussie World because we got him at Aussie World.**

By Oakley
My significant personal event is when I was a baby. It happened six years ago, July 20th. It happened because I was born. Mummy and Daddy were there. Nearly all of my family were there to see me. I was born in hospital. I first slept in the cot on the Friday. The hospital was quiet and clean. It is important because that is when my birthday is.

My source is my Baby Record Book. It has pictures that remind me of when I was zero.

By Amalia

My important event was Prep. It happened last year. Granny Val thought we were special so she gave me a teddy. It happened at Rainbow Beach State School. Mrs. Klekar and my friends were there. We had big lunch and teensy snack. There were ice-cream decorations on the classroom roof. I felt happy. It was my first day at school.

My source is my teddy. It helps me remember Granny Val.

By Manaia

My special event was when I was born. It happened five years ago. So now there are more people in my family. I was born in Nambour Hospital. Mum and Dad were there. I think doctors and nurses were there. It is important because I wouldn’t be alive if I wasn’t born.

My source is my purple bear because it was from the day I was born.

Tiahna

The knowledge and skills required to do tasks like the above narratives are ongoing. They have been an important part of the history program since the children started Year 1, 2 in January!

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lawler

FUNLANTIS CLASS NEWS

Hi, my name is Miss Fiona Rose. I’m a 4th year prac student from the University of Southern Queensland working with and learning from Mr Mileson and the amazing Funlantans. I have been having a wonderful time in the classroom working on Literacy, Mathematics and History.

Next week the Funlantans will become scientists and do some exciting experiments to find out the properties of water.

I’m at the end of my first week and will be here until the 9th September, so please feel free to come up and say hello.

Mr Mileson and Miss Rose
4/5/6 CLASS NEWS
As always it has been a busy few weeks in our classroom, with Wide Bay athletic trials being held and the Maths Team Challenge. On Friday we had five students attend the Maths Team Challenge at Gympie High, where they competed against other schools from our area. There were two rounds – a team challenge and a relay round. In the team challenge our fantastic five won! After the second round we came second overall. This is a fantastic result, considering our team had very limited practice time. Congratulations Archie, Charlie, Chase, Bailey and Annie on your fantastic efforts. We loved seeing your medals on Friday and the proud smiles on your faces.

Miss McColl and Mr Grogan

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 Thursday 15th September, 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

SCOUTS GROUP FOR COOLOOLA COAST
A community information evening was held on Thursday 18 August at the Tin Can Bay Community Complex to determine the level of interest by local families in starting a Scouts group. Karl Lingard, Region Development and Support Officer for Scouts Qld was the guest speaker and spoke about the great benefits that being a scout can provide young people and what is involved in being a scout leader. Scouts provides young Aussies aged 6 to 26 with fun and challenging opportunities where they can grow through adventure. Scouts is the largest youth movement in the nation and the world. The purpose of the Scout Movement is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people and teach them skills that will set them up for life.

Local resident Jim George, President of the Tin Can Bay Fishing Club, who attended the meeting, spoke about the positive effect becoming a scout had on his life. Jim joined as a young boy and continued through the various age groups, eventually becoming a Queens’ Scout and testified to how being a Scout taught him respect for others, skills to be able to look after himself in any situation and how to work as part of a team.

If you missed the meeting and are interested in either being involved as a leader or your child becoming a Scout, you can email Karl at rdso3@scoutsqld.com.au or Chappy Ronnie at ronniet@chappy.org.au Karl will be back in Tin Can Bay on Friday 30 September where he will have a stand at the RSL Community Day and will be happy to provide information about Scouts and answer any questions.

GOOD PARENTING – WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?
Good parenting involves consistency and routine, which gives children a sense of control.

Good parenting focuses on developing independence in children, so that one day you will no longer be needed to organise their lives.
Good parenting should consider their children’s age and stage of development so that there is a match between expectations, discipline and resilience-building strategies and children’s developmental age.

Good parenting aims at socialising kids. Parents should provide children and young people with social scripts to enable them to negotiate their expanding social horizons. This social scripting helps them negotiate their online and offline worlds.

Good parenting develops a growth mindset in kids rather than a mindset that says that a child’s intelligence is fixed. Parenting that develops a growth mindset links kids’ success to effort and strategy as opposed to purely recognising and developing natural ability.

Good parenting focuses on encouragement over praise, consequences over punishment and cooperation over obedience. This ensures parenting matches the times in which we live.

Good parenting insists that kids help at home without being paid so that they learn to be givers, not takers.

Good parenting takes into account children’s birth order, personality and gender differences. One parenting size doesn't fit all kids.

According to the best available research the best parenting style is an authoritative style which is a balance of firmness and nurturing. The outcomes are generally best for kids in terms of academic success, mental health and good well-being when they are raised by parents that use an authoritative style.

Families work well when they are guided democracies or benign dictatorships. Someone should be in charge of a family, and it's a good idea if it's parents! How does your parenting look? What's your family like?

This article and more can be found at: www.parentingideas.com.au

Chappy Ronnie
GYMPIE GOLD FINS SWIMMING CLUB - SIGN ON

Come and Join the Gympie Gold Fins Swimming Club. Our sign on days will be held on Tuesday, 6th September and Tuesday 4th October 2016 from 4pm – 5.30 pm in the Clubhouse at the Gympie Memorial Pool.

We have a range of swimmers from Recreational to Competitive. We offer a family friendly environment so come and discover your inner swimmer and stay fit and healthy. The club offers two (2) come and try nights for any swimmer interested in joining.

For further information please phone Marni on 0400 790 409 or visit our website [www.gympiegoldfins.org.au](http://www.gympiegoldfins.org.au).

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Looking for some help around the home with general house cleaning (min. 3hrs), window cleaning, spring cleans, de clutter, ironing, child care (blue card & CPR trained). Over 10 years experience, excellent references available. Please call or email to discuss how I can help you.

Liane Laufer
Phone: 0458 464 269
Email: ilaufer@bigpond.net.au

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Recruiting!
We are looking for Educators from the Rainbow Beach area to join our team. Educators provide education and care for up to 7 children (max. 4 under school age) in their own homes (incl. own children).

What we have to offer:

- Work from home with regular mentoring and support visits
- Comprehensive range of equipment available free on loan
- Comprehensive training provided prior to start up
- Families waiting
- No prior experience necessary

Interested? Contact our team today for further information or to arrange a confidential interview.

Family Day Care Gympie Region
19 Red Hill Road, Gympie
Phone: 5482 6099
Our Community
A group of committed community members and professionals working with children called the Early Years Voice- Gympie Region, are shaping a vision for our Gympie community, based on feedback gained from parents, families and children. Our vision is that the Gympie region will grow great kids where all children have every chance to thrive. We would like to hear the voices of children themselves, and conduct a short session in class together with their classroom teacher. This includes activities whereby children can describe in words or through pictures what they like about Gympie region/ Rainbow Beach and what would make it a better place to live.

Information your children provide will be used by the above group of community members to inform and influence decision makers about issues that impact the children in this community. The group will collect this feedback and present general findings at community forums and meetings. You, your child or family will not be identified personally in gathering and presenting this information. We thank you for allowing your child to take part in this short session – if you have any concerns or you do not wish your child to take part, please contact the Principal or classroom teacher. Thank you in anticipation of valuable local input.

Early Years Voice- Gympie Region lesleyb@actforkids.com.au 54518299.
Thank your teachers with the ultimate token of appreciation!

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