Welcome to week 6 of term 4. I trust the last fortnight has been treating you all well.

We have had time to pause and reflect over the last fortnight as we celebrated the 30th year of our great school. I spoke at our parade last Friday afternoon of the support the school has had and still does receive from the local Rainbow Beach community. This support continues to allow us to provide opportunities for our kids that other schools of our size and location would not normally be able to.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you for your support for our school and our kids. It truly is greatly appreciated and makes a massive difference.

30th Celebrations
It was great to open up the school and the classrooms last Friday to celebrate the school’s 30th year. I would like to thank everyone who came along to the afternoon or the function that evening at the Sports Club.

The new murals, instruments and space being built by the 3/4 class will be a great addition to our school garden. All of this work would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment from our staff and army of volunteers. Thank you all for your efforts, it has and will certainly continue to make a positive difference to our school.

Finally I would like to thank our tireless P&C for doing such a great job organising the day.

Fun Run
Our Fun Run has been a fantastic success. All up we raised a total of $4776.12, an amazing effort for a school of our size. There were some very notable efforts from individual students, particularly Wylie who raised $460 and Emma who raised $508 respectively. Well done to both of you!

On Friday we also presented water bottles to the first place getter in each year level on the day of the Fun Run. Well done to the following students and well done to everyone who completed the 5km course on the day.

Fun Run Winners 2016:
- Prep: Sebastian
- Year 1: Oakley
- Year 2: Zoe
- Year 3: Alex
- Year 4: Jacob
- Year 5: Clive
- Year 6: Archie
Swimming Program
Our school swimming program will commence in 3 weeks. Permission notes and invoices will be sent home shortly. As with previous years we will be swimming each day for a week with a separate swimming carnival on Wednesday 7 December.

Swimming is a part of the school HPE curriculum and the expectation is that all students will participate fully. If you have any questions or concerns in relation to our swimming program, please contact the school as soon as possible.

2017
We have already begun planning for 2017 and part of that process is developing classes. Attached to this newsletter is a return slip where we ask you to let us know if your child/ren will be returning to Rainbow Beach in 2017.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could return this as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.

Mr Micheal Grogan
Principal

| DATES TO REMEMBER |
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| Wed/Thu 23 – 24th November | Year 1/2 Camp |
| Monday 28th November | Swimming lessons commence |
| Thursday 1st December | Year 6 Graduation |
| Tuesday 6th December | End of Year Christmas Concert |
| Wednesday 7th December | Swimming Carnival |

PRE-PREP CLASS
The fun run day was a fantastic success with all of our little Preppies doing their best to scale the inflatable castles and crawl though bubbles. They all put in a wonderful attempt at completing the beach run with some actually finishing the whole run. Well done Preps!

Last Friday we celebrated the schools 30th Anniversary and the children completed their beautiful rainbow handprint mural. It will be hung on the outside of our room overlooking the kitchen garden. Thanks so much to Sarah, Adrienne and Mrs Dargusch for their efforts with it.

In Science last week we made model cars and ran them down sloping wooden blocks to see how and what force makes them move faster or slower.

During Maths we have been learning about size comparisons between smaller, larger, wider and narrower.

We are looking forward to the next few weeks with great excitement heading towards end of year activities such as swimming and the Christmas concert.
MEASURING AREA.
It is important for young children to develop skills in Measurement to help them become proficient in all strands of Mathematics. Through the following kinds of activities the children had the opportunity to develop skills in measuring surface area.
- Describing and comparing the surface area of everyday objects
- Ordering surfaces from smallest to largest area
- Making direct comparisons by overlaying one surface on top of another surface
- Making indirect comparisons by using a ‘go between’ unit, (useful when surfaces can’t be brought together to be overlayed)
- Covering surfaces with informal units to represent their area
- Ordering surfaces based on the number of uniform units needed to cover their area
- Identifying appropriate units for measuring area
- Avoiding gaps and overlaps while measuring area
- Accounting for part units
- Measuring the area of surfaces with straight and curved edges
In the following examples, students measured area using informal units. They experimented with covering a surface with a range of different shaped units. They identified units that were most appropriate for measuring the surface area; units that avoided gaps and overlaps while measuring.

Jahli, Kysen and Keiarr decide that squares are an appropriate unit to cover their surface area. Using this unit avoids gaps and overlaps.

Callum and Sunny discover that circles are not an appropriate unit to cover this surface area because they leave lots of gaps, lots of surface area unaccounted for.
After demonstration, exploration and independent practice, it is hoped that the children integrate and apply skills in a range of familiar and unfamiliar problem solving situations.

*Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lawler*
Facts about Fraser Island. Fraser Island is the biggest sand island in the world. Fraser Island is surrounded by rich waters and marine life (popular with anglers). Fraser Island is a world heritage area and a National Park with amazing flora and fauna. It has many beautiful lakes as well as Eli Creek and the Champagne Pools. Fraser Island is popular with tourists from home and overseas. These are some things about Fraser Island.

BY Luxie-leigh, Tia and Maia.

Mr Milesen

4/5/6 CLASS NEWS
Some of our year 5 students have been busy over the last couple of weeks putting together their school leadership applications. We will be in the process of the conducting interviews with these students during this week. It can be a bit of a nerve racking time for these students and I’d like to wish them all the best with their applications.

We had a fantastic display of wind turbines this week and last week in our classroom. This science assessment was looking at the physical work that can be done by machines in order to make human life easier. The students demonstrated a knowledge of how wind forces, combined with simple twisting machines can make complex machines. Students were to experiment with the modification process to observe the effects this had on the “workability” of their machines. Here is a look at some of our designs:
CHAPLAIN NEWS
RAINBOW BEACH COMMUNITY CAROLS
The annual Rainbow Beach Community Carols is happening on Sunday 4 December from 6-8pm at the Community Centre, commencing with a free sausage sizzle at 5pm. Santa will be in attendance and available for photos between 5 & 6pm, with facepainting by Daisy and a candlemaking workshop for people wishing to make their own beeswax candles to use on the night. There will be a small charge for the candles and soft drinks will also be on sale.

Come along and enjoy a wonderful evening under the stars with family and friends, singing all the traditional carols that we know and love. Make sure that you bring along a rug or chair and maybe a torch just in case it is windy!

In the past, music has been provided by members of the Gympie Uniting Church but this year we are hoping for involvement by local musicians. We have a keyboard and bass player lined up but are still needing guitarists, a drummer and singers. If you know of anyone who would like to be part of the music team, please contact Chappy Ronnie on 0413 135 867. Miss Eryn would love the Rainbow Beach School choir to perform 3 items on the night, so parents can you please add this date to your calendar and plan to be there.

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP NEWS
The tuckshop is running well with the volunteers providing around 45 meals each Friday plus snacks. Thank you to the ladies who come along and make working in the tuckshop such an enjoyable task. The P&C have kindly donated supplies left over from the Trivia Night which included corn chips so this Friday's main meal will be nachos with mince, beans, lettuce, tomato and cheese. Zaneta's frozen fruit pops have proved to be a huge hit, however they do take a little while to eat, so we will only be offering these at big lunch to ensure that children don’t miss out on class time.

IS AUTHORITATIVE PARENTING THE BEST WAY?
Research has indicated that an authoritative (warm and responsive) parenting style is associated with healthy developmental outcomes for children. Two researchers set out to establish which parenting style is associated with optimum youth outcomes among adolescents of Spanish families.
They surveyed a sample of 1,416 teenagers from 12–17 years of age and asked them to report on their parent’s child-rearing practices. The teens’ parents were classified into one of four groups - authoritative, authoritarian, indulgent or neglectful. The adolescents were then contrasted on four different outcomes – self-esteem (academic, social, emotional, family and physical), psychosocial maladjustment (hostility/aggression, negative self-esteem and self-adequacy, emotional irresponsiveness and instability and negative worldview), personal competence (social competence, grade point average, and number of failing grades) and problem behaviours (school misconduct, delinquency and drug use).

Results showed that both the indulgent and authoritative parenting styles were associated with better outcomes than authoritarian and neglectful parenting.

Overall, results supported the idea that in Spain the optimum style of parenting is the indulgent one, as adolescents' scores in the four sets of youth outcomes were equal or better than the authoritative style of parenting.

Key findings:
- Adolescents from indulgent families scored more positively on the four sets of outcomes than did those from authoritarian and neglectful families.
- Surprisingly, adolescents from authoritative families performed worse than those from indulgent families on several outcomes associated with emotional adjustment and academic achievement. Adolescents from indulgent families compared with those from authoritative families were less emotionally responsive (i.e., more emotionally insulated from others), held a more negative worldview (i.e., an overall evaluation of life as more insecure, threatening, hostile or uncertain), scored lower on emotional self-esteem (i.e., positive feelings and self-appraisal about one’s emotional state and control over Stressors), and scored worse on the number of failing grades.

Things you can do:
- Communicate and be open to compromise. Open communication is a given, and there will be times when we need to meet our kids half way to achieve a positive outcome.
- Admit mistakes. If you’ve made a mistake, say so. Kids respect honesty, not double standards.
- Kids need to know where they stand. Clear rules and realistic expectations work every time.
- Consequences work. Effective consequences are task-specific, time-specific and related to the behaviour you want to see change. (DOES INDULGENT PARENTING INVOLVE CONSEQUENCES?)
- Don’t argue or debate. If boundaries and consequences are set, there’s little point in arguing the toss. Consequences can be changed, provided they’re still task and time-specific and attainable.
- Be willing to listen. Kids often have a valid point to make or a reason for not sticking to boundaries. Listening helps to give us insight into what’s going on in their heads.
- Create down time. Yes, parents need downtime, but so do kids. Family down time can be as simple as playing an app together.
- Keep praise in context. Cleaning teeth is not praiseworthy, it’s expected. Only push the praise button when appropriate.
- Get to know your kids’ peer groups. Socialisation is a significant aspect of healthy development. Get to know your kids’ friends, invite them over to play or hang out together.

Taken from the You Can Do It! Parents website


Chappy Ronnie
Handball comp

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Senior—Grade 5,6
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Competition Begins 14/11

- Please complete and tear off and hand in at office -

My child/children (please circle) will / will not be returning to Rainbow Beach State School in 2017.

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Happy 30th Birthday Rainbow Beach State School