



# Rainbow Ramblings

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Wednesday 29th November, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very warm welcome to week 9 of Term 4 and our last newsletter for the year. There have been some great results from our students this year and we have achieved so many collective and individual successes that are only possible with the support of our families. With the help of our amazing staff, I am looking forward to continuing to work hard right up until Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> to ensure the great work that Rainbow Beach State School is known for, is maintained. I would also like to thank all of those who have played a role in the many achievements of 2023. Our school is privileged to have the overwhelming support of the wider school community.

The last few weeks of a school year are a busy and exciting time. Our eldest students are completing their formal Primary education years which will be recognised on Thursday evening as part of their Primary School Graduation Dinner, this year being held at the Rainbow Beach Sports Club. This can prove to be a big transition for many as they prepare themselves for High School. Many of our students will be adjusting to the change in school routines/expectations and will no doubt be coming home tired over the last few weeks.

At Rainbow Beach State School our students have been exposed to a wide array of academic and extra-curricular opportunities across the course of the year. I encourage all of our students to continue to engage with the variety of experiences that are on offer at this time of year. Students can challenge themselves personally, socially and academically and with the right mindset combined with the right support, great things are possible! This will be on show next Monday night at our Annual Christmas Concert. Our families will get to see the wonderful talents of our students in the class and choir performances.

Already over the last couple of weeks I have been quickly reminded of the significant support and contributions made by businesses and members of our community. Especially those that have contributed to our Christmas Raffle that is due to be drawn at the Christmas Concert Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. This week is your last chance to grab a ticket and be in the draw!

This week we were presented with a number of books written and illustrated by local authors and illustrators. Four of these books that were written and Illustrated by Rainbow Beach local, Dr Suzie Starfish, (Susie Pillans) were gifted to the school by the ladies from **Boomerang Bags**. We are very grateful for their very generous support!

This week we were also very lucky to have a school visit from internationally recognised recording artist and Butchulla man **Mr. Fred Leonne**. We were captivated by his performance and story telling he shared with us last Friday. Big thanks to **Mrs. Elise Suel** for her help in organising this opportunity. Later that evening Fred Leonne performed at the Community Centre and there was a showcase of local artists' work including works created by **Elise Bailey from Kingfisher Dreaming** and **Grant McFarlane from Saltwood Art**. Elisa herself launched her new picture book that I highly recommend, it would make a great Christmas present! For a small town we have a lot of very talented people living and working in Rainbow Beach! Have a great week!

Warm Regards

Principal



## Dates Claimers for November/December/January

<b>Thursday Mornings</b>	<b>Playgroup 8.30am to 10.30am</b>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Year 6 Graduation</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Concert – Community Centre</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>First Day Term 1</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Australia Day Public Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>First Day Term 1 - Kindy</b>

### Year 1/2 News

This term, we have been busy learning a lot of different things. To consolidate our learning, we have made artworks as a way to show our understanding. One of the things we learnt about in Maths was surface area. We understood how surfaces can be covered by different shapes and patterns, like tiles. This is called tessellation; we designed our own patterns to make a whole class artwork.

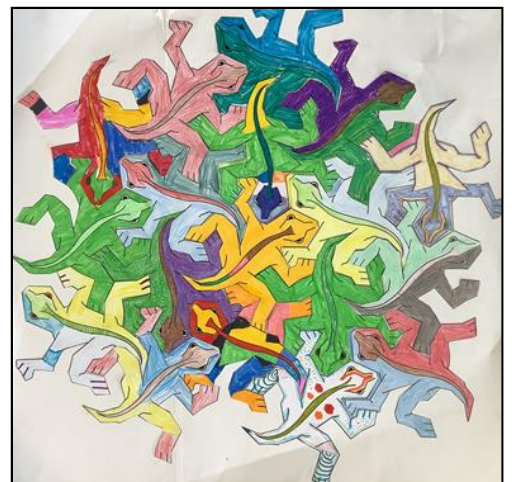
In English, we learnt how to write a procedure. We read the books Wombat Stew, The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and George's Marvellous Medicine. We designed and wrote a procedure about a disgusting sandwich and made our own stew pot.

In Science, we have been learning about living things and their basic needs for survival, we have explored all the different habitats of animals in Australia as well as plotting the growth of sunflowers.

In HASS, we have learnt about how things have changed over time. As we celebrated Halloween this term, we learnt about the origin of the celebration and how it has now become a very different pastime.

All in all, a very exciting time in Year 1 and 2. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with your children this year and watching their amazing growth. Have a wonderful holiday 😊

Ms Samantha Langton





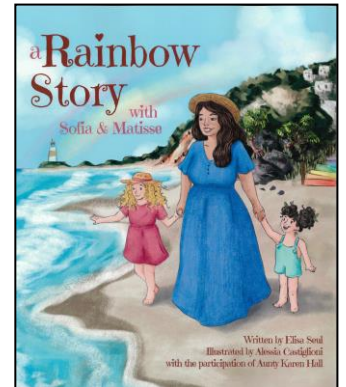
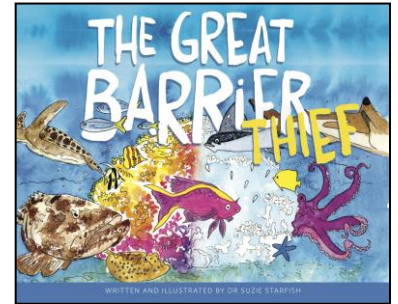
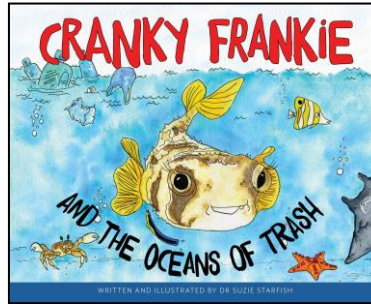
## Library News    New Books! New Books!

We have very kindly been gifted new books into our library.

Two copies of Dr Susie Starfish's picture books, "*Cranky Frankie and the Oceans of Trash*" and "*The Great Barrier Thief*" were donated by the lovely ladies from the Boomerang Bag group. *Cranky Frankie and the Oceans of Trash* illustrates the impacts of marine debris and plastic pollution in our oceans and the sea creatures that live there. *The Great Barrier Thief* illustrates the impacts of climate change on the Great Barrier Reef and the special roles and relationships animals have under the sea. Thank You ladies, we are excited to read and learn more about our ocean environment.

And one of our lovely mums Elisa Suel has donated a copy of her very first picture book, "*A Rainbow Story with Sofia and Matisse*". *A Rainbow Story with Sofia and Matisse*, is inspired by real characters, set in a beautiful location, and shows genuine connections. It's a story born from the heart, nurtured by friendship, and enriched by multi-cultural roots. Thank You Elisa, we are also very excited to read and learn more about Butchulla culture and lore.

Keep an eye out for these colourful books in our library.



**POLLEYS**  
We go the extra *Smile*.

Please note:

You may be required to register your student for bus travel for 2024.

Contact Polleys (5480 4500) to collect your forms before the rush! Register over the holidays to avoid having to pay fares at the start of Term 1. Please note that there are online forms available at:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/public/school/school-transport-assistance>

You will need to register your students for 2024 if:

1. They were in Grade 6 in 2023
2. The student's home address has changed
3. If the student is changing school

If you have any questions in relation to school bus travel, please phone our team who will be happy to help.

Icy Cup

Thursday

Icy cups will be sold each  
Thursday straight  
after school, bring a \$1  
for a cool treat

