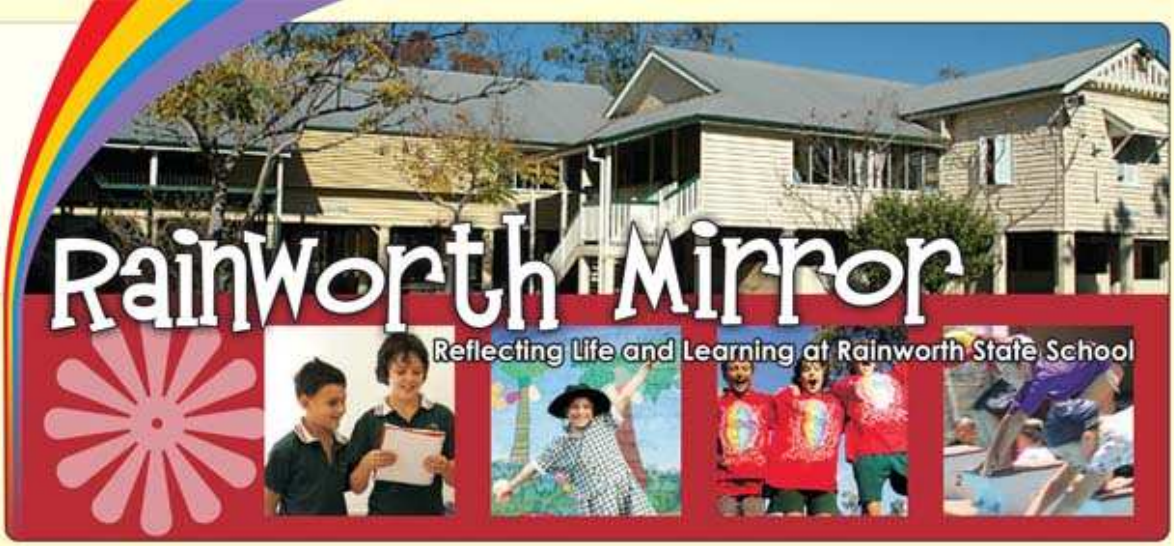

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL
Friday 24 April Year 6/7 students return from Camp
MAY
Friday 1 Last day of KM Club
Friday 1 Winter Sport Begins
Monday 4 Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 8 Author Visit (P-3)
Tuesday 12-14 NAPLAN Year 3, 5 and 7
Wednesday 27 Rainworth Open Day

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"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."

John Wooden

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a new term.

I would like to welcome Nadia Coxon to our teaching team. Nadia will be commencing work on Friday 1 May for one day per week and become a teaching partner with Mrs Timmermans in Year 5/6T.

Welcome also to Gry Kjaer who will be working in Prep O to support our special needs children. Gry will be with us 3 days per week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Rainworth Open Day
The best way to view a school is to see it operating during a school day. At Rainworth we like to present our school on a typical school day of learning. Feel free to join us on Wednesday 27 May between 9.30am and 11.00am. The morning will enable you to meet staff and students and see the school in action. Students will host visitors around the school grounds and facilities. If you are aware of families who may be considering Rainworth as a primary school for their children please let them know about our Open Day.

Year 3, 5 and 7 Tests and QCATS for Years 4 and 6
The Year 3, 5 and 7 Tests were once developed and managed by each state education department. These tests are now called NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) and are now managed and delivered on a national level to all students in Years 3, 5 and 7. Each child in these year levels in Queensland will sit the NAPLAN tests on 12, 13 and 14 May. Teachers and parents will receive extensive diagnostic results from the tests. These results allow us to pinpoint areas of learning and teaching that we are doing well and areas that need attention. This year our students in Year 6 will undertake the Year 7 test papers, however, not in test conditions. Stephen will be working with the Year 6 students during this task using the testing as a teaching episode where assistance will be given to students where necessary.

QCATS are not tests, rather tasks that students in Years 4 and 6 undertake in various aspects of the curriculum. This year the task is English. The Year 4 students have completed the task and the Year 6 students will be doing the task on April 29 and 30.

Walking, Wheeling Wednesdays
This initiative continues to thrive. All classes are taking part and the number of students walking or wheeling to and from school each Wednesday continues to grow. All students who walk or wheel to school will receive a "Walk Safely to School Day" sticker on Friday. Posters to promote this will be placed in classrooms and students will be encouraged to discuss the benefits – some of these include:

- To promote and use public transport and reduce traffic congestion
- To stay fit, active and healthy
- To reduce vehicle emissions to tackle climate change and improve air quality

ANZAC Day
Thank you to all those families who shared the ANZAC Day Ceremony with us on Tuesday. This is always an important day on our calendar and is well supported by parents and community members. Special thanks to all those families who provided morning tea after the ceremony.

Assembly Time Changes
Assembly time will be changed in Terms 2 and 3 to Friday morning at 9.00am. This time allows Prep students to join us and ensures that we receive the news and messages for the week. It is necessary to reschedule Assembly to Monday afternoon in Term 4 because the students in 1-3 will be resuming their swimming lessons on Friday mornings.

07 3514 9444, Fax: 07 3514 9400, Student Absence Line: 07 3514 9460
Email: info@rainworthss.eq.edu.au www.rainworthss.eq.edu.au

Cross Country School Challenge
Ashgrove Rangers' Athletics Club will once again conduct a cross-country event for the primary schools in the Ashgrove area. Rainworth has been invited to participate in this event that will be held at Dorrington Park, Ashgrove on Thursday 30 April.

The inaugural event was held in 2006 where a number of schools participated for the Ron and Joyce Petfield Team Trophies and this event will run again this year.

In 2006 the distance of the event was 3km and this has been reduced to 2km to better cater for younger competitors. Races are separate according to gender; the girls' race will start at 3.45pm and the boys' race will start at 4.00pm. The course is two laps of the park and includes a small hill and is held within the boundary of the park so safety is good.

There will be team event for boys and a separate team event for girls. A team consists of four runners and the result will be determined by adding the finishing places of the first four runners from each school. The lowest score will be the winning team. There is no limit to the number of participants who can enter from our school.

There is no entry cost but all runners are required to individually register. The Club is keen to encourage participation of school children and believe this is a great opportunity to promote after school activities that focus on fun and fitness.

The start/finish area will be at the western side of Dorrington Park, next to the North's Hockey Clubhouse. A first aid officer will be in attendance and the facilities of the hockey club will be available for use.

Names of students wishing to participate should be advised by Friday 24 April to robynburke@iprimus.com.au .

Warm regards,

Bill Carey
PRINCIPAL

Stephen Stocker
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Rainworth State School

Open Day

Wednesday 27 May
9.30 – 11.00am
RSVP info@rainworthss.eq.edu.au

Please advise your friends who may be interested in attending this event

ANZAC DAY THANKS

Thank you to all who participated in our solemn ceremony on Tuesday.

We appreciated having our special guests, Lt Col Pearce, Cr Peter Matic and our past students and service men and women join us for this occasion.

The School Captains were great hosts, the Scouts and their Leader, Craig Newport, joined a very impressive flag party, the choir, the band and trumpeter Bill Hale, all made us very proud. Thank you to every one. Special thanks to Rosie for organising the morning tea and to Mr Sampson for the set-up beforehand.

It was indeed a very moving ANZAC Day Ceremony to honour our service people and acknowledge our debt to them.

Wendie Hirsch
ANZAC COORDINATOR

Congratulations to Griffin Blaskovich, a member of the Brisbane Metro representative Little League team that won the Queensland state championships over the weekend. The team went 4-1 in the round-robin tournament to gain a berth in the final against the Gold Coast team. Griffin pitched one and two third innings in the state title game, a nail biter that Metro won 11-8. The team now plays in the national championships in June, with the winner to travel to the Asian playoffs in Hong Kong.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tomorrow @ Tuckshop

Delia O'Brien
Lisa West
Sue Menzies
11.30 Michelle Lyons

HOMEBAKING
Fiona Smiles
Carolyn Berge
Kerry Anne Walker

MON 27/4	WED 29/4	FRI 1/5
Jennifer Ainsworth	Kirsty Prior	Libby Versace
Melanie Wright	Michaela Butterworth	Birgit Richards
Renaye Stevens	Liz Exel	Sarah Willmott
HOMEBAKING		Julie Preece
Jennifer Ainsworth	**HOMEBAKING**	11.30 Elizabeth Whipp
Kristy Crome	Sarah Willmott	**HOMEBAKING**
	Libby Versace	Kathy Thurecht
		Birgit Richards
		Cate Baldwin
		Judy Grimley

Please find a Tuckshop Roster for Term 2 enclosed. When necessary, please arrange swaps with someone else on the roster and advise me accordingly.

Many thanks,

Rosie

Classroom Reflections

Two students from 5R, Sophie Walker and Hope Sneddon, provide reflections on our ANZAC Day Ceremony this week.

On 25 April, Australia has an ANZAC Ceremony or we at least have a minute of silence. At Rainworth State School we have Lieutenant Colonel Pearce,

who talked about the Lone Pine tree that was given to the school in 2001 by Mr Bob Irwin.

We also had Councillor Peter Matic who talked about how many people stayed alive or who passed away. He also mentioned that 5, 105 people did die in the war in one week and I felt very sad when he said that ,knowing that one of those people was my mum's grandad.

Near the end of the solemn ceremony we sang 2 hymns, "O God our help in ages past" and "Abide with me", the last one was the Ode. My favourite was "Abide with me". Our class wreath layers were Phoebe and Henrik who looked very respectful. When the minute of silence had started I thought about all the soldiers in Afghanistan and Gallipoli who had fought in the war to protect our country. I also thought about respect and knowing that most of these people didn't ever see their children or wife and even newborn babies again.
Sophie Walker

At ten o'clock this morning we had our annual ANZAC Ceremony to honour and respect those who gave their lives to fight for Australia's freedom.

Lieutenant Colonel Pearce gave a speech about all the soldiers that died and how we have to respect ANZAC Day. There were a couple of men who were from the army or their dads were. I felt sorry for all the people who came back without their friends and I feel sorry for their friends and the people who died. They played the Ode, abide with me and O God our help in ages past and the national anthem. We then had one minute of silence.

ANZAC Day is a day of respect and people should continue to honour this day, because without those people we wouldn't be free. ANZAC Day has a very special meaning. It stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. We all laid colourful wreaths to honour the soldiers who lost their lives. Before we went the Last Post was played and then we marched to class to the sound of the drums.
Hope Sneddon

Library News

Jackie French to Visit Rainworth!
We are one of the lucky schools to have Jackie French coming to visit on Friday 8 May. Jackie is a renowned Australian author who has written books for a wide range of age groups. During her visit to Rainworth Jackie will spend some time with students in P-3.

One of Jackie's most popular books is *Dairy of a Wombat*. We have the opportunity for students to purchase Jackie's books and have them signed by the author herself!

If you are interested in purchasing a book please complete the order form below. **PAID** orders are to be returned to the GREEN BOX by Monday 27 April.

The titles available for purchase are:

Picture Books

Pete the Sheep	$15
Josephine wants to Dance	$25
Emily and the Big Bad Bunyip	$25
Diary of a Wombat	$24.95
Shaggy Gully Times	$25
One Big Wacky Family	$20

Novels (older readers)

Hitler's Daughter	$14.95
Macbeth and Son	$15.95
Camel Who crossed Australia	$15
They Came on Viking Ships	$15.95
Pharaoh	$16
*A Rose for the ANZAC Boys **	$16

(*This book has been short listed for the CBCA Book of the Year: Older Readers 2009)

Parents

Rocket your child into Reading	$19.95

Please complete the order form and return with payment to the GREEN BOX by Monday 27 April.

Please ensure correct money is included with your order. Cheque payments **must** be made to *The Book Garden*.

If you already have copies of Jackie French's books that you would like signed, please send them in with your child on Friday 8 May when Jackie will be at Rainworth. **Something to look forward to!**

Chess Coaching
Just a reminder! Chess coaching begins next Thursday 30 April and the session will take place in the Art Room during first break (11.00am – 12 noon). Invoices for chess coaching will be sent home soon.

Read on!
Jane-Marie Butler & Paula Potter
Teacher-Librarians

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PARADE OF NATIONS

As part of the 150th birthday celebration of Queensland, the producers of *Creative Generation* will be including a Multi Nations Parade in the show. The parade will represent the many groups and peoples who have chosen to live in Queensland and make the state their home since settlement began in 1859.

Schools and multicultural organisations have been invited to nominate students (and parents) and members to be available to participate in the parade wearing their national dress.

Nominees are required to attend rehearsals at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre at Boondall on Friday 5 June from approximately 8.00am until 3.00pm. These times will be confirmed in early May and communicated to all participating schools and organisations.

If you are interested in participating in this event please complete the Expression of Interest and return to the GREEN BOX, Attention: Ms Stace by Wednesday 29 April.

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State Schools Onstage 2009

PARADE OF NATIONS

Please include the names of the people who are interested in participating in the Parade of Nations.

Name _____

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_____

Nations Represented: _____

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RETURN TO GREEN BOX
Attention: Ms Stace
By Wednesday 29 April

Italian News

25 APRILE- FESTA DELLA LIBERAZIONE

Did you know that "Anzac Day" is also a public holiday in Italy?

On 25 April, 1945, the German occupation forces were finally driven out of Milano with the help of the allied English and American armies and Italian partisans.

This day symbolized the liberation of Italy from foreign occupation as well as from the remnants of former dictator Benito Mussolini's fascist government.

Since 1946, 25 April has been a *public holiday* in Italy and demonstrations are held in the main squares of cities and towns to commemorate the liberation of Italy at the end of the Second World War.

BRAVO AWARDS

These are given to students for continued good efforts in their work in Italian lessons, for always staying on task and working to the best of their ability.

Congratulations to the following students; their awards and special prize packs will be given on Assembly next Friday.

4C LaBelle Jackson, Anna Jones and Sam Loewenthal

4W Lucia Sergent, Yani Karamaroudis and Chris Laouris

4/5MH Jessica Horn, Edwina Peisker and Thomas Harrison

5R Sophie Walker, Callum McLaughlin and Thomas Parker

BACI THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Come le miglior cose della vita i baci si misurano in qualita', non quantita'….anche se due baci saran' sempre meglio che uno!

Like the best things in life kisses should be measured in quality, not quantity, even though two kisses will always be better than one!

Sig Alfredo Ferranti
Italian Embassy

Rainworth P&C News

TENNIS COACHING NEWS

Term 2 tennis lessons and fixtures begin this week. If anyone would like to discuss their child's progress or have a child wishing to join tennis coaching this term, please contact me.

I would like to welcome Andrew Scott to the tennis coaching staff. Andrew coached at Rainworth with me for several years until 2005. He has spent the last few years coaching in Europe and has resettled in Brisbane. Welcome back Andrew.

Matt O'Shea
Ph: 0431 670 987

"Trivia Night"

Saturday 30 May

This year's theme is…

- AUSTRALIA -

Venue:
QLD Academy for Science Maths & Technology's Recreation Centre
78 Bywong St, Toowong

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR DRESS-UPS!
PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE BEST DRESSED TEAM AND BEST TABLE.
Go all out
and make your guests and tables winners!

First Questions kick off at 7.15pm.
Arrive from 6.15pm to set up your tables.

Register your tables with:

Carolyn Smith
cakt@optusnet.com.au

Jess White
jbo@powerup.com.au

Jane Peake
j.peake@uq.edu.au

Email your registrations by Friday 15 May
10 guests per table
$20 per head
BYO supper refreshments

The Citizens' ANZAC Day Memorial Service for Ithaca and Bardon Sub-branches will be held at 8am on ANZAC Day, Saturday 25 April.

The march will be assembling at the Presbyterian Church Enoggera Terrace, Paddington at 7.45am to leave at 7.50am for an 8.00am Service at the Ithaca War Memorial (also in Enoggera Terrace, Paddington).

The Bardon RSL will also be holding a service at the Bardon Bowls Club, Bowman Parade Bardon, assembling at 10.45am at the flagpole.

For information about contributions to *The Rainworth Mirror* please contact Joanna Evans ☎ 3514 9444 or Email jevan142@eq.edu.au

DEADLINE: TUESDAY 3PM for publication Thursday
Please supply fully prepared contributions.

Contributions received after this time will be held over and published in the following week's Mirror.

No advertising will be accepted.

Contributions are published at the Principal's discretion.

☐ Pay **Term 1 Charges and Curriculum Support** on or before **Thursday 23 April**.
☐ **Nominate for the Ashgrove Rangers' Athletic Club Cross-Country** event by Friday 24 April.
☐ **School Banking** is processed every **Wednesday**. New accounts welcome – new venue MPR.
☐ **Walk to School** next **Wednesday** and enjoy the benefits.
☐ **SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE – 3514 9460**
☐ Spread the word about the **Rainworth Open Day**.
☐ Check your time-slot on the enclosed **Tuckshop Roster** for Term 2.
☐ Get set with your **Trivia Night** plans and watch out for further information.
☐ Bring your Jackie French books in for signing on Friday 8 May. Consider purchasing some books. See **Library News**.
☐ **Check LOST PROPERTY**.
☐ Consider participating in the ***creative generation* Parade of Nations**.