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Fri 27 IDEAS Festival
Tue 31 Author Visit – Wendy Orr

APRIL
Friday 3 April Colours of the Rainbow Disco
Monday 6 April Rainworth Cross Country Event
Thursday 9 April Hat Parade
Tuesday 21 ANZAC Day Ceremony 10am

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Thought for the Day

"Ideas shape the course of history."
John Maynard Keynes, 1883-1946 English economist

Dear parents and other care providers,

I commence this week with a note of congratulations to all the students who have been involved in the preparations for the IDEAS Festival tomorrow.

At the beginning of term you will recall I wrote to inform you of a project that we had involved ourselves in for the year. The project is being run through the Department of Education, Training and the Arts and has provided our students in three of our middle phase classes with a real-life purpose for the work they have done this term.

Many of you will also recall we are the only primary school presenting at the IDEAS Festival. Tomorrow is the day that all the pieces to this puzzle are drawn together and a number of our students become the presenters of a pictorial and dramatic representation of the history of Brisbane with a focus on our city's river. The oral part of the presentation has been developed to tell a story from the viewpoint of Mother Nature in the section that focuses on the Indigenous perspectives; supported by an Aboriginal didgeridoo player and guitarist. The students from the Queensland Academy for Creative Industries will be supporting the imagery component with the inclusion of jam to jam technology.

The presentation moves to focus on a more contemporary history that has been in part inspired by the works from the panoramic exhibition on display at the John Oxley Library. This part of the presentation is supported by research which students have done into the history of Brisbane; early explorers such as Oxley, significant events and changes over time. Part of their focus here has been on the changes to the environment resultant from our impact on it and political decisions.

As I said at the Parent Information evenings, our teachers who have driven this project as our Gifted Education Mentors (GEMS), have been very brave to do something that is quite unique, but that has had some associated real time-line restraints, student learnings and organisational pressures. Congratulations to the teachers of our Year 6/7 and 5R classes for their work in this area and best of luck to our presenters tomorrow.

This process marks the beginning of our review of the middle years of learning. I look forward to hearing from staff and students in the near future about what went well, what didn't and what could be improved to assist in examining our pedagogy and practice.

This week I need to make mention of some safety issues that are causing me quite some concern. These are related to the number of cars that are coming into the school grounds. Please note that the school grounds are not for public access and the parking areas are available for staff. This assists in reducing the number of cars parked on neighbouring roads providing greater access for families dropping-off and picking-up students.

Presently there seems to be an increasing number of vehicles entering the school grounds to park or drop-off and collect students. Please note that the school grounds are for staff parking and emergency vehicles only. If you have a particular need to use these spaces as a result of project coordination, a medical condition or disability, please feel free to contact me as I am giving consideration to some very limited access under special circumstances.

My concern in this area is not only staff and emergency vehicle access, but also for the safety of children who are not expecting large numbers of vehicles to be entering and leaving the grounds. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

Further in this newsletter you will also see some words from the Active Schools Travel Office associated with our school. Stacey was witness to a range of traffic concerns outside the school that again impact the safety of children and cause the blood-pressure to rise of those people who do the right thing. I question how we can expect our children to do the right thing when, as adults, there are some who do not model it.

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The flip side of this is the high percentage of children and families taking advantage of the Walking Wheeling Wednesday. I believe that again this week we have classes who are achieving better than 90% of families walking, riding or parking a good distance from the school and walking.

Congratulations to these families for assisting us to make our environment safer for children.

Finally this week I would like to congratulate the students who have tried out recently for district sporting teams. It is terrific to see our students taking advantage of these opportunities. Children learn so much from being involved in sport in relation to the notions of team, health and fitness, competition, strategy and working with others.

In particular I would like to congratulate Hannah Brunning on being selected into the district soccer team. What a great achievement. Well done.

Flick the switch for Earth Hour

For one hour, from 8.30pm to 9.30pm, on Saturday 28 March the whole of Australia is being asked to 'flick the switch' for Earth Hour.

Earth Hour, the World Wildlife Fund's global environmental initiative, aims to raise awareness of the climate change issue and makes it possible for individuals to take action and reduce greenhouse emissions. It is a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community – a call to stand up, to take responsibility and to get involved in working towards a sustainable future.

All households are encouraged to participate by switching out their lights and turning off non-essential electrical appliances. It is important to register your participation on the Earth Hour website in order to make your action count.

For more information on how to register and how to participate visit www.earthhour.org/
It's a fantastic way to support your child's creative development and also gain a special keepsake.

To find out more about the projects, competitions and events throughout this year, go to the YOC website at: www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au

Warm Regards,

Bill Carey
PRINCIPAL

ideas FESTIVAL
MARCH 25 – 29
BRISBANE QUEENSLAND

Students in Years 5, 6 and 7 will be participating in this exciting event tomorrow, Friday 27 March. Students are required to be in full school uniform, with hat, and be at school by 8.45am. Buses will leave the school at 9.00am and travel to South Bank. We expect to back at Rainworth by 3pm.

Students need to bring a small bag containing 2 lunches and a water bottle.

We look forward to working with the students and reporting back on our experiences in coming weeks.

Years 5, 6 and 7 Class Teachers

NOTES on FINANCE

Term 1 Charges and Curriculum Support

Term 1 charges for Excursions, Activities, Curriculum Enhancement, Levies and Curriculum Support have been sent home via every student in the school today. The costs are in the form of a Statement generated by the School Management System and is printed on blue paper. A letter at the end of this newsletter is attached for your perusal. Please do not pay from this letter.

Due to the late distribution of the Statement, payment for the Term 1 charges and curriculum support would be appreciated by the end of term or by Thursday, 23 April, 2009.

On the back of the Statement is a Payment Option Form giving you 3 methods of payment. If you elect to pay through the internet, would you please send in the advice, located on the bottom of the Payment Options Form. The reference on the school's bank statement can be, at times, difficult to match up with the student to which the reference relates. Your payment will be processed and a receipt stapled to the Advice and returned to you via your student. Please ensure that you keep the receipts if you are proposing to make a claim for The Education Tax Refund.

The item on the Statements referenced as 'Texts' refer to the Spelling Choices Text Book distributed by the school to Years 1 – 7.

The Levies for Instrumental Music for 2009 and the Choirs for Term 1 (please refer to the Music Handbook), have also been included on the Statement.

A letter was sent out to all families via the students on the 27 February, 2009 referring to the enhanced services of Rainworth State School. The areas of enhancement referred to were dance, drama and Mathletics. For those families who have not returned the completed and signed letter the full charge has been applied. Would you please contact the office and advise if this was not your intention.

This office requires a completed and signed letter from parents of all students in the school. For those of you who have not returned your signed letter, a further letter will be forwarded to you for completion and return by the end of term.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Office if you have any queries in relation to the Statement. If you are having difficulties with payment, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Carey or myself, in confidence, and alternative arrangements can be determined.

Regards,

KATRINA MITCHELL
Business Services Manager

Leukaemia Foundation WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Thanks Rainworth!

Your generous support for this Leukaemia Foundation initiative raised $950 for further research into the prevention and treatment of leukaemia. Thank you.

Rainworth Student Council

SCHOOL NEWS

From the Deputy's Desk...

The Rainworth Hat Parade
Thursday April 9
Commencing 9.15am

You are invited to the Hat Parade at Rainworth. The Parade is an annual event for students in Prep, Years 1 & 2 and their buddies.

The parade will be held in the area at the front of the school commencing at 9.15am and will run for approximately 45 minutes. Parents and family members are more than welcome to attend this event. (Bring your cameras!)

Students in these classes will be taking part in the Hat Parade:
1K – 6/7S
1S – 6/7T
Prep C – 5/6T
Prep O – 4/5MH
Prep W – 5R
2HB – 4C
2/3M – 4WO
3L – 4C

Regards,

Stephen Stocker
Deputy Principal

TENNIS RACQUET FOUND – a racquet and case has been handed in at the Office. Please make enquiries with Admin staff. Thanks.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tomorrow @ Tuckshop

Delia O'Brien
Carolyn Smith
Libby Versace
Diana Neilsen
11.30 Evelyn Smart

HOMEBAKING
Evelyn Smart
Laura Brunning
Jessica White
Kerry Leech

MON 30/3	WED 1/4	FRI 3/4
Sarah / Jamie Fraser	Mary Brimblecombe	Karyn Lowe
Annabelle Allen	Kim Patterson	Andre Peltola
Melanie Wright	Lucy Snelling	Margot Clark
HOMEBAKING	**HOMEBAKING**	Susie Gould
Annabelle Allen	Kathy Stanojevic	11.30 Renaye Cvetkovski
Shannon Beaumont	Lisa West	**HOMEBAKING**
		Jane Bowman
		Heidi Webster
		Cathy Chan
		Kristy Crome

ANZAC Day Morning Tea
In the spirit of tradition a morning tea will be held for the guests who will attend our ANZAC Day Ceremony on Tuesday 21 April. Please consider baking something for the occasion and bring it along to the Tuckshop early on Tuesday morning, 21 April.

Easter Special Hot Cross Bun Afternoon Tea
Please complete the order form below if you would like to order a Hot Cross bun for afternoon tea on Wednesday 8 April. Return orders and payments by Frida y 3 April.
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EASTER SPECIAL
AFTERNOON TEA HOT CROSS BUN
WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL
Attn: TUCKSHOP

Name: _____

Class: _____

I would like to order the following Hot Cross Buns.

☐ Buttered Hot Cross Bun
☐ Unbuttered Hot Cross Bun

Number of Buns @ $1.20ea _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Return order and payment to Tuckshop or GREEN BOX by Friday 3 April. **Please use one order form per child.**

Instrumental Music News

The **Junior String Ensemble** will be performing at Assembly on Monday 30 March at 2.30pm. Students are required to go to the Music Room at 2.20pm to help carry stands and unpack instruments.

String Ensembles Rehearsals will not be held on Monday 6 April on account of the cross country, however, lessons will run as normal.

A reminder to all students who are eligible to attend the **Midi-Strings Camp**; please return your consent, medical information and full payment to the GREEN BOX before Wednesday 1 April.

Audition nomination forms for GRIPPS have been issued to students this week. Please return your consent and audition fee payment to the GREEN BOX before Monday 30 March.

Regards,

Reneè Heron
Strings Teacher

Kylie Moorhouse
Band Teacher

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

You are invited to attend the Rainworth ANZAC Day Ceremony that will be held on Tuesday 21 April at 10am in the front area of the school adjacent to the ANZAC Memorial Garden. This is the first day of school following the Easter vacation.

There will be guests attending, including Councillor Peter Matic, Lt. Col. Russell Pearce, ex-service men and women, former students and friends of our school.

If you know of someone who would like to be invited officially, please let me know.

Each class will lay a wreath on our Memorial Garden and members of the community are invited to lay flowers during the ceremony if they wish.

Any students who are Scouts or Guides are welcome to wear their uniforms to school for the day and be part of the flag party, under the direction of Scout Leader Craig Newport. These people would need to meet at school at 8am that day for a practise with the Scout Leader. Younger members of these groups, Joeys and Cubs, can wait until they are older.

Families new to the school may be interested to know that the two Gallipoli Pines in the Memorial Garden were presented to us by Mr John Raine, a former teacher at this school. He raised them from seeds that came from the ANZAC Cove beaches in Turkey.

Just below the wall is a small tree that is a descendent of the original Lone Pine Tree from Gallipoli. This was presented to Rainworth in 2001 by Mr Arundel of Brisbane Legacy.

We look forward to having you join us at the Rainworth ANZAC Day Ceremony.

Wendie Hirsch
ANZAC Ceremony Coordinator

ANZAC Badges will be sold in the week before the holidays, starting Monday 6 April. These will be available at the bottom of the Office stairs for 50c each. Badges will also be available on Tuesday 21 April.

Library News

Wendy Orr's Visit
As previously mentioned, Wendy Orr will be visiting us on Tuesday 31 March. Part of the preparation for Wendy's visit has been for students to become familiar with her work and to find out more about her as a writer.

Classes have been focusing on the book *Nim's Island* and comparing the novel to the movie which starred Jodie Foster, Abigail Breslin and Gerard Butler. In the words of Wendy Orr, "This five year process has been one of the most amazing and intellectually stimulating times of my life."

Just a reminder, Wendy will be at the school from 8.30am to sign books and this will happen in the Library. She will sign both the ordered copies and copies that people already have in their collections.

Chess Coaching
Chess is a great game to develop problem-solving skills which can be applied to many subject areas, for example; maths, science and even English. So for Terms 2 & 3, we are offering chess coaching classes by *Gardiner Chess*. *Gardiner Chess* have been running classes and tournaments for a very long time in Queensland.

The cost of the coaching is $77 per hour. To keep the student cost low a charge of $5 per student per week is required with at least 16 students in the group. If numbers are less than 16 it may not be viable to conduct the program. If your child is interested, please fill in the form below and place in the GREEN BOX by next Wednesday 1 April.

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Chess Coaching Expression of Interest
Attn: Library

Child's Name & Class: _____

_____

Parent's Name & Contact Number: _____

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RETURN TO GREEN BOX Wednesday 1 April

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

Gold stars to Ryan Wood and Aled Cole for handing in an amount of money that had been lost by a member of staff. Thanks boys! Ms S

Italian News from the Embassy…

Year 4/5 "Come si scrive?" Questionnaire
Over the past few weeks Year 4 and 5 students have been practising their spelling skills in Italian, culminating in a speaking task where they had to spell their name/surname/address and detail their phone number.

Congratulations to the following students on completing the task at an *"eccellente"* level (B+, A)! Each will be presented with their certificate and 'special' prize during next week's assembly.

4W Yani Karamaroudis, Angus Brien, Ben Woodrow

4C Thomas Buchan, Sam Loewenthal

Parents, ask your child for their green assessment sheet to find out exactly how they performed. These were asked to be taken home.

GRAN PREMIO DI FORMULA UNO-FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX - Time is upon us again when the big boys get to play with their big toys. Yes this Sunday marks the start of the 2009 F1 Season and we are fortunate in that Melbourne again hosts the first race of the year! (And we don't have to stay up late at night to watch.)

Italy hosts a proud record in motor sports. An Italian, Giuseppe (Nino) Farina was the first ever Formula 1 World Champion in 1950 and drove an Italian car. Care to guess the make? It was not a Ferrari but an Alfa Romeo!

These days Ferrari "La Rossa" is synonymous with the Grand Prix circuit (as well as being the world's most recognised sports and performance car) and deservedly so!

Did you know that -?

Ferrari is the *only* constructor to be continuously involved in F1 racing from its inception in 1950 right through to today?

Ferrari holds a record 16 world championship constructor's titles (first in 1961, latest in 2008)?

Ferrari holds a record 15 driver's world titles (first in 1952, latest in 2007)?

Ferrari holds a record 209 first place race finishes?

Ferrari's "prancing stallion" and "Maranello Red" trademarks are internationally recognised symbols of motor sport?

This will be an interesting year for the F1 with new rules and regulations along with the withdrawal of some teams due to the worldwide financial downturn, making the outcome not at all predictable. One thing, however, is certain, come Sunday I'll be wearing rosso! **FORZA FERRARI!**

BACI THOUGHT OF THE DAY
L'amore e' una canzone il cui ritornello e' un bacio.
Love is a song whose refrain is a kiss. (anonimo)

Sig Alfredo Ferranti
Italian Embassy

Rainworth P&C News

Hi Everyone

As the newly elected president of the P&C, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing president - **Melissa Lau** for the time and energy she devoted to the P&C whilst in the role.

I would also like to thank **Ron Evans** – who for many years (as long as I can remember) has worked quietly and diligently on grounds maintenance for our school. He has probably lost track of the amount of Working Bees he has organised over the years – but Ron, your service has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated!

I would like to welcome into P&C Roles two new faces.

Firstly, **Mark Yeates** who is taking over from Ron Evans in the role of Grounds Improvements, and **Suzy Tamone** who was elected into the position of Vice President Student Support – and leading the Early Childhood support group. Both Mark and Suzy have keen interest and experience in their respective areas and I am sure they will be an asset to the P&C team.

Now to Voting Day – and the thanks list continues!

To Rosie (our terrific Tuckshop Convenor) and Kristine and Leo (Hopsick Family) our heartfelt thanks must go, for once again stepping up without hesitation, to convene Election Day stalls. What true community spirit! Rosie was there at 7am and Leo and Kristine were flipping sausages until sold out at 2pm.

They, along with the baking parents who supplied our stall with an abundance of homemade goodies to sell, and the band of merry helpers who kept things selling fast; deserve our sincere thanks.

The Cake Stall raised over $1,400 and the Sausage Sizzle over $530. At the April P&C meeting we will decide how this money will be spent in the support of our school.

Lastly, we are moving ever closer to the **launch of our new Website**. This is going to not only be a great source of information for our community, but will show the world just what Rainworth School is all about. It is vibrant, creative and really reflects the ethos of our school community. Wait 'til you see it; there will even be a fun family competition to get us all exploring the site!

Thanks for your time.

Sandra Boland
P&C President

Active School Travel News

2 Minute Zones on Boundary Road & Main Avenue

"I stood and watched behaviour in the Boundary Road zone on Monday afternoon and I wish I'd had a camera. Not only do parents park in the zone, they start another queue parallel to the cars parked in the zone. I watched young students walking in between cars to get to their car – very dangerous. I'm appalled to see what parents allow their children to do! Cars travelling up the hill need to cross over onto the other side of the road to get past. This area needs serious attention and I can't believe there hasn't been an incident involving a student being hurt." (Brisbane City Council Active Travel Officer)

If you need to park your car and enter the school grounds, please do not park in the 2-minute zone. Parking in this zone is illegal and puts our children at risk.

2-Minute Passenger Loading Zone stands for:

- 2 minutes only, loading the front two cars only;
- Make sure you watch out for each other;

· Passenger – all siblings together & ready to go;
· Luggage off the back and Load through the safety door;
· Zip on your seatbelt (and zoom, zoom).

If you need to collect your children from school by car, have you tried the 2-minute passenger loading zone in Main Avenue at the rear of the school? It's not as congested as the zone on Boundary Road and with less traffic; it's a safer area for our children. Let's make our school a safer place for everyone.

Did you know?

Half of all road fatalities occur at impact speeds under 55km/h. Inappropriate speeds are just as dangerous as high speeds.

Bike Skills @ Rainworth!

Brisbane City Council's Active School Travel program is offering all students in years 5, 6 and 7 the chance to learn bike skills at school in school time. A professional cycling coach will conduct the course, which covers:

- How to conduct a simple bike safety check
- How to mount, dismount and brake properly
- Road rules and footpath etiquette
- Balance drills
- How to ride on different surfaces
- One-handed riding and signalling
- Riding with others
- Changing gears

Four one-hour sessions will be held on:
- 24 April
- 1 May
- 8 May
- 18 May

Bike skills training is subsidised by Brisbane City Council's Active School Travel Program and will cost parents just $5 for the four sessions. Usual cost is $35 per student!

To join in, fill in the flyer attached to this week's Rainworth Mirror.

Active School Travel Committee

WORKING BEES ARE BACK!

Hi, my name is Mark Yeates and I am the father of a Prep student at Rainworth and have lived in the community for 14 years. I have been asked to coordinate the Working Bees in our school. The start of this process has been to collect information about what needs to be done. This has been achieved over the past three weeks and we are now ready to do some work.

I would like as much help as possible from the community over the following months to try and get on top of some of the major areas. However, I realise we are all busy people and I do not wish to waste your or my time. In order to best do this, I would ask that if you are able to help please email me on myeates@bne.catholic.edu.au to advise what day best suits you.

The plan is at this stage to start with a Working Bee from 3 – 6pm on Sunday 5 April, meeting in the lower car park near the Tennis and Netball courts. The next Working Bee will follow up on Sunday 3 May from 3 – 6pm.

If you have any of the following items please bring them along with you if you feel comfortable with lending them.

- Wheelbarrow
- Shovel
- Steel rake
- Pruning equipment (secateurs, extension pruning saw)
- Hand pump canisters / bottles (for weed spraying)

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and I look forward to meeting many of you at upcoming Working Bees.

Mark Yeates
P&C Grounds Improvements

KM Club News

We are still looking for a team of two to assist with set-up on Mondays or Wednesdays. If you would like to help please call me.

Unpaid registrations are due to be paid now. Please check in at the desk to ensure that your child's payment has been made.

Four weeks in and we have some great results; the total kilometres run during this period is a staggering 6, 940km. Mr Carey is adding to this tally with his regular appearance at KM Club.

Keep up the great efforts.

Brad and Roberta Walker
KM Club Coordinators
☎3371 7005 0417 732 395

YEAR 5 MUMS are welcome to drinks at The Barracks Palace Cinema Bar on **Tuesday 7 April** from 7pm. Come and have a drink, catch a movie or a bite to eat! Looking forward to seeing you there!
Year 5 Class Reps: Liz Exell, Jess White, Jill Bills and Catherine Williamson.

PREP MUMS will be having a get-together in Gregory Park, Baroona Rd, on **Friday 3 April** straight after morning drop-off. BYO coffee and other essentials for an enjoyable morning in the park.

Year 2 Date Claimers
Friday 3 April at 7.30pm. Organise a babysitter for the Year 2 social evening. BYO drinks and send $5 per head in an envelope to the GREEN BOX for catering. Mums and Dads are welcome. Venue: 20 Simpsons Rd, Bardon.

It's time to mark it on your Calendar, book your babysitters And start organizing your teams. It is Rainworth's

"Trivia Night"

Sat. 30th May

Venue
QLD Academy for Science Maths & Technology's

Recreation Centre
78 Bywong St, Toowong

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

More details to follow.

Carolyn Smith
cakt@optusnet.com.au
Jess White
jbo@powerup.com.au
Jane Peake
j.peake@uq.edu.au

The **LOST PROPERTY** box will be cleared at the end of term. All items clearly named will be returned to the owner. Items not clearly named will be disposed of. Please remember to name all your child's belongings and make sure you include a surname.

The Gap Netball Club has vacancies in the following age groups:

13 years (born 1996)
Inters (born 1990 – 1993)

Consider joining a well managed, friendly netball club and enjoy the game of netball.

Further information and Registration Forms can be sourced from www.dpnagap.netball.asn.au or by phoning our Club Registrar, Jenny McConachy: email jaccmc@bigpond.net.au or phone 0417 494 887.

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.

☐ **Year 4 Midi Strings Camp** Consent and Payment to be returned by **Wednesday 1 April**.
☐ Return **GRIPPS** Nomination and Audition Fees Monday 30 March.
☐ Return **CHESS Coaching Expression of Interest** to GREEN BOX.
☐ **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**
☐ Consider baking for the **ANZAC Day Morning Tea**, Tuesday 21 April.
☐ Come along and watch the **Hat Parade on Thursday 9 April**.
☐ Return orders and payment for **Hot Cross Bun Afternoon Tea Offer** Friday 3 April.
☐ Be in to win it with the **Bike Skills @ Rainworth** Offer.
☐ Get set with your **Trivia Night** plans and watch out for further information.
☐ Consider attending the **Colours of the Rainbow Disco**. Complete the order and return with payment by Wednesday 1 April.