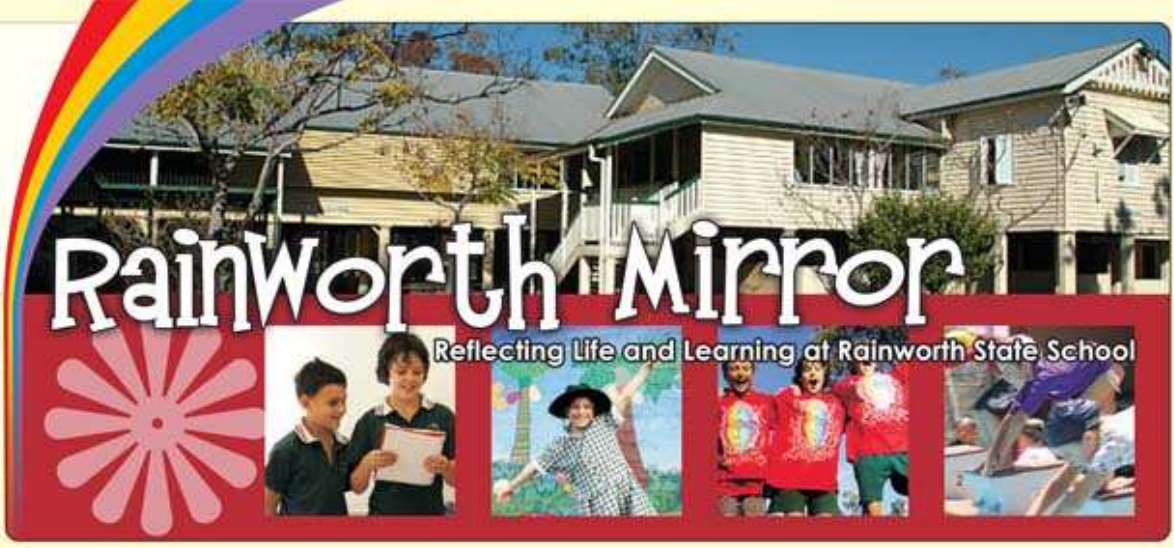

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER
Thur 10 Senior Music Evening
Fri 11 Senior Music Evening
Fri 11 Junior and Senior Strings Assembly Performance
Sun 13 to Thur 17 GRIPPS
Wed 16 Prep-3 Junior Tabloids
Wed 16 P&C Meeting
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"Success is a science. If you have the conditions, you get the results."

Oscar Wilde

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

By now you are probably fully aware that the building work for the Hall and Resource Centre has started. The fences have been erected and this will be followed by the clearing stage of the project. As stated previously, it is unfortunate that a number of trees will need to be removed. However, we have requested that trees are not removed unnecessarily. The advice is that in some cases a tree will need removal even if it is not under the building footprint as the removal of branches from one side would unbalance the tree and make it unsafe. This is obviously a situation we need to avoid.

It is expected that the building time will take us through to the beginning of the next school year. As a result, construction will be occurring through Term 4. Please note that presently all car parking on our site has been removed to provide access for work vehicles and the maintenance of safe zones for students. A narrow path has been created up the main driveway for prams and wheel chairs to provide access to the campus. During construction there is to be no pedestrian access through the building site unless prior approval is sought. This is to ensure student, staff and community safety.

To assist us, I request that any adult on the school premises report any safety concerns to the office. These will be recorded and investigated by our Workplace Health and Safety Officer. Each of these issues will be risk-managed as required.

This is an exciting time for our school and I am sure that there will be many challenges as there usually is with any building project. However, I know that the results achieved will certainly be worth the temporary discomfort.

Last week you will have read of the wonderful achievement of some of our mathematicians gaining second and third place in the Schools Maths Challenge. Interestingly this has made me reflect on a collection of perceptions that a small number of our parents have presented to me recently. Certainly, whilst I acknowledge that our school emphasises creativity, rightly recognised and emphasised through our Triennial School Review last year, it seems that perhaps some believe this is all we do.

The reality is that most of a teacher's time is spent on the basics of literacy and numeracy in all of its forms across the curriculum. Our academic achievements this year have been highlighted by the following:

- Two of our teachers were identified for showcasing their talents in English to the rest of the state via video footage and recorded vignettes of their teaching practice and interactions with students.
- Three classes were involved in the Brisbane IDEAS Festival for the Year of Creativity. We were the only primary school (State or non-State) to present.
- Awards in science were won by our students and classes who engaged in a range of science activities with DPI in Warwick.
- Our students achieved firsts in the Italian speaking competition.
- Numerous awards from Mathletics have been achieved against the backdrop of international competition.
- Our students were the second primary school in Queensland to provide the correct solution to a science based problem that involved in-depth knowledge of the research skills and science processes we teach.

These have all been features of our middle phase of learning, Year 4 – 7 that builds on the strength of our Early Years Program. Perhaps we understate the academic and teaching excellence we achieve at our school. It certainly is an aspect of our school that continues to impress me.

Congratulations also to the students who participated in the Strings Extravaganza last week. The concert provided at the end of the program was most impressive with students demonstrating improvements in their musical ability, rhythm and beat. Well done students and thanks to all of the families and Mrs Dinnis for their continued support of this program.

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Tonight is the first night of the long awaited Senior Music Evening featuring "Hundred Year Rock". Over the last nine weeks I have been watching this evolve. Teachers commenced by taking groups during lunch hours over the first few weeks. This was followed by designing a flexible timetable arrangement where students were withdrawn for short rehearsal sessions and continued class work. Our Music teachers supported aspects of the musical components during music lessons and our Dance teacher supported the dance component and lunchtimes became a thing of the past for many as they rehearsed and refined the production.

The last few weeks have been very hectic and over the next two evenings we will see the end result. Well done to all of our students who have worked so hard in taking roles, working backstage and organising groups. Thanks also go to the teachers and teacher aides who have worked with the students and supported each other by taking additional playground duties etc, to release others. A strong community commitment has also worked behind the scenes organising all manner of props, costumes, sets and refreshments to ensure the event goes off without a hitch.

Tickets are still available for both performances and can be purchased from the office or at the venue door.

Finally, special thanks to our senior years' teachers, Megan, Ian and Maureen who have contributed significantly to ensuring this production was possible. Thank you for your time flexibility and effort. This has certainly been a real team effort and I know that students and teachers alike will be looking forward to refocusing their attention again soon for the final term of the school year.

Regards,

Bill Carey

PRINCIPAL

FINANCE NEWS

OUTSTANDING TERM 3 CHARGES and CONTRIBUTIONS – DUE NOW

There are still a number of outstanding payments due. As the Term is drawing to a close, I would like to finalise these outstanding payments. ***Payment by the 14 September would be greatly appreciated, before would be even better.***

If you have paid in the last few days, thank you and please disregard this advice. It is difficult to be accurate with payments received as there can be a delay of up to forty-eight hours in receiving the payment credit on our bank statement, for payments via direct debit. So I ask for your understanding in this regard.

If you are having difficulty in relation to paying fees, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Carey, Stephen Stocker or Katrina Mitchell, in confidence, to discuss options available to you.

If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you

Katrina Mitchell
Business Services Manager

SCHOOL NEWS

From the Deputy's Desk...

THE BUILDING PROGRAM AND SAFETY
As most parents would have seen, the Runic Street and Boundary Road entrances to the school have been cut off to traffic. This means that no cars have access to Rainworth during the building construction process. This should not affect parents as these entrances were always out of bounds when it came to pick-up and drop-off of children. It does affect the pick-up and drop-off of materials and equipment. This has to be done from outside the school boundary and goods carried into the school. We are asking that all parents speak with their children to reinforce the message that safe entry and exit from school is available through the provided designated pathways and that all children are to keep to these pathways. Take the time to walk your child to school and discover the safe ways, they are obvious and clearly marked.

We have spoken to all students about the areas that are safe within the school during the construction process and those areas that are unsafe. All unsafe areas are designated building areas and are securely fenced off. Staff members will model the correct behaviour in regard to safe movement around the school campus.

BATTERY RECYCLING Planning some spring cleaning over the school holidays? Then don't forget to put aside any flat batteries and bring them to school for deposit in the Battery World recycling bin. Here's a tip: When replacing flat batteries, purchase rechargeable ones that can be used up to one thousand times, making them a much cheaper and eco-friendly alternative to single-use batteries.

Rechargeable batteries contain nickel cadmium (toxic) or nickel metal hydride (semi toxic) or lithium ion (safe). These chemicals and other materials in the battery can be recycled to produce new batteries. Please remember to *Think Green* - REDUCE and REUSE your waste, (with rechargeable batteries) and then ACT PURPLE when they go flat RECYCLE by placing in the Battery World purple recycling bin at school.

MATHS TOURNAMENT Last Thursday Rainworth sent four Year 6 and 7 teams of mathematicians to a Challenge Tournament that is attended by thirty seven schools across the Brisbane region. Our team attended the tournament at Chapel

Hill State School and vied against students from arguably some of the strongest schools in the area.

Our team did exceedingly well in the competition that stretches the teams not only in applied mathematics but also cooperation and team work.

We received a second, third and fourth place and we were one point off first place. I think this is an incredible effort for all our teams. Congratulations to the following:

Joseph Fyfield, Billy Hunt, Emily Walker, Jacinta Wild, Jai Lembryk, Jamie Hogg, Jacob Chan, Matthew Page, Patrick McLennan, Pippa Askham, Finn McKee, Griffin Blaskovich, Nicola Wilson, Oliver Ritchie, Tia Callaghan, Marcus McNee, Billy Hale, Stirling Hall-Pearce, Harry Bowman

P-3 SPORTS DAY The sports day for Prep and Years 1-3, also known as the P-3 Tabloid Sports Day, will be held next week Wednesday 16 September, commencing 9.00am and concluding 11.00am.

The children will be placed in teams that will rotate around the oval taking part in gross motor, hand-eye and cooperative team activities. Parents are welcome to join in the morning's activities.

CONGRATULATIONS to Oliver Ritchie who has gained selection to represent Metropolitan North in cricket. The competition will take place in Toowoomba during November.

MATHLETICS SUCCESS Congratulations to Teyler Retamal from PYO who has recently achieved a ranking of 44 in the Top 100 Students World section of Mathletics. Keep it up Teyler!

Regards,

Stephen Stocker
Deputy Principal

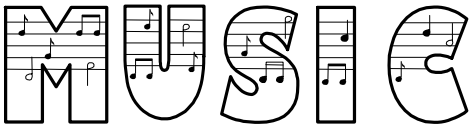
TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tomorrow @ Tuckshop

Karyn Lowe
Nicole Lochran
Margot Clark
Susie Gould
12.00 Renaye Cvetkovski

HOMEBAKING
Jane Bowman
Suzy Tamone
Cathie Chan
Kristy Crome

MON 14/9	WED 16/9	FRI 18/9
Jenny Wimberger	Carol Burke	Kim Hingston
More help required please	Gail Connell	Julie Preece
	Jo Davis	Kristine Palm
	Ruchelle Erratt	Elizabeth Whipp
HOMEBAKING	HOMEBAKING	
	Danielle Bartlett	
	Rosie Nutley	



INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM RECRUITMENT 2010

STRINGS: The information letter has been given out to all students in Year 2. Parents who are interested in their child being assessed for inclusion in the string program are to return the permission form to the office by the end of term. A student will not be assessed for the string program unless the permission form is signed and returned to the office.

Please Note: Parents and students should decide whether they would prefer to learn either a string instrument or a woodwind/brass/percussion instrument. Year 2 students interested in learning to play a woodwind/brass/percussion instrument are required to wait until the end of Year 4 to be tested and will commence in Year 5.

Congratulations to all Beginner String Students who participated and performed at the String Extravaganza Camp last Tuesday and Wednesday. Many thanks to Mr Stocker who assisted with lunch duty; and to Mr Carey who came to our fabulous concert on Wednesday afternoon.

There has been a slight change this week to our performance on Assembly – only the Junior String Ensemble will be performing. The Senior Strings performance has been rescheduled to next term. Junior Strings members are to meet Mrs Dinnis at 8.20am at the Music Room with your music and instrument.

There will be a small String Chamber Ensemble performing background music on Thursday and Friday night at the Senior Music Evening Performances. The venue for this performance is Stuartholme School. Students are to arrive at 6.15pm and will finish by 7pm.

Happy practising!
Mrs Dinnis

GRIPPS Best wishes to all our young musicians who will commence their week-long GRIPPS experience on Sunday. Our instrumental music teachers; Mrs Hoey, Miss Moorhouse and Mrs Dinnis will be teaching next week at the GRIPPS camp and therefore no rehearsals or lessons will be conducted here at Rainworth.

GRIPPS (Gap Regional Instrumental Primary Performers School) is an annual event to which Rainworth students aspire to attend.

GRIPPS began in 1992 and continues to be a very exciting and successful event on the calendar of numerous schools in the area.

As a joint Ashgrove / The Gap Rotary Club and local schools' initiative, GRIPPS provides an opportunity for many talented young musicians to further develop their musical skills and friendships.

Children from thirteen state and private primary schools in The Gap, Ashgrove and surrounding districts are invited to attend and selection is determined through a comprehensive audition process.

Music and instrumental teachers from many of the schools together with over ten professional musicians work with the students in the following activities:

- Master classes
- Tutorials
- Bands / Ensembles
- An eighty piece Orchestra (for the more advanced students) and

- A Massed Choir (consisting of all participating students)

The week concludes with a barbeque and concert on Thursday evening.

BAND: All children in Year 4 will take the Selmer test in their class music lesson to test recognition of beat, pitch, rhythm and chords as part of the selection process for recruitment into the 2010 instrumental band program. The results of this test provide a guide only in the selection process.

Students' overall participation generally, during music lessons and attitude to working within a group is assessed as well.

General eagerness and interest in learning along with reliability are taken into consideration and commented on by classroom teachers and specialist teachers involved with each child.

The instrumental teacher will assess each child for suitability for a particular instrument in the brass; woodwind or percussion groups and an instrument will be chosen in collaboration with the student, parents and instrumental teacher.

It is expected that students and families will be notified of program selection by Week 6, Term 4.

RAINWORTH VOICES and Year 4 children from the Rainbow Singers who attended Choral Fest 2009 will perform this Thursday and Friday evening as part of the Senior Music Evening at Stuartholme School.

Please meet Ms Killen and Mrs Favell in the foyer of the performing arts complex at 6.30pm. The duration of our performance is approximately fifteen minutes as we will be the opening item of the evening. Those students from Years 4 and 5 who are not involved in The Hundred Year Rock item may stay and see the show and be collected from the foyer at the conclusion of the show, or may depart immediately after we finish our choral items.

MUSIC SUPPORTERS GROUP: With our Gala Musical Evening approaching in Term 4 on Thursday 29 October, I am to gather a group of approximately ten parents to assist with the smooth organisation of the evening. There will be a meeting of any parents interested in being part of a music supporters group prior to the P&C meeting next Wednesday 16 September at 6.15pm in the staffroom to discuss the order of events and organisation of the event.

RAINWORTH YOU'VE GOT TALENT will be further demonstrated by our very own Julie Newport (Alex, Jacob and Curtis) when she performs the Grieg A Minor Concerto with the Brisbane Philanthropic Orchestra at The Claver Theatre, All Hallows College on the Friday 18 and Saturday 19 September at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at $40 each (concession $30; kids under 12 are free) and can be sought from www.philanthropic.org.au or from ICU Optometrist on 3368 3644, with proceeds this year to the Mater Medical Research Institute. Best wishes to you Julie for the event.

Consider this… Musicians have bigger brains. Professional musicians have more grey brain cells than both amateur musicians and folk with no musical talent whatever, according to scientists, who suggest it may have something to do with all the complicated finger or mouth movements.

"We compared the brain structures of the three groups and found a connection between the degree of musical training and the varying amount of grey material," said Christian Gaser of Jena University in Germany.

The extra cells were not just in hearing regions of the brain but also in parts responsible for sight and generating movement. However, Gaser said the greater number of cells did not mean professional musicians were more intelligent.

Past brain students have established which parts of the brain are active while an instrument is being played. The new study was the first to survey the structure of the whole brain in musicians.

The scientists said most professionals have been playing their instrument since early childhood and need highly developed hearing and fine-motor skills.

Most musicians in the West have to rapidly convert visual information from printed music into finger and mouth movements.

Gaser said a fresh study was aimed at discovering if the professional musicians' brain structures were there at birth – the nature theory – or developed through education – the nurture explanation. He said it looked as if the effect came from practice, but this had never been proven.

And now for the last laugh…

In Memoriam

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week. Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey", died peacefully at age 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started.

Regards,

Moira Killen
Classroom Music

Italian News

SPAGHETTI TOPS FOOD POLL An interesting article appeared in this week's Sunday Mail detailing the results of a nationwide online poll asking people what they would be eating that night.

It seems we love our pasta because spaghetti bolognaise was the clear winner and "is now officially the number one food choice in Australia".

"The overwhelming majority of people said spaghetti bolognaise was their favourite because it was affordable, tasty and popular with children." Another classic Italian dish fared well, coming in at number five in the top ten; pizza! If you missed the paper and are interested in knowing more I will leave copies of the article at the office.

We are planning a special "Pasta Meal Deal" in celebration to take place early next Term. Grazie Rosie.

YEAR 2/3 TEST RESULTS
Congratulations to the following students on a great result in last week's test of their Italian listening and reading comprehension skills:

ECCELLENTE AWARD (95%)
Greta Hopsick 3L
Camille Levy 3PH

FANTASTICO AWARD (85%)
Thomas Meutermans 2/3 M
Brayden Walton 2/3M
Regan Sayer 3PH
Ben Steele 3PH
Phoebe Menzies 3PH
Lara Boland 3L
Lilli Corrias-Smith 3L
Siena Erratt 3L
Genevieve James 3L
Charlotte Lowe 3L
Ella Watts 3L
Jessica Weavis 3L

These students will be presented with their awards during Friday's Assembly.

LA MIA CAMERA – YEAR 6/7 DISPLAY
Year 6 and 7 students have been working on a unit about housing and furniture. One of their written language tasks was to sketch their own bedroom and then describe it in Italian. Some chose to elaborate on their reality and incorporate "dream" elements in their design (plasma TVs, fridges, food dispensers, homework machines).

Over the following weeks I will be displaying their work on the wall adjacent to the Tuckshop – this week's class will be 6/7S.

FESTA DEL PAPA' FERRARI RAFFLE
Children in Prep and Year 1 received a special Fathers' Day treat last week; a chance to win a Ferrari Model to take home and build with Papa'.

Congratulations to the winners:
PYW – Catherine Vogel
PYO – Lincoln Bland
PYC – Dylan Perkins
1K – Romy Lembryk
1S – Charlotte Townsend

Sig Alfredo Ferranti
Italian Embassy

Rainworth P&C News

Working Bee
Sunday 13 September
3.00 – 5.00pm
Work is planned on the embankment to Prep
See you there!

WOW – WHAT A RIDE!

It was a fantastic day. Everything went extremely well. Smiles all around! Lines moved quickly and screams were heard afar.

A huge thank you to all my volunteers; whether you were selling tickets or doing Slide Patrol your time was very much appreciated.

So until the same day, same time next year with the same great rides – cheers!

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THANK YOU
As always, the success of the Book Stall is thanks to a great team of workers and the generosity of our fantastic Rainworth community. Thank you to everyone who donated books, equipment (especially the trailer, Dave and Julie), and labour to the stall. Thanks to all of you who came and bought all those books and raffle tickets. Special thanks to Melanie Wright and John Bland, Nicki Harrison, Jane and Jamie Patullo, Ross West and Chris Menzies for carting all those boxes down to the stall. Melanie, Nadine Shaw and Sarah Fraser for your help with the last sorting stint when I was just starting to run out of steam!

We also thank *Coaldrake's* for yet another great collection of books for our raffle.

Cheers everyone!
Sue Cameron

YEAR 5 FAMILY PLAY-IN-THE-PARK Let's celebrate the end of Term 3 with drinks and nibbles at Perrin Park, Toowong on Friday 18 September from 3pm. Bring your own afternoon tea etc, bikes, roller blades, balls and rip sticks.
Jess White and Jill Bills (Class Reps)

PLEASE CLEAR LOST PROPERTY BY THE CLOSE OF TERM. All items which are not clearly named will be passed on to charity or the Uniform Shop. Please check for your belongings before the last day of term.

Ashgrove Aces Sign On Friday 9 October 3pm in the undercover area of Ashgrove State School. For more information contact Alyson Huntley 0406636810 or Melissa Andrews 0409344338.

☐ Pay **Term Costs** by 14 September.
☐ Reinforce the **"Safety First"** message with children.
☐ **Instrumental and choral Music students** are reminded of their upcoming performance commitments.
☐ **SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE – 3514 9460**
☐ **Check LOST PROPERTY**.
☐ **Recycle** your flat batteries through the Battery World Recycling bin.
☐ **Year 2 families** return Expression of Interest for Strings Program by 16 September.
☐ Consider attending **Music Supporters Group** meeting Wednesday 16 September at 6.15pm
☐ Consider attending the **Working Bee** this Sunday.

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Important Messages from the Coordinator:

YMCA Indoor Challenge Fitness Camp starts Monday 5 October. This ten week challenge guarantees results in just three sessions a week. Challenge yourself, get motivated, and improve your Fitness. Just $11.00 per session. See YMCA staff for more details.

What we've been doing:

Fairy Tale Week: We've been having a lot of fun looking at our favourite Fairy Tales. We've been looking fabulous in our Pipe-Cleaner Crowns, creating toadstools, reading our favourite stories, been creating our own fairy tales and had a lot of fun acting out the stories. We also made some yummy Gingerbread men.

Teddy Bear Picnic Week: We've been designing and decorating our own bears, creating some fabulous bear masks and making some clay bears. Bring along your favourite Teddy on Friday afternoon for our Teddy Bears Picnic at YMCA OSHC

Join us next week for:

Parents keep part of the afternoon free on Thursday 17 September and come along to the YMCA Rainworth Sausage Sizzle. Have a sausage, drink and see some of the lovely craft and artwork the children have been producing.

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.