



DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Fri 18 Final Day Term 3

OCTOBER

Mon 5 First Day Term 4

Fri 9 Learn to Swim Lessons and Friday Afternoon Sport begins

Mon 19 Student Free Day

Wed 21 P&C Meeting

Thur 29 Rainworth Gala Music Evening

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What an exciting week we have had to complete this term. Last Thursday and Friday evenings many families and staff enjoyed the performance of "Hundred Year Rock". Well done to our students, staff and parents who assisted, developed and delivered this. I would also like to congratulate other musicians who played and sang for the audience through the evening, providing focused performances and background music.

This was a most enjoyable couple of evenings and the work was certainly worth the result. I would like to make special mention of the key staff involved. As you would be aware, undertaking activities such as this are not of a required for a primary teaching position, but are developed and delivered as an enhancement. I congratulate the staff who take on these additional roles and work to balance the demands of the classroom and curriculum against the creative, extension and social emotional benefits activities such as this provide.

My sincere thanks go to Ian, Maureen, Moira, and Kristy, under the leadership of Megan, for their ongoing commitment and enthusiasm in delivering this level of program enhancement for our students.

Recently we had our Year 5 camp. On returning, our students and staff reported a very worthwhile and enjoyable learning experience. Thanks to our committed staff who take our students away from Year 4 onwards to engage in learning activities that re remote from the classroom but equally important to their social, emotional and academic growth. Special thanks to Kerrin, Jo-Anne and Stephen who on this occasion worked so diligently to support our children.

Following last night's P&C Meeting, agreement was reached to conduct all of our camps in the same week for 2010. This will assist the school community by:

- Reducing teacher time away from class in the case of multi-age groupings,
- Allowing continuity of specialist and instrumental music lessons and a range of other time-tabling, curriculum and organisational matters.

To assist families who have a number of children attending camps, there will be a number of payment options available.

The planned dates are:

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| • Year 4 | Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 April | Edmund Park |
| • Year 5 | Wednesday 21 – Friday 23 April | Camp Laurence |
| • Year 6 and 7 | Wednesday 21 – Friday 23 April | Noosa North shore |

NATIONAL TESTING

Once again our results for the National Testing Program have been very good. As many of you will be aware, generally I play down comparisons with other schools, given that we generally expect to achieve good results based on the high expectations of the staff and the community, the strong community partnerships, our students, school profile and our focus on learning and creativity.

However, this year we have made some particular gains and moved children from lower to higher bandings in relation to the overall results. In some cases we have achieved almost eighty per cent of students achieving the top two bands out of six possible bandings. This is quite remarkable and certainly is related to the work undertaken through our teacher aide program, changes to Maths and Spelling programs, staff professional development and a continued focus on the teaching of English and Maths.

As you will see from our results there are always areas that we can do further work on. Nothing is perfect, but I do believe a little celebration is appropriate.

Congratulations to our staff and supporting parents who have provided enormous effort to sustain high

Thought for the Day

"You don't manage people; you manage things. You lead people."

- Admiral Grace Hooper

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Achievement and generate the improvements noted in the graphs illustrated elsewhere in the Mirror.

Recently we commenced our building projects. This has resulted in all of the onsite parking being removed for the time being. This has obvious impact on the pick-up and drop-off zones and possible congestion if parents and carers do not observe the 2-minute zones and parking restrictions around the school. It was reported to me last week that unfortunately there were triple parked cars at the front of the school during pick-up times. This is obviously a very dangerous practice and must cease.

I understand that presently parking around the school is problematic given the need for staff to park on surrounding streets as well. However, I encourage all families not to compromise the safety of children over convenience.

Finally this week I wish to advise that we have received a letter regarding the erection of a Telstra tower in Gerler Street. A copy of the correspondence has been included in this newsletter for your information. Should you wish to seek further information please see the details included in the letter. The closing date for submissions is 22 September and the P&C have decided to lodge an objection. Please see P&C News for further information.

This brings the term to a close. What an exciting and eventful term we have had. I wish you a safe and relaxing time with your family over the next couple of weeks. Next term commences on Monday 5 October and Pupil Free Day for Term 4 is Monday 19 October.

Regards,

Bill Carey

PRINCIPAL



From the Deputy's Desk...

Swimming Years 1-3 for Term 4

Swimming will commence the first Friday back in Term 4 on **Friday 9 October**. Please enter this into your diaries and ensure that students in Years 1, 2, 3 come to school with their swimming requirements.

Bathers

Towel

Sandals / thongs (for the bus)

Dry underwear in a bag (for emergencies)

Swimming bag

Swim goggles (optional)

Please ensure that sunscreen has been applied.

Term 4 Swimming Carnivals Change of Dates

The dates for the swimming carnival are as follows:

Senior Swimming Carnival Wednesday 20 November
Junior Swimming Carnival Wednesday 27 November

Both carnivals will be held at Milton State School commencing at 9.00am and finishing at approximately 12.30pm.

Parents are invited to attend the carnivals. This year the senior carnival will be held first. This gives us more time to collate information from the senior carnival and prepare for the district carnival to be held early in 2010.

GRIPPS – The Gap Regional Instrumental Performers Program. All this week we have students from Years 5, 6 and 7 attending master classes in their chosen instrument at the Gap State High School. All the instrumental music teachers from the Mt Cooth-tha cluster are in attendance along with teachers from the Conservatorium and QUT.

Our students are joined by others from neighbouring schools and this four-day intensive program culminates this evening in a performance in The Gap State High School assembly hall. The calibre of this performance is truly amazing.

Rainworth GRIPPS members comprise:

Harry Bowman, Hannah Brunning, Jacob Chan, Aled Cole, Isabella Conroy-Feld, Erin Craig, Billy Hale, James Hogg, Jessica Horn, Billy Hunt, Margie James, Grace Jeremy, Finnian McKee, Patrick McLennan, Sophie Poida-Marsters, Keely Sayer, Stephen Wimberger, Tiadora Callaghan.

Responsible Behaviour Policy

All this term a working team has been reviewing Rainworth's previous behaviour policy, bringing it in line with changing technologies and ensuring that it is precise, clear, parent and student-friendly. The document is presently in draft form and will be reviewed by the team this week before having its final review by Student Council. It will then be available to be viewed at the office before being placed on the Rainworth internet.

Regards,

Stephen Stocker

Deputy Principal

FINANCE NEWS OUTSTANDING TERM 3 CHARGES & 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 end of Term would be greatly appreciated.**

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



TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tomorrow @ Tuckshop

Kim Hingston
Julie Preece
Kristine Palm
Elizabeth Whipp



Please be on the look out early next term for a new roster. Thank you to all the volunteers who have assisted in the Tuckshop this term. Enjoy a restful holiday.

Regards,
Rosie

Online Literacy Program *Intrepica*

We have gained free access to an online literacy program called *Intrepica* that focuses on developing literacy skills in a motivating and rewarding digital environment.

In order for us to trial *Intrepica* we seek permission to share your child's name and date of birth with the supplier of the program so that passwords for students can be created which will allow them to access the program at school and home. The trial period expires 31 October.

For those parents who have not returned their consent or non-consent we would appreciate it as soon as possible so that we can maximise the offer to determine its viability for future implementation.

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Online Literacy Program – *Intrepica*

Yes, I give permission to Rainworth State School to share details of my child's name and date of birth with the Literacy Program – *Intrepica* so that my child can participate in a trial of the program until 31 October.

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

No, I do not give permission to Rainworth State School to share details of my child's name and date of birth with the Literacy Program – *Intrepica*.

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Signature of Parent: _____



THANK YOU

Many thanks to the school community for supporting our last fundraiser for Halima, our World Vision sponsored child. We raised \$370 in pyjama fines! Watch this space next term for more Student Council news.

Jo-Anne Ryan and Kate Swete Kelly
Student Council Coordinators

A BIG THANKYOU to the Year 6 and 7 community of parents and friends, and the staff of Rainworth State School, the Hundred Year Rock musical would not have been the success it was without your efforts and support. We appreciate the late nights and early mornings you sacrificed in preparing the magnificent props and fantastic costumes. Without your enthusiasm and creativity the running around and last minute creations, the children would not have been able to present the performance they did.

Special mention must be made to Sandra Boland, Sue Rowsell and Deb Craig for going the extra mile these last few weeks. Thank you so much!

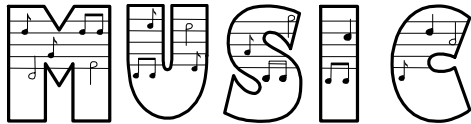


Hundred Year Rock

The Stuartholme auditorium saw two nights of fantastic fun and entertainment as the Rainworth Year 6 and 7 students put on the Hundred Year Rock Musical. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and makeup and would have been more than happy to wear their ensemble to school, if allowed – especially the Hooleys! Every child involved did a brilliant job whether they were onstage or backstage. The singing, dancing, colour and movement brought the musical to life. As teachers this was one of the most rewarding events we have been involved in and we were so proud of the outstanding effort the children put in during rehearsals and on the two big nights.

Putting the musical together took more than the work of a few people, it involved the Rainworth community, mums, dads and staff; taking apart old and recreating new costumes, transporting rocking chairs from the Gold Coast, late nights and weekends designing and painting the backdrops, the correct colour sequins being found, the right size wings being fitted, hats were trimmed, fairy dresses created. Behind the scenes parents and staff were helping to load, transport and unload the props and costumes at the venue, vines and banners were hung and raised. The makeup production line for 60 plus students (and one teacher!) was a work of art in itself; costumes had last minute ironings, missing leggings and wands found. The mayhem and at times confusion was handled with aplomb and laughter by both children and adults. After each performance staff, parents and students helped clean up, with the all important job of vacuuming being handled by Mr Carey. All this and more occurred without complaint for two nights – well done everyone involved.

Megan, Maureen and Ian
Year 6 and 7 Teachers



Congratulations to all performing music groups throughout the school; strings, band, choirs, ensembles and of course the senior students, for displaying your achievements so well during recent performances.

As I write this eighteen of our elite musicians are attending the G.R.I.P.P.S music camp which will culminate with a powerful concert at 7pm at The Gap State High School this evening.

Thanks to all concerned; parents and teachers for continuing to support our musicians.

Next term we begin again to prepare for our Musical Gala Evening at Peter Doherty Theatre, Indooroopilly State School on Thursday 29 October at 6:30pm. Students will of course be required to meet earlier than this for "warm-ups" and this information will be finalised and relayed to all concerned closer to the date.

All choirs and musical groups will perform at this event and groups of our Year 7 students will perform ensembles and be presented with their trophy for participation in the musical life of our school.

Any students who wish to join The Rainbow Singers are welcome to join us at 8am on Thursday mornings in the music room as we prepare for our Gala and our Christmas Capers Concert on Thursday 3 December at 9am.

Piano For Sale Suit beginner or student well. Has been moved in recent times and does require tuning. Independent report on condition and value available from professional assessor. \$1100:00 For further information phone 0408544457.

Regards,

Moira Killen
Classroom Music

Library News



Put your
detective skills
to the test at
the State
Library of

Queensland these school holidays!

Armed with a magnifying glass, a cryptic puzzle and your powers of deduction, follow the trail of clues across the State Library to uncover the identity of a real convict who lived more than one hundred and eighty years ago. What was his crime? How was he punished? And what became of him?

With no witnesses to question, you'll use your wits and the resources available to piece together this one hundred and eighty-year-old puzzle.

This event is especially for children aged 8 – 12 years of age accompanied by their parent or carer.

WHEN: Monday 21 to Friday 25 September from 10.30am – 12 noon

WHERE: Meet at the entrance to State Reference Library, Level 3. Be on time so you don't miss the start of this adventure.

TICKETS: \$12 (including a Super Sleuth take home pack), free for accompanying adult

BOOKINGS: www.qtix.com, 136 246 or at The Library Shop

Book Week Competitions

These are almost coming to the end of the judging phase, we only have the Prep classes colouring competition entries to judge and they will be completed by Friday. The number of entries was wonderful and we are happy to announce the winners and runners-up in the following categories:

Find-the-Animal Competition – Anna Versace 3PH (Winner)

Picture Book Competition – Year 1-3 Alexa Stevens 1S (Winner)

Picture Book Competition – Year 4-7 Labelle Jackson 4C (Winner)

Short-Listed Book Competition – Robbie Bethune 4/5MH, Tom Harrison 4/5MH, Jessica Horn 4/5MH
Scarlett Peters 5R

Colouring Competition Year 1-3 – Nieve Dickman 1K (Winner), Oscar Davies 2HB (Runner-up), Ella Watts 3L (Runner-up)

Colouring Competition Year 4-7 – Kimberley Vogel 5R (Winner), Alice McMillan 5R (Runner-up), Sammy Gould 5R (Runner-up), Maia Richards 4/5MH (Runner-up)

Certificates and prizes will be handed out on Assembly. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Book Week competitions and activities.

Rainworth Readers' Challenge

We have been very impressed how students have taken on the challenge and read the required amount of books and more. We are still recording all the milestones, so remind your children to return their card by Friday to gain any outstanding rewards. Well done, everyone!

Holiday Borrowing

All classes will have borrowed for the holidays by the end of the week. If students have any outstanding loans, we would appreciate them being returned by Friday.

We are sure that everyone would agree that this has been a very busy but exciting term. Next term is also shaping up to have some energising events, with the Library holding a Coaldrake Book Fair - details to come in the next Mirror.

Read on!

Jane-Marie Butler & Paula Potter
Teacher-Librarians

CREATIVE GENERATIONS ON STAGE 2009 will be shown on Channel 10 on Saturday 3 October (last Saturday of school holidays - check TV guide for time).

Look out for Rainworth dancers in the following items: "Beyond the Sea" – Rainworth mass dancers are wearing yellow shirts or unitards.

"Dream a Little Dream" - Scarlett and Edwina are wearing blue.

"All for One" - The ten Rainworth core dancers are amongst the group wearing the pink flower sarongs.
"To Change This World" - Bronte is one of the seven dancers in the middle wearing brown.
"Walking on Sunshine" finale - All Rainworth dancers will be at the back on the right of the TV screen.

It's a show not to be missed - enjoy!



Italian News

LA FESTA DEI NONNI - YR 3 GRANDPARENTS' DAY Invitations went out this week for our annual Festa Dei Nonni celebration for Year 3 students. The date has been set for Wednesday 28 October from 9:00 til 11:00 am. If you missed out on one or require an extra copy, some are available from the office. Looking forward to meeting lots of nonni on this special occasion!

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL TICKET GIVE-AWAY As I mentioned in a previous edition this year's festival will take place from 30 September until 18 October at both the Palace Centro Cinemas in Fortitude Valley and the Palace Barracks Cinemas in Petrie Terrace.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the nationwide festival and the tradition continues with another brilliant selection of Italy's most highly acclaimed and multi-award winning contemporary films, sourced from the Cannes, Berlin, Rome and Venice Film Festivals.

Thanks to our good friend Terry from Centro, we are again able to offer readers of the Mirror some in-season complimentary double passes to this year's festival. To be in the running simply write your contact details on the back of an envelope addressed "*Italian film festival*" together with the answer to this simple question.

"Which Italian company is the naming rights sponsor of the Festival?" (Hint: they hail from my home town of Torino and make a mean caffè!)

Place entry in the Green Box; buona fortuna e ci vediamo al cinema.

FERRARI SOLO TERZA A CASA! Disappointment continues for fans of La Rossa when the Ferraris failed to win on home soil in the Italian Grand Prix at Monza. Kimi did manage to get third place so the Italian flag at least got an airing on the podium.

The season is not over just yet, though it does look rather unflattering for Ferrari languishing in only third place on the constructor's championship ladder!

SAM REISER CUP 2009 Our annual celebration of the beautiful game will be kicking off again early in Term 4. We have started this week with our traditional precursor to the actual football games - the juggling contests! The best "jugglers" in each year level from 3 to 7 will be awarded with a brand new football with which to hone their skills even further at home. Winners will be announced in the newsletter and prizes presented on Assembly after the holidays.

BUONE VACANZE DI PRIMAVERA Wishing all our readers all the best for a relaxing Spring

break; I look forward to the many exciting events on Rainworth's Term 4 Calendar.

Sig Alfredo Ferranti
[Italian Embassy](#)

Rainworth P&C News

Telstra Tower Objection

At the P&C Meeting last night the possible implications for our children due to the proposed site for the telecommunication tower at 27 Gerler Street were discussed.

The P&C was informed that a community petition will be available for individual signing **outside** the front and back gates on Thursday and Friday this week during drop-off and pick-up times. Alternatively you may wish to call in to Anna Castellano's house at 20 Selby Street to sign the petition. Anna can be contacted on 3368 2331 or 0424 304 887.

Thank you and regards,

[Rainworth State School P&C](#)



PLANT STALL THANKYOU

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of our wonderful helpers! We had another successful year thanks to the combined efforts of our energetic dads who lugged cartloads of plants to the oval and our talented sales mothers and students who manned the stall.

We would like to extend special thanks to Brian Cooney for his input over the last year helping with plant selection and advice, and to Margaret Richards, a grandmother with very green fingers.

Sadly this is Deb Craig's last year as co-convenor. She will be sadly missed after five years in this role. Without her year-round effort in watering, nurturing and 'talking' to scores of potted plants we would never have had the success we have. Thank you Deb; we will all miss you.

If you think you may be interested in helping nurture some seedlings over the next year in anticipation of the Rainbow Carnival 2010 your help would be greatly appreciated. We have already started our long lead-up and can provide you with everything you need; plants, pots, potting mix - to start your own mini nursery.

Thanks from Catherine Elms, Deb Craig and Lill Agerup

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Thank you Helen! The end of Term 3 brings with it the end of Helen Jeremy's long association with the Uniform Shop; at least a decade of service. Helen has been a regular Thursday helper for the past three years and was convenor for four years before that, in addition to performing numerous other voluntary duties in support of the school community. On behalf of the P&C I would like to thank Helen very much for her time and commitment over the years.

I'd also like to thank Lisa West for her numerous years of service and Melanie Wright for helping out this year and wish them well with their outside

commitments and other voluntary activities at the school.

Please Help The Uniform Shop has at least three or four open positions, The time commitment can be as minimal as a half-hour once a fortnight on a Wednesday morning or Thursday afternoon. It's a great way of meeting new people and catching up with friends who are part of the school community. If you are interested in helping out please email cclqld@yahoo.com.

Swimming Learn to Swim lessons resume in Term 4. Lycra (S, M, L) and silicone (one size fits all) swimming caps and school coloured swim bags with the Rainworth school logo – great for keeping track of your child's swimming gear – can all be purchased from the Uniform Shop. House sports shirts to be worn at the swimming carnival are also available.

New Uniforms Term 4 is also a time of preparation for the next school year. Beat the rush and order your children's uniform needs early, especially those with Prep children moving up to Year 1 and into the compulsory school uniform. Red shirts for new Prep students are already available for purchase.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

Regards,

Celia Lamond
P&C Uniform Shop Convenor
0404 428 149



ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL NEWS

Peter Matic Trophy

This week, PYO were the winners of the Peter Matic Walking Wheeling Wednesday Trophy. Congratulations! And congratulations to every student who has made a habit of walking or wheeling on Wednesdays this term. You've made a healthy choice and you have helped reduce the traffic in our local area – so you are all winners!

Hop on the Walking School Bus!

Rainworth's two Walking School Buses will start running as soon as we have enough students signed up as passengers. One Walking School Bus leaves Victoria Crescent and goes up Siemon Street and along Ennever Street; the other starts from Rambler Street and travels down Main Avenue. If you would like your children to join a bus, student enrolment forms are attached for your convenience. For more information please contact Helen Jeremy at handmjer@yahoo.com.

Two Minute Zone – attention all drivers

We have had community complaints about drivers double parking and even triple parking in the afternoons at the two-minute zone near the Boundary Road gates. The situation is dangerous, with children walking out in the road to get in cars and other vehicles being prevented from driving up the road.

Please remember that this is a 'pick up and go' zone. Your child should be waiting for you – you should not be parking there to wait for them. If your child is not there, drive around the block. Instead of reaching the zone before 3pm and parking, arrive five minutes later to be sure your child is ready and waiting for you.

If the zone is still being misused next term, please be aware that traffic officers will be asked to target the area and they will be issuing parking infringement fines.

New Child Restraint Laws – Update

Queensland Transport has announced that new laws on child restraints will be introduced next March. Children aged seven and under will need to be secured in a car restraint approved for their age and size.

The changes mean that from birth to six months of age children will have to be placed in a rear-facing capsule, while those aged six months to four years must travel in a forward-facing capsule or child seat. Children aged between four and seven will have to be restrained in a booster seat, with either a built-in harness of the car's seatbelt.

Children who are big for their age will be exempt from the rules, as long as the seatbelt fits across the child's shoulders and does not touch their neck.

Year 3 Play in the Park

NORMAN BUCHAN PARK

Friday 18 September - straight after pickup. Bring a plate to share and sporting equipment. Hope to see you there.

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)

LOST PROPERTY Yet again, the lost property box is overflowing with unnamed items. All these items will be cleared on Friday afternoon.

Parents, please take a little time over the holidays to make sure that all your children's belongings are clearly named, including surname.

Thank you Helen for clearing the Lost Property box throughout the term. Your time commitment is appreciated and valued. Administration



- Pay **Term Costs** by 14 September.
- Return consent or non-consent for Intrepica Literacy Trial.
- Don't double or triple park to pick-up or drop-off children.
- SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE – 3514 9460**
- Check LOST PROPERTY.**
- Recycle** your flat batteries through the Battery World Recycling bin.

Contact P&C or Anna Castellano regarding objections to the proposed telecommunications tower.

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

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Thursday
Please supply fully prepared contributions.**

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