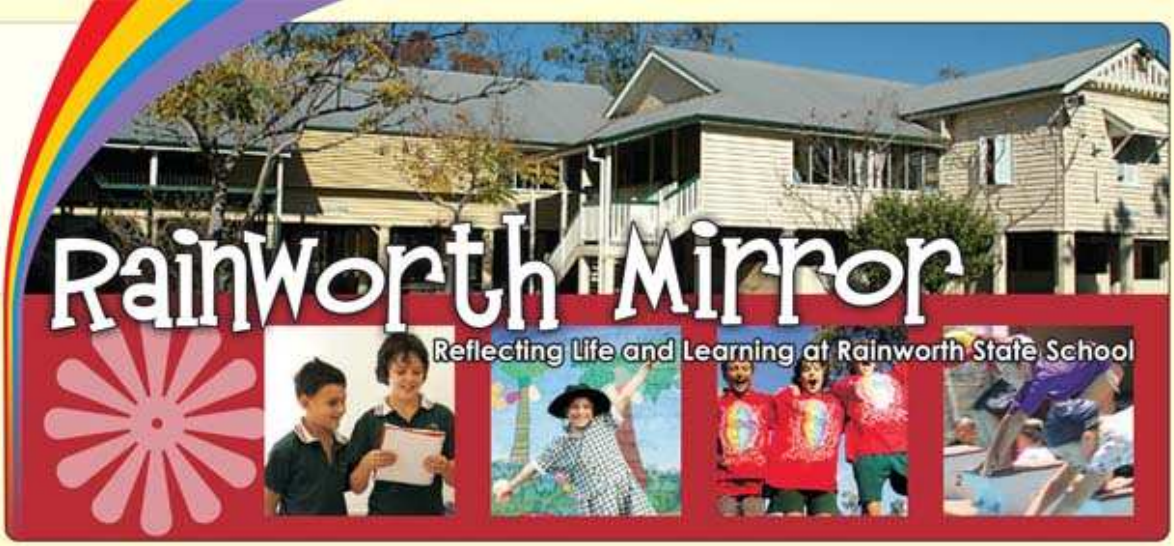

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY
TUE 12-14 NAPLAN Year 3, 5 and 7
FRI 15 WSTSD
WED 27 Rainworth Open Day
SAT 30 Rainworth Trivia Night
JUNE
MON 15 School Athletics Carnival
TUE 16 School Athletics Carnival

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Thought for the Day

"Today I will put another person's needs before my own."

Unknown

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Over recent months you will have heard about the economic stimulus package and the money being made available to schools. Early this week we received approval for additional facilities to be constructed on our site. The facilities projects are worth a maximum of 3 million dollars to our school. As part of this project our school has agreed to locate a school community hall and new resource centre on our site.

Effectively, our strategy is to have the majority of our learning facilities accessible from the same level. However, at this stage I cannot confirm the final details as we are still in the planning and concept approval stages.

I would like to thank the P&C President, Sandra Boland, past President, Melissa Lau, and Susan Chamberlain for their support, guidance and comments to achieve what I believe will be a good result for students and our school. I also wish to thank key staff and teachers who have all played a role in the consultation process.

It is expected that the building process will commence in due course when concepts, budgets and planning are finalised. I know that the construction process will provide some challenges to us as it progresses. However, I am sure the final result will be worth the inconvenience.

I also acknowledge the ongoing work in the Prep area. I appreciate the patience of staff and families as the second phase of the covered walkway project is undertaken. We expect that this will be completed over the next few weeks. The final touches to the area will be the installation of a new sandpit and some other adjustments to the playground that have been supported by the P&C and their grants process. My sincere thanks to all involved.

Congratulations this week to all of our school representatives who competed at the District Cross Country event:

Rose Gunn-Burr
Emma Bills
Olivia Smart
Hannah Brunning
Erin Craig
Angus Brien
Woodford Lloyd-Core
Lachlan Graham
William Peisker
Jesse Beaumont
Finn Mckee
Edwina Peisker
Keely Sayer
Sophie Poida-Marsters
Pippa Askham
Ashwin Raj
William Wilson
Samuel Hogg
Oliver Ritchie
Bill Hale
Griffin Blaskovich

By all accounts this was a wonderful experience for our children with some outstanding individual results achieved. Congratulations Oliver Ritchie, Jesse Beaumont and Griffin Blaskovich who have been selected to compete in the Regional competition.

Still on a sporting focus, congratulations to Griffin Blaskovich who has been selected to play in the National Baseball Championships on the Gold Coast later this term. Whilst not related to a school activity this is certainly an outstanding achievement.

I remind you all that Wednesday 27 May is our Open Day, from 9.30 until 11.00am. If you know of families who have Prep aged children or who would like to know a little more about our school, please feel free to invite them. The morning will commence in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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

National Curriculum Update

Last week I had the pleasure of attending a curriculum conference that focused on a range of contemporary issues for the school. Over recent months you will have heard about the National Curriculum and perhaps a little of its background.

One of the questions I am sometimes asked is why do we have a need for a national curriculum. In simple terms, the effects of globalisation, competition, mobility of our national population and the duplicated efforts in each state have contributed to the need to have a more standard approach to the issue of curriculum within Australia.

The intention is that our Australian Curriculum will be shaped giving consideration to:

- Equity and Diversity
- 21st Century Skills
- Stages of Schooling
- Achievement and Standards
- Indigenous Perspectives
- Business and Industry Standards
- Curriculum Leaders

Other considerations that will shape the Australian Curriculum include the need:

- For the curriculum to be feasible for teachers to reduce further overcrowding
- To make clear what has to be taught and learned
- To set high standards
- To build on firm foundations
- To value teachers' professional knowledge
- To reflect local contexts
- To use a strong evidence base of what works

Presently the focus of development for the Australian Curriculum is English, Maths, History and Science; however, other areas will follow. If you would like to know more about this issue information is available at www.ncb.org.au

Finally this week, I would like to wish all mothers a very happy Mothers' Day. Whilst I understand there will be the traditional and sometimes interesting breakfast in bed, I would encourage all our students who are celebrating Mothers' Day to consider something that may help to relax and rejuvenate their mothers. Perhaps a massage, a foot rub, allowing mum to watch a movie without interruption, helping her with some jobs around the house or even showing your appreciation by taking her for a walk through her favourite garden or park.

Above all, I hope you enjoy your Mothers' Day and allow your children to give you a little extra pampering.

Warm regards,

Bill Carey
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE

When calling the School Absence Line 3514 9460 please provide the following information:

- Child's name and class
- Your contact phone number
- Reason for absence
- Expected date of return to school

SCHOOL NEWS

From the Deputy's Desk...

University of New South Wales Competitions

Last week a notice went home informing parents of these competitions which Rainworth has traditionally taken part in. This year we are offering the competitions to students in Years 4-7 in the subjects of English, Maths and Science.

It appears that not many children are taking up the offer to take part in the competitions.

In previous years our students have done very well in these competitions and have been awarded many certificates. If you have not seen the note sent home regarding the UNSW Competitions or you are still considering whether to nominate your child, please consider the amount of information that you will be able to access regarding your child's efforts in the competitions. When enrolling in various high schools around Brisbane, especially the Academies, the information from the UNSW competitions is very important. All forms must be returned by tomorrow. There are extra copies available at Reception.

Regards,

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

UNSW Competitions

English, Maths and Science

This week parents of students in Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 were asked to provide confirmation and payment if they wish their child to participate in the UNSW Competitions in English, Maths and Science. The deadline for confirmation and payment is tomorrow, **Friday 8 May**.

NETBALL TRAINING

Netball training for **Junior A and B teams** will be held each Thursday at 8am on the courts. Players are encouraged to attend in preparation for their interschool games each Friday.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Holland

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tomorrow @ Tuckshop

Andrae Peltola
Kim Forrest Winchester
Anne Maree Steele
Kerry Anne Walker
11.30 Renaye Cvetkovski

HOMEBAKING
Jessica White
Kerry Anne Walker
Kim Forrest Winchester

MON 11/5	WED 13/5	FRI 15/5
Jenny Wimberger	Danielle Bartlett	Libby Versace
Linda Petfield	Rosemary Carroll	Sue Rowsell
Sarah/Jamie Fraser	Michelle Lyons	Carrie Ritchie
HOMEBAKING		Diana Neilson
Sarah/Jamie Fraser	**HOMEBAKING**	11.30 Shirley Powell
Joanna Evans	Jenny Larsen	**HOMEBAKING**
	Anna O'Brien	Libby Versace
		Carolyn Berge
		Cate Baldwin

Library News

Jackie French Visit
As you know, Jackie French is visiting our school tomorrow. We are all excited about this visit; Jackie writes great stories, many of which we have in the Library. Jackie will be signing books from 8.15am. So if you have a favourite Jackie French book from home, or you have purchased one from our offer a couple of weeks ago then come along to the Library tomorrow. Students who ordered books will receive them tomorrow.

Murder Under the Microscope
This year is going to be more of a challenge as sites in Malaysia and New Zealand have been included. The crime sites have been announced as:

- Sarawak River Malaysia
- Mahurangi River New Zealand
- Waitohi Creek New Zealand
- McArthur River Northern Territory
- Caboolture River Queensland
- Tweed River New South Wales
- Flooding Creek Victoria
- Cam River Tasmania
- Bremer River South Australia
- Lake Joonadalup Western Australia

We also have to apply for a higher level of status in team groupings. There are two levels – Rookie and Catchment Aware Investigators. We have already obtained Rookie status, which was to design a team badge; we are now working on developing a catchment profile of our own local catchment area and hope to complete this by next week. More information to come!

By the way, I have been able to track down a copy of *Launched* by J.A. Mawter. The Readers' Cup can continue!

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

CREATIVE WRITING, ILLUSTRATION, DRAMA AND FILM MAKING

During the winter school holidays the State Library of Queensland will be conducting a week-long camp for 9 to 16 year olds interested in creative writing, illustration, drama and film making.

Students will have the opportunity to workshop with professional artists and will develop their multiple literacy abilities, creative and critical thinking skills and build confidence in performance through the exploration of story, language, illustration, film making and drama.

On the final day, a showcase for family and friends will celebrate the artists' achievements during the week.

WHEN: Camp 1. Monday 29 June – Friday 3 July 9.30am – 4.00pm
Camp 2. Monday 6 July – Friday 10 July 9.30am – 4.00pm

WHERE: The Studio, level 1
State Library of Queensland
Cultural Centre, South Bank

TICKETS: $220 + booking fee (10% discount per additional sibling)

BOOKINGS: Qtix

ENQUIRIES: 3842 9059

Premier challenges students to discover books

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again and all students from Prep to Year 7 are encouraged to pick up a book and take part.

The Premier has challenged all Queensland primary students to read 20 books in 15 weeks and discover the joy of reading.

The challenge runs from 11 May until 21 August 2009. All students who meet the challenge will receive a certificate signed by the Premier.

Last year, over 60 000 students read more than one million books and the goal is to exceed this result in 2009.

Guidelines, registration details and booklists are on the Premier's Reading Challenge website at www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/

Individual readers, including home educated students, can register online now. Online registration closes 22 May.

Music News

Choral Fanfare will be held on **Wednesday 20 May** at Kedron State High School from 11am until 12.30pm.

Students are reminded to wear their formal uniform; girls in check dress, white socks, black shoes and green hair ribbons and boys in white polo shirt, grey shorts and socks and black shoes.

Students will travel to the venue by bus that will leave the school at approximately 10.30am and return at approximately 1pm. Students will only require a water bottle as they will eat morning tea prior to their departure at 10.30am.

Queensland Youth Music Awards will take place on **Tuesday 26 May** at Aspley State High School Assembly Hall from 7pm.

Again, students are to wear their formal uniforms for this event.

Transport to and from the venue is the responsibility of the student's family. An entry cost of $9 per adult applies for those wishing to attend the event. Children and performing students are free of charge. **Please note EFTPOS facilities are not available**.

On arrival students are required to assemble at 6.45pm to meet Mrs Killen and Mrs Favell.

Year 5 Junior Band will commence rehearsals next Tuesday 12 May at 11.10am in the Music Room.

Regards,

Moira Killen
Classroom Music Teacher

Italian News

LA FESTA DELLLA MAMMA
Did you know that the Ancient Romans also celebrated a kind of Mothers' Day?

Matronalia (aka Matronales Feriae) was a festival celebrating the goddess of childbirth (Juno - who brings children into the light), motherhood and of women in general. Women received gifts from their husbands and daughters and Roman husbands were expected to offer prayers for their wives.

As an interesting aside, women were also expected to prepare the meals for the household slaves who were given the day off.

Prior to the reform of the Roman calendar by Julius Caesar this occasion was also the first day of the new year (1st March).

Our modern celebration for mothers dates back to 1912 when the terms "Mothers' Day" and "Second Sunday in May" were trademarked by Anna Jarvis in the United States of America.

On this date some 70 countries around the world (including Italy and Australia) have agreed to celebrate motherhood. Some interesting exceptions are the United Kingdom and Ireland (fourth Sunday in Lent) and France (last Sunday in May).

But whatever the date, one thing we all agree we need to be saying is "*Grazie mille mamma, ti voglio tanto bene!"*

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 this Friday.

1S - Holly Roads and Alexa Stevens

1K - Cameron Woodley and Ben Roden-Cohen

2HB - Cleo Woodhouse and Thomas Woodrow

2/3M - Holly Prior and Nikolas Stanojevic

3L - Sophie Page and Zane Perkins

3PH - Lara Berge and Harry Wilson

ITALIAN CAPTAINS' AWARD
One of the most prestigious awards for students is this unique badge that incorporates the Rainworth emblem with the Italian Flag colours - introduced by last year's Italian Captains Phillipa Evans and Zoe Ormrod. The badges are awarded to students who continuously show aptitude, effort and enthusiasm in their Italian studies.

Congratulations to Jacob Chan who was awarded the Italian Captains' Award last week.

This week's assembly will see the next of these badges being presented. Who will be the worthy recipient?

BACI THOUGHT OF THE DAY
Raccontami le tue preoccupazioni; lascia che il mio bacio le da le ali.

Tell me your woes; let my kiss give them wings.

Sig Alfredo Ferranti
Italian Embassy

Rainworth P&C News

Active School Travel News

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Rainworth State School students are encouraged to pound the pavement on Friday 15 May, walking their way to better physical and mental health and cleaner air, as part of national Walk Safely to School Day.

8 000 primary schools are expected to participate in the event, which asks parents and carers to walk safely to school with their children, either all or at least part of the way. The aim is to encourage all Australian children to exercise regularly, including at least 30 minutes of walking in their daily routine. The event also aims to reduce hazardous traffic congestion and vehicle pollution around schools. For students who walk to school on Friday 15 May, there will be stickers and the chance to win a "lucky gate prize" – find out more in next week's Mirror.

For more information on Walk Safely to School Day, visit www.walk.com.au

Active School Travel Committee

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Orders must be in by **3pm MONDAY 11 MAY** and as usual are to be placed in the GREEN BOX.

PAYMENT HOUSEKEEPING: If ordering from different brochures and/or for multiple children, simply include **one cheque** for all the orders in the envelope, regardless of the number of orders/children. Also, if paying by credit card, you only need to make **one payment** to Scholastic for the whole amount of the orders, not a separate payment for each booklet/child (and you only need to write the receipt number and the total order amount on one payment slip within your order).

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Danella Perrins
Book Club Coordinator
3369 9943
danellap@ozemail.com.au

"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

Carousel rides, a jumping castle, tasty treats, fabulous coffee, a sensational sausage sizzle and a massive silent auction will be among the fun at the Fair in the Park at Bardon Community Kindy on 17 May. The fair will be open from 10am until 2pm at the kindy, 247 Simpsons Rd, Bardon (on Bowman Park). For any further information contact Robyn 0437 117 417.

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.

☐ Return **Scholastic Book Club** orders and payment **Monday 11 May**.
☐ Return **confirmation and payment** by **Friday 8 May** for students in **Years 4, 5, 6 and 7** to participate in the **UNSW Competitions** for **English, Maths** and **Science.**
☐ **School Banking** is processed every **Wednesday**.
☐ **Walk to School** next **Wednesday** and enjoy the benefits.
☐ **SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE – 3514 9460**
☐ Spread the word about the **Rainworth Open Day**.
☐ Walk to School on Friday 15 May and celebrate **WSTSD**.
☐ Get set with your **Trivia Night** plans and watch out for further information.
☐ **Check LOST PROPERTY**.
☐ **Junior A and B netballers train** each Thursday at 8.00am.