



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### OCTOBER

Fri 9 Learn to Swim Lessons and Friday Afternoon Sport begins  
Mon 19 Student Free Day  
Wed 21 P&C Meeting  
Fri 23 School Captain and Vice Captain Submissions Due  
Thur 29 Rainworth Gala Music Evening

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### Thought for the Day

"The important thing is not to stop questioning."

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)  
German-born American physicist



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the final term for the school year. I hope all families found some spare time over the vacation to enjoy with your children and recharge the batteries in preparation for this term. This term is bound to be very busy with many events and activities occurring. These include the following:

- The selection of School Leaders for 2010;
- The Gala Music Evening;
- Approval of our revised Responsible Behaviour Plan;
- The Christmas Capers Concert Thursday 3 December;
- Year 7 Graduation;
- Commencement of Budget and AOP process for 2010;
- Class groupings and organisation for 2010;
- Exploring the school data from Year 3,5 and 7 tests, Queensland Comparative Assessment Tasks and School Opinion Surveys;
- End of year reporting ; and
- Having some fun along the way.

In addition to these, there are many other activities that impact the lives of the children in our school to enhance their learning experience. These are developed from the strong school and class programs by our talented teachers and teacher aides.

*"At Rainworth, our vision for each individual is to achieve the best educational outcomes through a rich, diverse, engaging curriculum, in a happy, safe, and healthy community."*

Our Statement of Purpose is taken from our School Motto; *"Living Reflects Learning"*. In focusing on our Statement of Purpose and aspiring to achieve our "Vision", confirmation is received that whilst literacy and numeracy are very important, our community seeks to develop the whole child through rich, varied and engaging curriculum.

Over recent days I have been approached by a number of parents regarding teachers for 2010 and class placements. Presently the transfer cycle is not complete and we are still finalising our anticipated student numbers. As a result, I am not in a position to make any comments about what classes, class structures or teacher allocations to classes might look like.

However, I am presently in a position to confirm that we are expecting two new teachers to join us next year, Mr Jonathon Paige, an experienced Middle Phase of Learning teacher, and Ms Margot Mapleston who has experience in various positions including a Support Teacher Learning Difficulties Secondary.

Please also be aware that I will be issuing preference surveys to families in the near future. These should come out next week and will provide families with the opportunity to indicate some preferences around their child's placement for 2010. Please be aware that this is a consultative process and is only part of the information used to determine class placements. As a result whilst your preferences are considered as part of the process they are not guaranteed. However, having said this they do provide us with information raising our awareness on what you would like to have considered when placements are being made.

The timelines on this process will be fixed and late returns will be marked as late. Depending on the state of the process late preference returns may not be considered. Please also note that this is not an opportunity to request a teacher and class teachers are also not aware of allocations at this time.

All families are encouraged to complete these returns to provide us with the best information for making decisions. This process is a little time consuming but I generally find it useful in supporting the decision making process to achieve the best fit for students.

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This week I would like to welcome Mr John Feely and Mrs Jillian Linnane to our school. John will be teaching with us on Mrs Warner's class each Thursday. John comes to us with some good recommendations and we are looking forward to him joining our team through to the end of the year. Jillian is replacing Amy McCulloch as teacher-aide for Miss Conway's Prep class and will work on Monday and Tuesday each week. Welcome John and Jillian.

Finally please note that further in this newsletter there is information regarding the tender of our tennis coaching for next year following the departure of Coach Matt O'Shea, and information from the P&C about some public meetings concerning the proposed Telstra tower.

I look forward to an exciting final term and to catching up with many of you again over the coming weeks in our lead up to the end of the year.

Regards,

Bill Carey

PRINCIPAL



*From the Deputy's Desk...*

### 2010 School Leadership Program

The process for the selection of leaders at Rainworth has undergone an extensive review over the last few months and included the following strategies:

- Consultation with Year 6 and 7 families and students from Year 7.
- Consultation with a working group comprising staff and parent representatives.
- Consultation with the school P&C.

### What does the new process look like?

The Rainworth School Leadership Group will comprise four teams of Year 7 students. Team will have focused roles and responsibilities and will be known as:

- Community Student Welfare**
- Environment**
- Sport and Physical Activity**
- Academic and Creative Arts**

Each team will have a leader who will be a School Captain and two Vice Captains.

In nominating for a role of School Captain or Vice Captain students in Year 6 are required to achieve the following:

1. Submit a three hundred word written application detailing their team of interest and involvement in activities relating to their choice.
2. Be short-listed for a position. Only twelve students will be in the final short-list.
3. As a short-listed nominee, prepare a speech to deliver at a school assembly.
4. Achieve election to the position through a voting process which includes students from Years 5 and 6, and staff.

Students are awarded a position of Captain or Vice Captain based on their final ranking and preferences. For reasons of balance there will be two male and

two female Captains. Gender will not be a consideration for Vice Captain positions.

### How will the Leadership Teams operate?

Each team has a list of roles and responsibilities focusing on a particular area. These will be modified and enhanced as we settle into this new process and structure. The School Captains and Vice Captains will take responsibility for building the team and taking care of specific tasks. Other Year 7 students who wish to take on a leadership role will be included in a team that appeals to them.

### When will the process commence?

Year 6 students who wish to nominate for a School Captain or Vice Captain position are required to submit their three hundred word application by **Friday 23 October**. These nominees will be interviewed by a panel comprising administration and teaching staff on **Friday 30 October**.

A detailed information session about the leadership selection process will be delivered to all Year 6 students tomorrow, Friday 9 October.

### 2010 BOOK PACK LISTS

A new system for the purchase of book pack items will be trialled for 2010. This process features some innovative and convenient changes for parents.

For next year's book list requirements parents will be able to access a web-based facility that will allow them to order only those items that their child specifically needs.

Payments can be processed online and packs are able to be delivered to your home address or that of a neighbour or friend.

A delivery fee of \$5.95 applies per delivery address regardless of the number of packs delivered to that address. Delivery is NOT available at the school.

Order forms will be available from the school if you choose not to order online. Payments will NOT be accepted at the school.

The dates supplied for home delivery are: Monday 4 January to Sunday January 10, 2010.

Please watch this space for more information that will be published in coming weeks.

### Friday Afternoon Interschool Sport

This activity resumes on Friday 9 October for students in Years 5 – 7. Students will play the summer sport they chose and played during first term. The season runs for six weeks and is detailed below:

SPORT	TRANSPORT	COSTS	
Year 7 Boys Cricket	Yes, \$6.50 per week	Nil	
Softball T-Ball	Yes, \$6.50 per week	Nil	
Beach Volleyball	Yes, \$6.50 per week	Court	Hire \$3.50
Futsal	Yes, \$6.50 per week	Court	hire \$4.50
Diamond Cricket	Yes, \$6.50 per week	Nil	
Theatre Sports	Nil	\$6.50	

### State Gymnastics Championships

Over the holidays the State Gymnastics Championships were held in Caloundra. Congratulations to the following Rainworth students who participated:

*Artistic Gymnastics (representing Western Districts Youth Club)*

- Sienna Woodhouse
- Scarlett St George
- Sienna Quinn
- Erin Craig
- Kate Breeding

*Rhythmic Gymnastics (representing Queensland Rhythmic Gymnastics Association)*

- Inez Ormrod
- Peggy Tamone

These girls achieved second and third in their Trio and Group routines. Congratulations!

### Learn to Swim Program Years 1-3

Students in Years 1-3 will participate in this program at Milton State School.

Lessons commence tomorrow, Friday 9 October, and will continue each Friday until Friday 13 November.

The cost of this activity will be included in Term Costs and includes transport and professional coaching costs.

Students will be transported by bus, the first group will leave at 9.00am followed by other groups throughout the morning.

Please ensure your children have the following items each Friday:

- Bathers, sunshirt and towel
- Swim cap (compulsory)
- Sun screen
- Shoes that are easy to remove

Children may come to school with their bathers on under their uniforms and remove their uniforms at the pool. Otherwise children will need to change into bathers at the pool. Please pack underwear in a plastic bag.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

### ❖ DATE CHANGES ❖

It has been necessary to make further changes to accommodate commitments. Thank you for your continued patience! The new dates are:

**JUNIOR CARNIVAL**                      **Friday 20 November**  
**SENIOR CARNIVAL**                      **Friday 4 December**

Regards,

Stephen Stocker  
Deputy Principal

### FINANCE NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that your holidays were a welcome break from the term time routine.

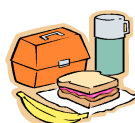
A reminder letter to those families with outstanding fees will be posted tomorrow. Payment for those outstanding fees is DUE IMMEDIATELY.

Term 4 Fee Statements will be distributed to students next week. I will include a Schedule of all the excursions/activities for all year levels in next week's newsletter. The Schedule is designed to inform you of the term's activities so that you can plan in advance.

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

Katrina Mitchell  
Business Services Manager



## TUCKSHOP NEWS

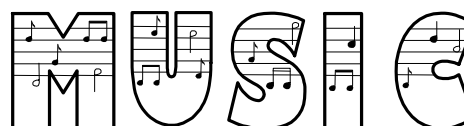
### Tomorrow @ Tuckshop

Delia O'Brien  
 Julie Preece  
 Carolyn Smith

HOMEBAKING  
 Fiona Smiles  
 Carolyn Berge  
 Michelle Lyons  
 Rosie Nutley

Monday 12/10	Wednesday 14/10	Friday 16/10
Jennifer Ainsworth	Kirsty Prior	Libby Versace
Melanie Wright	Michaela Butterworth	Birgit Richards
Rosemary Carroll	Michelle Lyons	Sarah Willmott
HOMEBAKING	HOMEBAKING	Kristine Palm
Jennifer Ainsworth	Sarah Willmott	11.30 Kirsten Robertson
Kristy Crome	Libby Versace	

Please find enclosed the Term 4 Menu noting changes to the availability and cost of some items. A Roster has also been included for the remainder of Term 4.



### YEAR 4 BAND RECRUITMENT

This process has commenced and students have now been tested on mouthpieces, given a brief demonstration and talk about the program, and completed their Music Aptitude Tests. Notes have been sent home with students outlining the program and expressions of interest from parents are due for return now. Offers will be made next week, and there will be an information evening at The Gap State School the following week.

### Year 5 and 6 Band Instrument Returns

Students who have borrowed a school instrument for use during the year are reminded that these are to be returned to school on Tuesday 10 November.

Kylie Moorhouse  
Instrumental Band Teacher

### Rainworth Gala Music Evening

This annual event will be held at The Peter Doherty Theatre (Indooroopilly State High School) on Thursday 29 October commencing at 6.30pm. All musical groups will perform at this event, so please

mark the date in your diaries. More information will be provided in coming weeks. Parents who would like to assist with various duties on the evening are welcome to email me at [mkill3@eg.edu.au](mailto:mkill3@eg.edu.au). I'd love to hear from you! Each year we collect donations for a Gourmet Hamper that is raffled on the evening. I will place a basket in the front office in which to leave your donations.

**Ignatian's Musical Society** is currently staging an absolutely outstanding production of *Les Mis* at the Schonell Theatre, UQ. The performance has been so well received it has been extended. The show will run until 16 October and bookings can be made by phoning 3371 2751.

#### **Education Queensland Choral Fanfare 2009 Gala Concert**

This concert will include performances from the regional winners of local Choral Fanfare heats from around South-East and Central Queensland. Representatives include choirs from Beaudesert, Benowa, Norville, Silkstone and Warrigal State Schools and Centenary, Kenmore, Sunshine Beach and Toowoomba State High Schools. As well there will be a massed choir performance and participating Gold Award Choirs, conducted by Gary Holley.

The Gala Concert will be held Monday 12 October, in the main auditorium at Brisbane City Hall, and will commence at 7.00pm. There is no admission fee.

Regards,

Moira Killen  
Classroom Music Teacher

## **Library News**

### **Coaldrake's Book Fair**

It is hard to believe that it is already Term 4 and our last fair for the year is upon us. Coaldrake's Book Fair is an annual event we all look forward to. This is a fair for the whole family, as we have an adults section as well as books for children. It is a great way to start your Christmas shopping.

Our **Family Evening** will be happening again, this time with a difference. As well as story reading for the children, we will be having a parent information event at the same time. **Joy Lawn**, children's book specialist and a judge at this year's CBCA Book Awards, will be speaking about what is new and exciting in children's literature and for the different age groups.

**When:** 9-10 November

**Where:** Multi-purpose room

**Family Evening:** Monday 9 November from 6-8pm

**Events: Story reading** (Library) 6.30-7.15pm

**Parent Information Session** (MPR) 6.30-7.30pm

Children may attend the parent information session or join in the story reading which will be supervised by Library staff. More details to follow closer to time, so please put these dates and times into your calendar. We recommend Joy's session, as we have attended many of her talks and found them very informative. An RSVP will be attached to the next copy of the Mirror.

Read on!

Jane-Marie Butler & Paula Potter  
Teacher-Librarians

## **TENNIS COACHING CONTRACT 2010**

Tenders are called for a Tennis Coaching Contract at Rainworth State School for 2010.

Rainworth State School has a vacancy for a tennis coach in our tennis coaching program for 2010. This program is attached to our Tennis Club which is run by the Rainworth P&C Association. We are calling for Tenders, in writing, to be received by The Principal on or before Friday 30 October 2009.

Tenders need to address the following criteria:

1. Operating Proposal, including management of staff absences and replacement process;
2. Communication strategy between the tennis coach and Rainworth State School;
3. Qualifications of staff including blue card;
4. First Aid Policy;
5. Proposed hours of business;
6. Fee for Service;
7. Proposed remuneration package for use of school facilities;
8. Acceptance of Education Queensland's terms and conditions as detailed in the Lease Agreement; and
9. Any further details that you consider relevant to the Tender.

To obtain a copy of the Lease Agreement, please contact the office on 3514 9444.

Please mark Tenders "Private and Confidential" and forward to:

The Principal,  
Rainworth State School,  
185 Boundary Road,  
BARDON, Q. 4069

Or Email to: [info@rainworthss.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@rainworthss.eq.edu.au)

All Tenders must be received by close of business Friday 30 October 2009.

## **Rainworth P&C News**



### **ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL NEWS**

#### **Footloose Friday**

Welcome back to another term of active travel at Rainworth. As well as continuing our Walking Wheeling Wednesdays, we will be introducing an extra travel day – Footloose Friday! There will be some special prizes to be won; so why not add a Footloose walk on Friday to your weekly active travel routine?

#### **Hop on the Walking School Bus!**

Don't forget that Rainworth's two Walking School Buses will soon start walking. 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 available from the school office. For more information please contact Helen Jeremy at [handmjer@yahoo.com](mailto:handmjer@yahoo.com).

**Two Minute Zone – attention all drivers**  
Can all parents and carers make a special effort to use the two-minute zone near Boundary Road gates as a 'pick up and go' zone only and not for parking? Please arrive a bit later so your child's already in the zone. The school wouldn't like to receive more complaints about our behaviour on the roads as this would mean that traffic officers would be required to attend and monitor traffic.

**Why is it that in Europe telecommunication towers are not allowed within 300 metres of a sensitive site, like a school?**

Be informed about telecommunication towers. There is a Community Meeting being run by MPs, speakers on health, planning and information regarding telecommunication towers.

**When:** Thursday 8 October  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Where:** Multi-Purpose Room

**Come along - make an informed decision - and be armed with questions that Telstra should be answering. Thanks!**

At the September meeting the P&C voted to lodge a formal complaint against the proposed tower. Members decided that if there was any doubt at all about the health risks to our children then we do not want a tower within 300 metres of our school. I encourage you to support the Rainworth community by attending the meeting tonight.

Sandra Boland  
P&C President

*A Play in the Park for Preps*

It's time to catch up!

Friday 16 October from 3pm at Rainworth Park (Haining Street). BYO drinks and plate of afternoon tea to share. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Milton State School Fair – on the Green**

is being held in Gregory Park on Saturday 10 October. Come and join the celebrations of Milton State School's 120 year anniversary with rides, performances, auctions, market stalls, food, drinks and loads of family entertainment from 11am – 5pm.



- Pay outstanding Term Costs.
- Years 1-3 Learn to Swim Lessons commence tomorrow.
- Friday Afternoon Interschool Sport commences tomorrow.
- SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE**

– 3514 9460

- Check **LOST PROPERTY**.
- Note Date Changes to Swimming Carnivals.

Year 4 Band Recruitment Expressions of Interest due now.

**INDRO TOUR** **INDOOROOPILLY STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

See our school at work

Monday 23 November 2009 1:30pm Ward Street, Indooroopilly

Join us to talk with students, parents and staff about our world class curriculum, including the International Baccalaureate, Spanish Immersion and Chinese Acceleration programs.

Tour our facilities, meet our community and see our students engaged in everyday studies.

*A community of forward thinkers* ▶▶

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**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.

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