



NEWSLETTER

Rainbow P-12 College is a Child Safe School

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Principal's Report from Mr Coffey

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WELCOME BACK!!

Welcome, especially to our 6 new families for the 2021 school year. I trust everyone had a restful break and a chance to do the things that they enjoy. From the laughter, chatter and smiles yesterday everyone was thrilled to see each other.

We welcome some new students to our school community and encourage them to make the most of the opportunities the College provides.

A big Rainbow hello to Jurie, Yosha, Tanner, Hayden, Nate, Noah, Evie and Elsie as our new Preps, Harry, Callum and Odin in Year 3, Taylor in Year 4, James in Year 5, Maggie in Year 6 and Faith and Amelie in Year 7. We are extremely fortunate to be able to retain our highly professional workforce and have also an ex-student Hayley Eckermann, working with our team in an Education Support role.

We are set to have another successful year with our 114 students, supportive parents and dedicated staff.

Note(s)

As it is the start of the new school year, there are many permission forms we need to have completed, in order to meet our regulatory obligations. This week all families will receive at least 1 printed newsletter which will have a number of important attachments which will need to be read, signed and returned.

This year we will be adding parents and students to our Compass platform, which we hope, will alleviate a lot of the paper communication that currently occurs.

Mobile Phone Policy

In accordance with the Department's Mobile Phone Policy issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at school during school hours, including lunchtime and recess.

Our school procedure to support the Student Mobile Phone Policy requires that students "surrender" their mobile phone immediately on arrival to school and collect their phone at the end of the school day.

In order to model the appropriate use of mobile phones all staff have been instructed not to use mobile phones for any reason during their classes and to use them only in either the social staff room or the staff work area when they are not on duty.

2021 Calendar

February

Week 3

Tues 9 Student Awards Presentation
Year 10 to 12
(time to be confirmed)

Fri 12 Rainbow P-12 Swimming sports

Week 4

Tues 16 Pancake day at R P12
(School only) funds raised to CFA

Fri 19 SM Cluster Swim at Hopetoun
Year 12 English study day

March

Week 6

Tue 2 Little Desert Swim

Week 7

Mon 8 Labour day holiday

Tue 9 to Fri 12 VCAL Job Camp

Week 8

Fri 19 GWR Swim
Flourish Girl & Man Cave

Week 9

Tue 23 Senior Aths

Thur 25 School Photos

Principals report continued.....

Keeping Cool

A refrigerator for all students to keep their recess and lunch in, is available just inside the junior building double doors.

Sincerely Grateful

On behalf of all of the staff and students of our school I would like to thank everyone, especially Veronica and Denis Huff for the time and effort in preparing the grounds prior to the commencement of school this week.

Visitors to the School

All parents, carers, contractors and visitors to the school, irrespective of reason, need to come to the general office to sign in or deliver goods. For safety and security purposes we need to know who is on school grounds at all times.

Camps and Excursions Payment

Many thanks to our families who pay in full for the Essential Learning Items and Optional items each year. We strive to keep the costs down for our families by providing text books, software licences etc. at no cost. Unfortunately at the end of last year we still had around \$5,000 in unpaid fees. In order to avoid this situation this year all school excursions and camps will need to be fully paid before the student participates.

School Council/Parents & Friends

The next School Council Meeting will be Monday the 8th of February at 7:30pm and Parents & Friends will meet on Tuesday the 5th of February at 10:00 am.

School Uniform

Please ensure that students are in correct school uniform each day.

Short shorts & active wear are not school uniform.

Our uniform shop stocks all sizes and styles to suit students,

If you require school uniform please contact the office.

School Term Dates for 2021

Thursday 28th January to Thursday 1st April.

Monday 19th April to Friday 25th June.

Monday 12th July to Friday 17th September.

Monday 4th October to Friday 17th December.

School bags and hats

If you are in need of a school bag or hat they are available to purchase from the office.



Wanted

Donations of agapanthus for the school garden.

If you have some, please contact Mrs Huff at the College.



Introducing the Prep class of 2021



Nate with his parents & sister



Noah with his parents



Evie with her mum



Elsie with her parents



Yosha & Jurie with their parents & brother



Tanner & his mum


Welcome



Hayden with his parents & brother

Canteen 2021

The canteen is opened again and operating days are Monday, Wednesday & Fridays.

If students require a lunch order the senior students order before school starts outside Ms Clarke's office and the junior students will have white bags sent home for you to write the student's name on along with the order and place the correct money in the bag. Senior students collect their orders from the canteen and junior students have theirs delivered to junior lunch area.

Can you please fill in the Canteen roster preference and return it to the office? All families will be rostered on for canteen duty.

On Monday & Wednesday we will only require one parent and two parents on the Friday shift.

We will monitor the orders and make changes if needed at the end of the first term.

If you are unable to do your canteen duty you can choose to pay an emergency worker or arrange a swap with another person on the roster.

Canteen Emergency Workers

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Tammy Bigham (M, W, F) | 0427820684 |
| Debbie Lowe (M,F) | 0488115973 |
| Samantha Smith (M,W,F) | 0431152327 |
| Lauren Heinrich (Wednesdays only) | 0459363319 |
| Kim Kajewski (Fridays only) | 0448352251 |

Milkshakes

Junior school students are able to order a milkshake on canteen days.

Cost is \$4.00

Please write your order on a white lunch bag, enclose the correct money and have the order in when the lunch bags are collected each morning.

The milkshakes will be delivered to the junior building at lunchtime.

2021 Canteen Roster

March continued

Mon 22 C. Stasinowsky
Wed 24 R. Bastin
Fri 26 R. Keller/Roschelle Clugston

Mon 1 Sharon Smith
Wed 3 K. Preston
Fri 5 J. Thomas

Term 1

Feb

Mon 1 C.Petschel
Wed 3 C. Cocks
Fri 5 T. Bigham/ A. Roberts

Mon 8 Labour day holiday
Wed 10 Renee Clugston
Fri 12 N. Eckermann/ L. Heinrich

Mon 8 G. O'Halloran
Wed 10 N. Leach
Fri 12 Swimming sports

Mon 15 B. Eckermann
Wed 17 A. Ey
Fri 19 S. Clark/F. Czuczman

Mon 15 E. Eckermann
Wed 17 J. Fuller
Fri 19 S. Cocks/ T. Tregenza

Mon 22 E. Clarke
Wed 24 L. Jochinke
Fri 26 T. Gould/ E. Lester

Mon 29 A. Riordan
Wed 31 D. Camilleri

Wellbeing Action Teams (WBAT)

We are hoping to re-establish the Wellbeing Action Team in 2021.

This team is made up of students, parents and staff who meet once a term (or when the need arises) to discuss ideas and issues focusing on the school's approach to wellbeing. We are looking for some enthusiastic and proactive parents and students to join the team so that we can keep the very important issue of wellbeing at the forefront of our thinking.

Attached to our newsletter is the Rainbow P-12 College's **Be You** commitment to supporting and promoting positive mental health.



A mentally healthy learning community

Our Statement of Commitment

We are committed to supporting the children, young people, staff and families within our learning community achieve their best possible mental health. Through our focus on continuous improvement and our policies and practices, we work towards building and maintaining a positive, inclusive and resilient learning community for all.



Name: Rainbow P-12 College

Be You Learning Community: Rainbow Well-being Action Team

Signature: _____

Date: 28th January 2021



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Our Statement of Commitment



Rainbow P-12 College

is committed to improving the mental health and wellbeing of the children, young people, families and staff within our learning community.

We are committed to ensuring every member of our learning community feels a sense of belonging and connectedness.

We acknowledge that children and young people often experience varying states of mental health and have differing past and current experiences.

We are committed to reducing stigma and discrimination about mental health and promote inclusion, healthy relationships and resilience. Through modelling positive behaviours and practices, the leadership team is committed to championing and promoting mental health knowledge in our practices, policies, planning and decision-making.

We will empower our children and young people to express their feelings, support one another and seek help. We will respond mindfully and within its professional boundaries, considering appropriate referrals for care to support children and young people with mental health needs.

We promote the importance of self-care to all community members and support people experiencing issues by encouraging them to talk openly and seek help.

We are committed to continuous and sustainable improvement, which we will demonstrate through planning, action and review of our progress.

We acknowledge this is a collective responsibility and are committed to building the capacity of all staff to support our children and young people to achieve their best possible mental health.

Our commitment is based on:

- understanding protective and risk factors that affect mental health within our learning community, which are diverse across developmental stages and population groups
- creating and maintaining authentic partnerships with families and community services so we can all work together to support the children and young people in our learning community
- using appropriate learning strategies that support wellbeing and resilience
- ensuring everyone in our learning community has the knowledge, experience and structures in place to support those experiencing mental health issues
- always maintaining a focus on positive mental health, even during difficult times.

Name: **Rainbow P-12 College**

Be You Learning Community: **Rainbow Well-being Action Team**

Signature: _____

Date: **28th January 2021**



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Permission forms 2021

Please read the following information that follows and return the relevant sheets.

Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Medication at School & Allergy forms

If your child/children have Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Allergic reactions or requires medication at school , a management plan is required to be filled out. If your child/children require medication at school a medication authority form is also required to be filled out and returned to the College.

If you require any of the above forms please contact Leonie Clarke at the school office.

Permission for local, in town excursions **(eg. Pool, street, oval, West's paddock etc)**

I give permission for my child/children

To participate in any local excursions within town during the 2020 school year.

Parent signature_____

Privacy Form 2021

Please fill in this form and return it if you **DO NOT give your permission**

I do not give permission for my child/children's

work, photo and name to be published in such places as deemed appropriate by the school for the purposes of public relations for the school and also encouragement for students.

Parent signature _____

ACCESS TO STUDENTS

Purpose

This form, when completed and returned to the school will remain in force until revoked by completing an alternate form.

Allow the named persons access to your child, disallow any unnamed person access to your child whilst in the care of the school.

Student

Who has legal custody? Female Parent / Guardian _____

Male Parent / Guardian _____

Besides the above named legal parent(s) / guardian(s), who else do you want to have access to your child?

Names

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

Please circle appropriate response

Yes / No – If your spouse rings the school, does he / she have permission for details about your child's progress or a written report from the school on your child's progress.

Yes / No – If your spouse arrives unannounced at the school, does he / she have permission to:
Speak with your child / Remove your child from the school.

Unauthorised persons on the School grounds

All persons should obtain permission from the principal to be on school grounds.

No unauthorised person is permitted in classrooms or access to students until first receiving permission from the Principal.

If any person besides the above named persons are to have access to your child, notification, usually a written note will be required.

Signed _____ (legal parent / guardian) Date _____

Received _____ Principal Date _____



Primary Laptop/iPad Protocol 2021 Acceptable Use Agreement

As a student at the Rainbow P-12 School participating in the current notebook program I will:

- Ensure my laptop is always fully charged each day (plugged in at the end of every day)
- Not damage or mark my laptop/iPad in anyway
- Not share my password with anyone
- Carry my laptop/iPad with 2 hands
- Not personalise my laptop/iPad in anyway
- Not change any of the settings on the laptop/iPad
- Not remove any of the school labeling
- Not allow any other student to use my laptop/iPad (without your teacher's permission)
- Not download or upload any inappropriate images or files
- Not download any file which is subject to copyright
- Only use the internet when appropriate
- Use the internet appropriately
- Accept that any damages to a school owned device may be charged to the family.

NOTE: This protocol may change during the school year.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date

*By signing this you are agreeing to all the terms and conditions and may receive charges from Rainbow P-12 for any damage to a school owned device.



Senior Student Laptop Protocol 2021 Acceptable Use Agreement

As a student at the Rainbow P-12 School participating in the current notebook program I will:

- Ensure my laptop is always fully charged each day (plugged in at the end of every day)
- Not share my password with anyone
- Not allow any other student to use my laptop/iPad (without a teacher's permission)
- Not download or upload any inappropriate images or files
- Not download any file which is subject to copyright
- Only use the internet when appropriate
- Use the internet appropriately

NOTE: This protocol may change during the school year.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date

*By signing this you are agreeing to all the terms and conditions and may receive charges from Rainbow P-12 for any damage to a school owned device.

If you have not already filled this form in
please complete this one.



Student Code of Conduct

All students are expected to follow these guidelines:

Students will:

- use the school character strengths as the foundation of everything they do: **Optimism, Zest, Grit, Social Intelligence, Gratitude, Curiosity and Self-Control.**
- be polite and respectful in their dealings with all members of the Rainbow P-12 College community. Follow the Student Code of Conduct, as set out in the diaries.
- attend school every day, unless a written note or a medical certificate is provided to explain their absence.
- be punctual to class and school. Students who are late to class will be asked to make up the lost time in a Detention with the relevant classroom teacher at either Recess or Lunch.
- Students are to wait in a quiet and orderly manner outside the classroom and only enter when instructed to do so by a teacher.
- listen carefully to instructions and follow instructions.
- come to school with a fully charged laptop.
- use the diary to write down due dates for homework and as a means of communication.
- leave the classrooms neat and tidy.
- submit work by due dates.
- wear the appropriate Rainbow P-12 College school uniform.

Students will NOT:

- prevent others from learning. Students who do not comply with this requirement will follow three step process. First they will be given a warning, then moved to another seat, then removed from class.
- leave the school grounds without written permission from their parent or guardian.

Student signature

Student name

Mrs. Colleen Petschel

Parent signature

Parent name

Mr. Alan Coffey



Friday 29th January, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Rainbow P-12 College is continuing with its Facebook page in 2021 promoting the College to the wider community. The main purpose of this page is for promotion, publicity and to inform every one of the exciting things happening within the College.

All notes, questions, concerns or communication to staff regarding your child(ren) still need to be directed to the College on (03) 53 951 063.

The College wants to make sure that we are protecting all staff, students, volunteers etc and we are doing so through the *Internet and ICT Policy*. However, we would like to receive extra permission from Parents/Guardians to recognise, celebrate or to mention your child(ren)s name or photograph on the Facebook page.

Please read and sign the permission slip below authorising that you **DO** or **DO NOT** allow Rainbow P-12 College to post pictures of your child and/or mention their name on their Facebook page.

Any further questions regarding Rainbow P-12 College's Facebook page, please contact the College.

Kind regards,

Miss Nadia Wedding
Publicity Officer

Mr Alan Coffey
Rainbow P-12 Principal

Rainbow P-12 College Facebook Permission Form

I **DO** / **DO NOT** (please circle) give permission for my child(ren) for the following:

to be photographed during school activities and have their photos posted on the Rainbow P-12 College Facebook page

have their name mentioned with or without an accompanying photo of them participating in any school related activities.

| Childs Name | Year/Grade Level |
|-------------|------------------|
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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / 2021

2021 Canteen Price List

Sandwiches

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Vegemite | 2.00 |
| Cheese | 3.00 |
| Egg | 3.00 |
| Meat & Pickle | 3.00 |
| Meat | 3.00 |
| Meat & Cheese | 3.50 |
| Meat & Tomato | 3.50 |
| Cheese & Tomato | 3.50 |
| Cheese & Lettuce | 3.50 |
| Egg & Lettuce | 3.50 |
| Meat, Cheese, Tomato | 4.00 |
| Plain Salad | 4.00 |
| Cheese & Salad | 4.50 |
| Meat & Salad | 4.50 |
| Meat, Cheese & Salad | 5.00 |
| Chicken Sandwich | 4.00 |
| Chicken, cheese & salad sandwich | 5.00 |

Rolls

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Plain Salad | 4.50 |
| Cheese & Salad | 4.50 |
| Meat & Salad | 4.50 |
| Meat, Cheese & Salad | 5.00 |
| Chicken, Cheese & Salad | 5.50 |
| Vegemite | 3.00 |
| Cheese & Vegemite | 3.50 |
| Cheese & Bacon Roll (Fri) | 1.50 |

Wraps made at the bakery

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| Ham, cheese & tomato, mayo | 6.00 |
| Chicken, lettuce, cheese & mayo | 6.00 |

Hot Food

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| Pizzas - Hawaiian, Supreme, BBQ | 3.00 |
| Chicken Pie | 5.00 |
| Bushman's Pie | 5.00 |
| Plain Pie | 4.50 |
| Curry Pie | 4.60 |
| Pizza Pie | 4.60 |
| Potato Pie | 4.60 |
| Steak & Mushroom | 5.00 |
| Steak & Bacon | 4.60 |
| Steak & Onion | 4.60 |
| Pastie | 4.50 |
| Sausage Roll | 3.50 |
| Party pasties | 1.70 |
| Party Pie | 1.70 |
| Sauce | .20 |
| Noodles (not avail for Junior school) | 2.50 |

Other

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Pink Biscuits | 2.30 |
| Lemon or Jam Tarts | 2.20 |
| Apple Cakes | 2.80 |
| Eclairs | 3.40 |
| Matchstick | 3.40 |
| Lamington/ Jelly cakes- no cream | 2.80 |
| (Mon only) | |
| with cream | 3.40 |
| Hedgehog | 2.80 |
| Jam Donuts | 2.80 |
| Large Iced Donuts | 3.20 |

Milkshakes

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| Junior school to order on lunch bag | 4.00 |
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From Belinda Eckermann Rainbow Innovation Centre



RICSAA Launch

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Dear Parents,

You are invited to the official launch of the Rainbow Innovation Centre; Supporting All Abilities Incorporated. This launch will be held at the Oasis, 30 Bow Street, Rainbow on **February 2nd**, with official proceedings and catering starting from **11:30am**.

The program for the day will begin at 10am, with a selection of art activities, gardening, music or catering assistance. There will be paperwork available about the centre, what we can offer, and future plans. Mentors will also be on site to speak with.

At 11:30 Ange Clarke from Where There's a Will, will deliver a meaningful statement via video link, followed by other guest speakers. Certificates will be awarded by the Innovation Centres President, to specific participants who have assisted in getting the centre to where it is today.

Following this official ceremony, you are welcome to mingle and enjoy food catered by Woodbine and enjoy a walk through the newly planted sensory garden.

At **3:45** school aged participants are invited to attend the Innovation Centre and explore their abilities through creative activities. Parents of these students are encouraged to attend during the day's launch to gain a better understanding of how we can help their child. All mentors and helpers working during the children's session will have a current Working with Children certificate.

From February 1-14, there will be an exhibition of works from participants and images from the development of the centre, on display at the Turbo Gallery. Please find some time during those two weeks to see what abilities these participants are bringing to the centre already.