DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, 17 September - Student Council Free Dress Day – gold coin donation
- Friday, 18 September - Ball Games Carnival
- Qld Cricket Clinic – free
- Swimming Forms & Payment Due
- End of Term 3
- Public holiday
- Monday, 5 October
- Tuesday, 6 October - School resumes for Term 4
- Wednesday, 14 October - The Caves’ Educators Day
- Monday, 19 October - Student Free Day – Staff Professional Development Day
- Tuesday 20 – Friday, 23 October - 4-6 Kinchant Dam Camp
- Thursday, 22 October - P&C Meeting 9:00am in MPB (followed by Asbestos Training)

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL
This week, we are embracing our school motto and looking at how each of us can demonstrate *Nothing But The Best*.

- Never give up
- Believe in yourself
- Take a chance
- Be the BEST you can be

In every situation in life, there can only be one person who is the best – the smartest, the fastest, the most talented, the strongest, the most creative - but that doesn’t mean that everyone else is not a winner.

Everyone who demonstrates their personal best, as well as all of our other school values is a winner each and every day.

MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS
The key learning time for children is in the morning and after first break. In view of this, we would be grateful if parents could make appointments during school holidays, after school or from 2:00 where possible.

TOY FUNDRAISER
All orders are due in by this Friday, 18 September.
RAINBOW AWARDS

**Blue**
Bradley Dinsdale

**Indigo**
Mia Peterson
Travis Richards
Marcus Robson
Lachlan Sutton
Joseph Boswood
Adrian Hill

**Violet**
Annie Boswood
Kallum Hick
Ava Hinchliffe
Evan Peff
Jack Kingston
Aeryon Schuh
Jace Smith

**Violet**
Ciana Furnell-Hall
Chardonnay Hick
Shonate Peterson
Cienna Joyner
Mackenzie Rolfe
Breanna Larsen

LOST PROPERTY
Please make sure you check the Lost Property basket on the veranda outside the office before the end of the term for any items that might have been misplaced.

Anything remaining in the basket after Friday, 18 September will be donated to a charity bin.

PARKING
Please consider safety for students. Please **do not** park adjacent to the school footpath on Rossmoya Road, also **do not** park in the School Bus parking zones or turning circle. There is also parking available in the Lions Park off Barmoya Road.

Parents and carers are reminded to walk their children to or collect their children from the front gate, rather than have them walk alone. This area is busy at drop off and pick up times and many children are not conscious of road safety and how hard it is for them to be seen when they walk across the road.

Also, with swimming beginning immediately after the holidays, please be aware that the larger buses we will be using need the full turning circle when departing. As such, please do not park on or near the bitumen in the turning circle, as the buses cannot be held up when departing our school in the afternoon.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
Thank you to everyone who supported our disco on Friday night. We made a profit of $422! Well done to all of the Year 5&6 students and Ms Dean who organised the disco, and thank you to the teachers and teacher aides for supervising and assisting on the night.

The student council will be selling slushies at first break after the Ball Games Carnival on Friday for $1.50 each.

LOST PROPERTY
A ring was found from the school disco last Friday night. If you are missing it, please see the office to identify and claim.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the recipients of last term’s Nothing But The Best awards who displayed Doing Your Best: Joey Snowdon, Shonate Peterson & Cloe Letts.

Thank you to everyone who has made Term 3 so enjoyable. It is traditionally a tiring and stressful term in schools, but by working together and keeping the lines of communication open, it has been extremely enjoyable, and rewarding.

I hope all of our families have a safe and relaxing holiday – Term 4 is extra busy with swimming, reporting, Presentation Night, and all the usual craziness of the last 10 weeks of the year.

Keep an eye out for our Term 4 calendar with our next newsletter.

Yours in education,

Sandra Porter
Principal

BALL GAMES

Our Ball Games Carnival is on Friday, 18 September from 9:00 – 10:45. Children may wear house colours and will need hats and a water bottle. The rest of the day will be a normal school day. Parents and friends are invited to attend to cheer on the teams. All children will compete in events that have been selected based on the developmental age of each competing group.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Childhood is a time of growth and development and nutritional needs should come from a wide variety of foods including vegetables, fruits, wholegrain breads and cereals, lean meats and dairy foods. Healthy eating is important to maximise the learning, concentration and academic performance of children at school.

A child will consume approximately one third of their daily nutritional requirements through eating recess and lunch. Parents and caregivers are responsible for providing their children with nutritious, safe and interesting foods in the lunchbox.

Please make sure that your child has enough food for first and second break and remind them that they need to leave something to eat for second break every day. On tuckshop days, we do not allow the children to leave food that they purchased at first break to eat at second break as there is no way to store the food safely, so they may need to order food for both breaks.

We also do not allow the sharing of food, for a variety of reasons. Children may suffer from food allergies and a child might not know the ingredients of another child’s food. Many parents and carers like to track what their child is eating, or know that their child is eating the food that they have provided.

If your child has food in their lunchbox that they don’t want to eat, they are expected to take it home so that you are aware of this.
Good readers often stop to think about if what they are reading makes sense. They make sure they understand what is happening in the story or what the selection they are reading is about.

If meaning breaks down during a story, good readers have strategies to go back and fix the problem. Some strategies a reader may use to assist in making sense of a story include: summarize text, go back and adjust the reading rate, reread text while thinking carefully, skim and scan the selection to gain meaning, or ask for help.

Readers who monitor their own reading know and use these specific strategies when meaning breaks down and fix their reading to improve their comprehension.

Your child is working on the comprehension strategy, monitor and fix up. This strategy will help your child identify when meaning breaks down and will give him/her tools necessary to regain comprehension.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. When reading with your child, stop periodically and ask your child, “Does this make sense?” If not, ask your child what he/she could do to help gain understanding of what is being read.

2. Read to your child and model what it sounds like when you stop to monitor your reading. Let him/her hear the process you go through. Ask yourself the following questions: Who is this story about? What is happening in the story? What is the author trying to tell me? Let your child hear you answer the questions and go through the process of monitoring your comprehension.

3. Ask your child to create a list of his/her favourite fix up strategies. Remind your child to use these strategies when meaning breaks down. The goal is to coach your child to monitor comprehension and use the strategies until they become a habit.
**GLENMORE HOMESTEAD HOEDOWN**

**Friday 9th October**

**6pm**

Glenmore Homestead

**Admission $30**

Come along for a night of Bush Dancing and a good old fashioned meal.

Mint Auction + Multi-Draw Raffle + Games + Giveaways

Tickets on sale now from Rockhampton Special School.

Phone 4937 1183 or 0412 477 312

Get in early to avoid disappointment

**Rockhampton Special School P&C**

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**TROOPPO DAY**

**WHAT IS TROOPPO DAY?**

Troppo Day is held on the last Friday of each month by our local businesses to celebrate everything that’s great about our shire. The next one will also be incorporating a basic School Holiday Scavenger Hunt – 25th Sept 2015. It is free to participate in the fun, and you could win one of 2 vouchers – from Causeway Lake Boat Hire (Non-motorised hire) or Cooeebee Park Wildlife Sanctuary.

Entry forms and simple instructions can be picked up from the foyer of the customer service centre in both Yeppoon (91 Normanby St) and the Rock (11 Hill St) Library.

Participants have until 4pm on the day to complete and enter into the draw to win.

For more information please Phone: 4915 3200 or E Mail engagement@eventslivinston.qld.gov.au

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC**

**A Spring Soiree**

**in aid of drought stricken families**

**in Central Western Queensland**

at The Caves showgrounds pavilion

**on Saturday, 10 October**

**commencing at 1:30 pm**

**Cost: $10**

- Prize for most attractive spring outfit
- Delicious home-made afternoon tea
- Entertainment
- Competitions
- Lucky Door
- Multi-draws and money boards

*Bookings essential*  
**RSVP by 3 October**

to Joan Miller Ph: 4934 2547  
or Carol Robinson Ph: 4938 3378
Queensland Rugby Union is proud to announce that there will be a mini Rookies 2 Reds clinic held in Rockhampton this Friday 18th September at Colts Rugby Club. The clinic will run for 1 ½ hours and will be run by our experienced coaches. This clinic is completely FREE and all of those who register will receive a cap and 4 tickets to the NRC match this Saturday. It is open for all Boys and Girls who are between the ages of 5-11.

Venue: Colts Rugby Club, T.A Nutley Field off Knight Street, North Rockhampton
When: Friday 18 September 4:00PM-5:30PM

Just before the beginning of the Juniors Games. Make sure you register online and head down early to participate in the clinic. CLICK THIS LINK TO REGISTER: https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/2221/org

OR:
To Register go to http://www.rookies2reds.com.au/
1) Click on Find a Centre
2) Search for postcode 4700. Clinic name is PRE NRC ROCKHAMPTON FREE CLINIC
3) Click on the drop pin or scroll to the bottom of the screen and click Join Now

If you have trouble registering online, have no access to a computer or have any queries, please call 1300 QLD REDS (1300 753 733)

ASBESTOS IN CRAYONS
Trace amounts of asbestos have been detected in some brands of children’s crayons that have been imported into Australia. The crayon products in which asbestos has been identified are as follows:

- Dora the Explorer Personalized 32 pack crayons
- Dora the Explorer Jumbo crayons
- Arti Crafti 16 piece crayons
- Peppa Pig 8 wax crayons
- Disney ‘Frozen’ Jumbo Crayons
- Disney ‘Mickey Mouse and Friends’ Crayons

Risk of Exposure to Asbestos Fibres
The traces of asbestos that have been detected in the crayons are fully bound in the crayon wax. Studies have shown that as a result, asbestos fibres would not be released during normal use or as a result of ingestion. This is because the melting point of crayon wax is well above body temperature. Accordingly, these goods are considered to pose a very low risk to humans.

In line with good practice procedures in handling asbestos containing materials, it is recommended that the crayons be placed in a plastic bag, such as a zip lock bag or in the original packaging if possible, for return. Personal Protective Equipment is not required to be worn. More information regarding these products is available at https://asbestosafety.gov.au/article/consumerretailer-alert-asbestos-identified-crayons-sold-within-australia

Next meeting: Thursday, 22 October at 9:00am in the Multi-Purpose Building.

UNIFORM PRICE CHANGES
Unfortunately due to a rise in prices from our supplier we have had to increase our shirt price from $32 to $33. The P&C runs the uniform shop as a service to our school and not for profit. We work continually to review these prices to provide you with the best price and quality that we can.

The uniform shop is open every Tuesday morning from 8:45am. I appreciate this time may not suit everyone so please do not hesitate to contact me to make alternative arrangements on 0429 875 287. Remember to wear your uniform proudly and be proud of our school!

Tamara Jones
Uniform Co-ordinator