From the Principal

Half way through the term already! I read somewhere today that there are only 7 Monday’s till Christmas! So 5 weeks of school to go! Students have been working hard on learning and are all working on assessment tasks. Please make sure that your children are on time and here each day. It’s important that they have had a great breakfast and a brain fueling lunch to keep them focussed. Thanks to all those families that have returned our re-enrolment forms. Please do so ASAP if you haven’t yet. We have started planning for next year already and this information is very important. Our numbers are looking promising to start with 6 classes and we have many preps already. If you know of any new families please encourage them to contact the school.

You will find unexplained absence letters coming home this week. Please return these to Ms Jensen ASAP.

Teaching and Learning

PM reading levels were updated last week. Teachers have been so proud of students and their improvement in reading.

Friday the 18th we are holding a STEM day. Education Queensland schools are restoring the focus on increasing student uptake of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects in both Primary & Secondary schools. Restoring this focus is about ensuring our young people are equipped with the necessary skills for the economy of the future. At GGSS we have been working on this through focussing on inquiry lead teaching in Maths - using the Back to Front Maths program. We have also had Mrs Hayley Freemantle working on Technology to build capacity with staff and students. We have been using Primary Connections for Science which not only has a strong literacy foundation, but also uses an inquiry led pedagogy. Our STEM day will have engaging, hands on activities - led by staff. Students will rotate through several activities in groups of 10-15. If there are any parents that would like to come along and support this day please let us know.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Lessons for the next 2 weeks as per our calendar include;

◆ Bee Safe- Ask permission to leave learning areas
◆ Bee responsible - Be prepared and willing to learn

We have been working hard with students about Keeping hands, feet & other objects to themselves. Unfortunately there have still been numerous incidents. Often what starts as play, or fun has escalated into more serious altercations. We believe that all students at our school have a right to come to school and feel safe. We also believe that no child has the right to hurt other children at school. We have been talking about strong and weak choices. Weak choices include reacting in anger and hurting others. Strong choices include using words and asking for help to sort out issues.

Some of the questions we are asking students to work through in a self-control checklist include:

Am I doing the right or wrong thing?
Am I having a strong moment or a weak moment (Am I making a strong or weak choice?)
Am I being my own boss or am I inviting my teacher to be my boss?
Am I running away from the problem or am I dealing with it?
Is my teacher trying to help me or hurt me?
Are my feelings in charge of my actions or is my thinking in charge?
Am I following the golden rule?

Please discuss these with your children.
Other programs we are using to support and develop social skills in our students are; Rock & Water, Play is the Way & the Zones of Regulation. If you would like anymore information about these programs and how you can support their use at home please contact your class teacher. As always we appreciate the parent support.

While we are dealing with poor behaviour it takes our time away from our core business of improving learning outcomes for your children.

P&C News

Uniform Shop
Uniform shop day has now changed to Wednesday mornings from 8am until 9am due to a change of uniform convenor. Rachel Benfer is now the current Convenor and can be contacted at rsbenfer@live.com.au or leave a message at the office for her.

As most of you will know, next year is the start of the new uniforms. The uniforms will be available to take home in week 10. The shorts have been changed to navy which is a much more readily available colour in a lot of shops or they can be pre-ordered through the school.

The current school uniforms are able to be worn through all of next year and semester one of 2018. We have reduced some of the prices to clear the current stock that we have left.

Sausage Sizzle
The P&C is holding a sausage sizzle on Wednesday the 9 November.
P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is Monday the 7th of November at 4.30pm. All are welcome.

Date Claimers
As the silly season is quickly approaching please add these events to your calendar so you don’t miss them.

STEM Day - 18/11
Carol’s in the Grove - 1/12
Free Dress day 2/12
Academic Assembly - End of year awards & Learning celebration classroom visits - 5/12
Year 6 Graduation dinner - 7/12
Report cards to parents - 8/12

Housekeeping
Office Hours
The school office is open from 8:15am to 3:15pm Monday to Friday. If you need us outside of these hours please call and leave a message, we will return your call as soon as possible. Phoning the school is our preferred method of contact. Please refrain from contacting staff through Facebook outside of work hours.

Absences
Please contact the absence line 5466 6160 with your child’s name, class and reason for absence. Our office sends out an SMS for unexplained absences. We are working towards 95% attendance this term

Late Student Pickup
If you are late collecting your child from school, from 3pm the students will be in the school office. The office will endeavour to call you.

Naming Student Items
Please check that your children’s belongings have a name on them, especially hats & lunch boxes.
Community News

Rainbow Grove Family Daycare

Quality Programs
Qualified Educator
Flexible Learning Environments
A Home away from Home Family Environment

Hi and welcome to Rainbow Grove Family Day Care...

My name is Kristy; I am a Diploma qualified educator with 2 years experience working as a Leading Educator within a Childcare Centre. I am also a wife and a mother. As a quality care provider I can offer families the comfort of care in a setting similar to what your child is used to at their own home.

Supporting each child's learning, abilities and development through flexible learning environments and learning that emerges from the interest of the children. Our environment becomes a learning hub that is creative and stimulating for both the children and myself.

Services:
- I am offering quality education and care to children from 6 weeks – 12 years in a smoke free, clean, safe, loving family environment.
- Monday – Friday 6.30am-6.30pm.
- $9.20 an hour, minimum of 5 hours.
- Before and After School Care for Glenore Grove State School.
- Nappies provided.
- Fresh fruit and vegetables provided daily for morning and afternoon tea.
- Fresh linen provided daily.
- Programming that follows the Early Years Learning Framework and supports Belonging, Being and Becoming and National Quality Framework.

Qualifications:
- Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care.
- Blue Card.
- CPR, First Aid and Anaphylaxis Certificates.
- Child Protection Training.
- Behaviour Management Training.
- CCB and CCR approved.

If you would like to make an enquiry or have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me.
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