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School Newsletter

Rainbow Trout Creativity The Harbour School



BACK TO SCHOOL 2020/21

Dear parents,

Welcome to our new school year and thank you all for your continued support through this challenging world situation. We were so happy to be able to swap our summer vacation so that we could open the school to complete Term 3 of our 2019/20 school year. We and your children had an awesome time seeing our friends, exploring, crafting and learning new things.

The new year also heralds the introduction of our **International Finnish Primary Program**, which has been specifically tailored for our school, in consultation with our curriculum partners in Finland. The Grade 1 Math, Science and English curriculum has been carefully crafted to ensure our standards are in line with the Cambridge Curriculum's learning outcomes, but still feverishly following the Finnish Philosophy in our lesson plans and activities. Thus, giving our students the best opportunity to enjoy and succeed in their early years of schooling, laying a firm foundation for their future. This is a first of its kind, International Finnish Curriculum in Thailand, being headed up by our Finnish teacher, Anniina. We can't wait to begin. For more details, visit our website:

<https://www.rainbowtroutcreativity.com/gradeonephuketschool>

All of our teachers have been involved in teacher training with our partners in Finland and have embraced it with great enthusiasm. A big thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

We are extremely grateful to you, our parents, who are so engaged and willing to participate in the school community. From donating construction supplies and flooring, to building our mud kitchen, baking birthday cakes and generally all being so involved in our events.

Please take note of important dates and events for Term 1 and our information on "Rainbow Trout Gives Back". We are all looking forward to an amazing year!

Warm regards,

Jacqui and the Rainbow Trout Team.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1

More details to follow, but please save the dates

21 August: New Parent Orientation
(9:30 – 11:00)

24 August: Parent Information Meeting
(Red and Green Trout: 9:30 – 11:00)
(Grade 1: 14:00 – 15:00)

25 August: School Opens

10 – 19 October: Half Term Break – School Closed

20 October: School Opens

30 October: Halloween

6 November: Loy Krathong Celebration

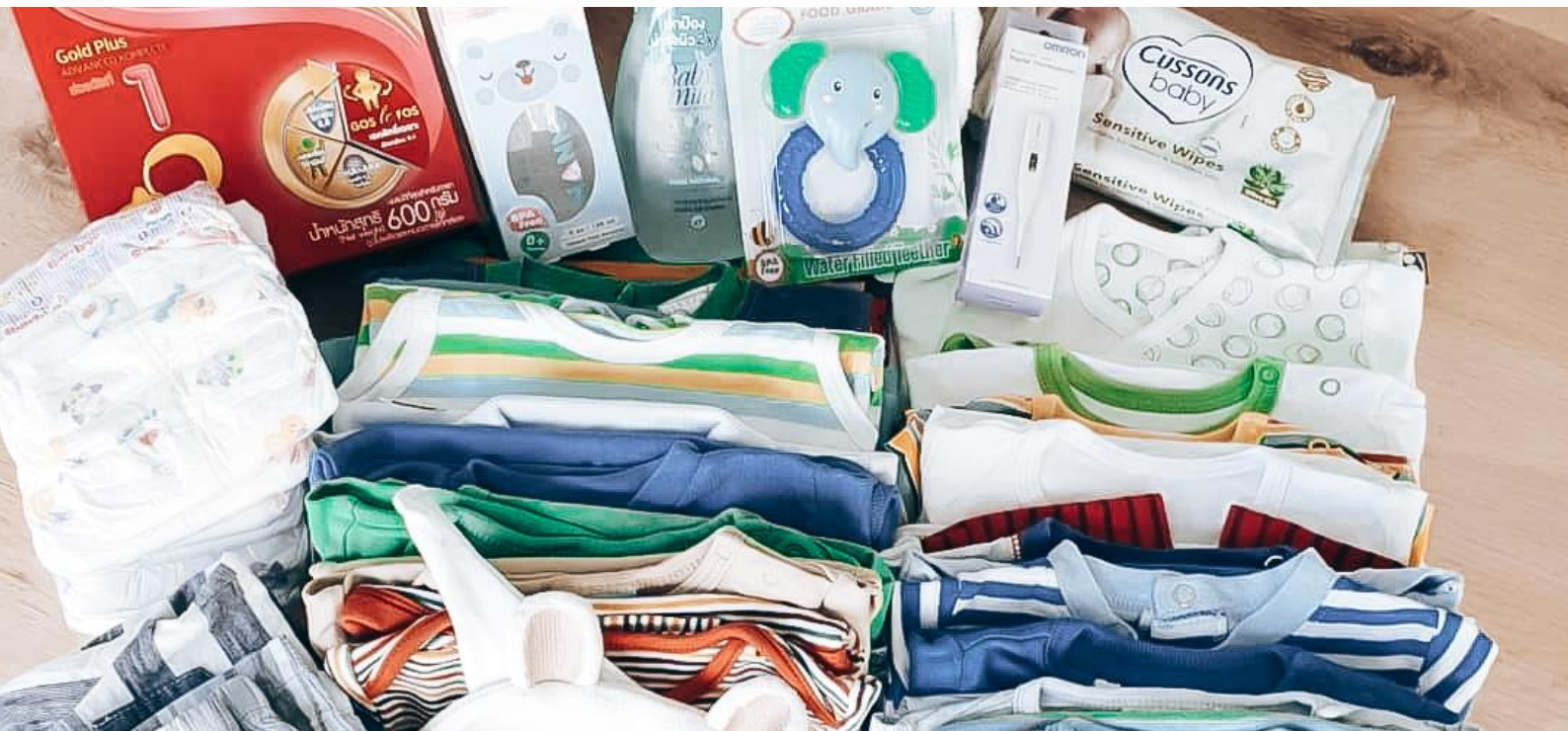
7 December: King Rama IX'S Birthday – School Closed
(Father's Day)

11 December : End of Term 1 – School Concert

12 December to 4 January 2021: School Vacation

5 January 2021: School Starts

RAINBOW TROUT GIVES BACK :)



FINWA - Finnish Women Abroad is a non-profit independent organisation founded to improve the lives of women and children in Thailand and its neighboring countries. It was created by a group of Finnish women in Bangkok who wanted to improve the living conditions of disadvantaged women and children.

Our main product, FinnBox for Babies -maternity packages include basic equipment for newborn babies and their mothers and are put together from donations. In Phuket we donate regularly to Vachira Phuket Hospital where the medical staff helps us to identify the mothers who are most in need of support after giving birth.

We have encountered inmates who have been brought to the hospital just to deliver their babies and then taken back to prison, and young single mothers, the youngest of whom was only 14 years old. One of the immigrant camps we regularly visit has more than 100 children living in harsh conditions.

You can help by donating clothes that your children have grown out of or no longer needs. At the moment, due to Covid-19 situation, all used kids clothes, books and toys will find new homes through us.

Please contact Teacher Anniina for more information. Any help is needed and appreciated!

IMPORTANT ITEMS TO BRING TO SCHOOL

Please ensure that all the following items are labelled clearly with your child's name.

To keep at school:

- A toothbrush and toothpaste
- A bottle of shampoo and body wash
- A bottle of sunscreen
- A bottle of mosquito repellent spray
- A hat
- Raincoat
- A pair of rain boots (for mud pit, rainy days and other activities that require boots)

Everyday:

- At least **two** extra sets of clothes and a plastic bag to send the dirty clothes back home
- A water bottle
- Diapers and wet wipes (if applicable)
- Comb and hair band (for girls)

Monday:

- If your child has a school uniform we suggest they wear it on a Monday
- A bath towel for Red and Green Trout (This will be sent home every Friday for you to wash and return the following Monday)
- A pillow and blanket for nap time 2 & 3 year olds (This will be sent home every Friday for you to wash and return the following Monday)

Wednesdays:

NOTE: Swimming will resume once we are confident that it is safe to return to the hotel pool. We will have water play in the school playground until further notice.

- Swimming - Please send your child to school wearing their swimsuit. If they have swimming goggles, please bring these along. They will also need a swimming towel (preferably the ones with a hood so they can wear that on the walk back from the pool)