

**2014  
SUMMER**



**To all Rainbows Colleagues  
From Margaret Henderson RSM  
Editor - Tasmania**

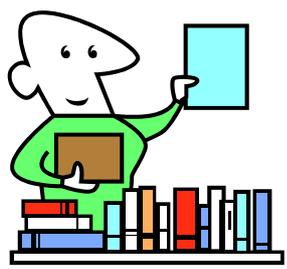
**CHANGE OF ADDRESSES**

1. Spectrum Publications which is the office of the national distributor of Rainbows material has moved to 1/135 Sturt St, South Melbourne Victoria, 3205. Phone and email remain as before.
2. The International HQ office in USA has also been relocated to 1007 Church St, Suite 408, Evanston, IL 60201. Phone 847-952-1770



**NEW RAINBOWS MATERIAL**

Rainbows Journals etc are being updated. New journals and Facilitator manuals will be available at the end of February and a new order form will be printed. Some sites may wish to use the older journals. If so some are available.



**LOCAL FUND RAISING**

Finding funds to support your Rainbows Programme is always an issue so maybe someone who has a good idea could let me know so that your idea can be shared. One school I know has programmed a day at the beginning of each year when every child is invited to wear a coloured T-Shirt for the day and bring a gold coin donation. This means that not only is Rainbows advertised throughout the school community but each child plays a part in its support. Added to this no family needs to buy a T-Shirt as every child will have a coloured T-Shirt of an arc of a Rainbow.

**2014 REGISTERED DIRECTORS TRAINING AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY.**

This will occur this year from July 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2014 at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre Ormiston, QLD.  
What happens at these Conferences? They are usually divided into two parts.

**Part One** is an opportunity for an adult to be trained to conduct Rainbows in a site. It provides understanding about grief in children and the ins and outs of Rainbows. It is important for anyone considering attendance that he/she is secure in being supported by a site, eg school, church, agency as one requires both a site and financial support (If you are interested why not try for a grant to fund your way).

**Part Two** is an Enrichment experience for those who are already experienced Registered Directors. This part of the Conference is always inspirational as we gather to share experiences and further enhance our own involvement in Rainbows. Talk with your State RD if you have any queries.

## NEW JOURNALS

When a review was conducted of the journals used by the children it became apparent that the content could be more stimulating if the story in each session was centred around a group of characters – albeit friends at a school who could be followed as they discussed their own personal experiences of loss and grief. This was one of the last activities Suzy initiated before her untimely death in January of 2013. So it is with a sense of anticipation we await these new journals with the possibility that our children will find a character in each journal with whom they can identify and relate to as a source of inspiration as they too journey through their own painful experiences. The Management Team has progressively been working on the changes to the USA journals over many months. Once you use them your comments and feedback will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to the availability of these journals. Thank you.

## RAINBOWS APPEAL TO DATE

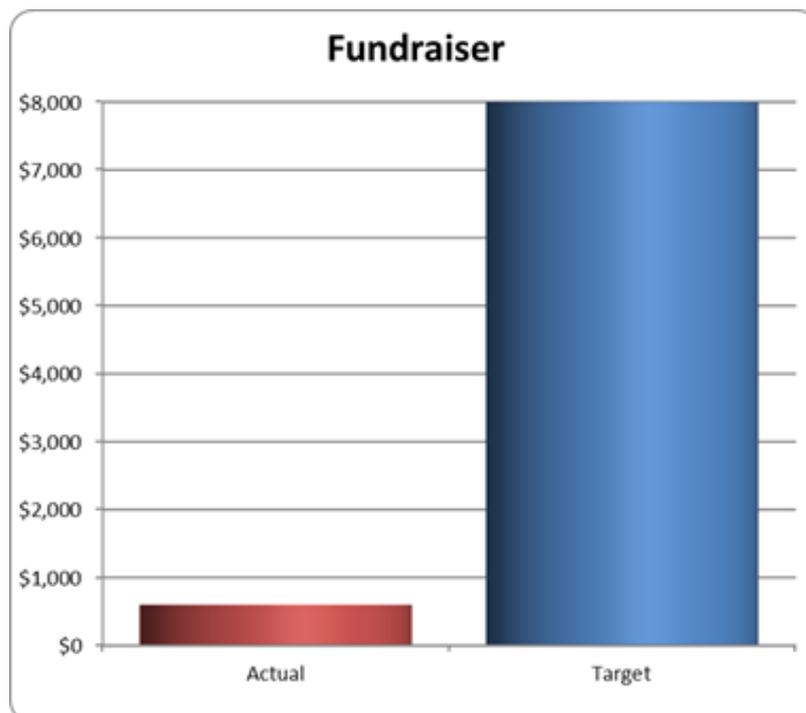
At the end of last year, members of the Board launched an Appeal to help pay for the new printing costs and support sites nationally. A graph appeared in the last Newsletter and will be adjusted in each newsletter 'til June 2014, when we hope to reach our target of \$8000. Some people have made donations - and if you or anyone you know would care to make a donation, please pass this on.

It's amazing how donations of \$2 and over, which are tax deductible, add up.

To make a donation please send funds to the following account :

Bank: Commonwealth Bank  
Account Name: Rainbows Public Fund  
BSB: 063 149  
Account No: 1042 0073

Please email details of the donation to Jay Doherty at <mailto:jay@benngroup.com> jay@benngroup.com and a receipt will be forwarded. Your Rainbows site may wish to combine some small donations and contribute as a group to the fund.



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