ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Apr	**2**	**Pizza Day**
	4-13	**First Term Holidays**
	14	**Pupil Free Day**
	24	**ANZAC Day Parade**
	25	**ANZAC Day Public Holiday**
May	**29-30**	**Yr 4 Yandina Camp**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You cannot cross a chasm in two small jumps.'

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'It is the characteristic of the magnanimous man to ask no favour but to be ready to do kindness to others.'

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Finding the Sydney has taken searchers the best part of sixty-seven years. When Prime Minister Rudd announced that the old warship had been found there was a sense of 'success at last'. Papers, not only in Australia, but around the world headlined the 'find' as a culmination of a long, long, search… a quest for answers and – for surviving relatives – closure of an all too long uncertainty. I found the story thought-provoking, not only because of the tragedy of 645 young men losing their lives, but also for the fact that their country, their families and their loved ones never gave up. All too often, these days, we tend to give up. If we don't score well in a football match we tell those around us "I don't want to play any more." All too often we quit studying just because an essay received a low mark or fail. All too often we give up on relationships in families. We count someone 'out' with ease; and soundly welcome someone else with similar ease. "Endurance," spoken about by the late and great Sir Edmund Hilary, is at peril if we don't teach its message already in the primary school. Parents are all important in the home instruction of 'endurance.' I need not state that those students at Rochedale State School who fall, later to rise; those who fail, later to succeed all have something in common – endurance. As a skill learned early in life, these children prevail when others fall by the wayside. Like the marathon runner training for a date with destiny in Beijing later this year, the enduring students succeed. They, like the searchers of the sunken Australian World War II warship, never give up.

Australia Post has on a number of occasions released postage stamps featuring children's art. These days, when franking machines have all but replaced the good old stamp, we see less of the philatelists' treasured treats. That is not to say children's art is not in vogue - on the contrary. You see, we

have in our midst here at Rochedale State School, a gifted segment of Prep-Year students who have been busy making environmental messages and road signs in and around the school. These graphic artists have only been to school for one term yet been challenged to produce some wonderful art-work. While all messages and signs convey useful information, the novelty lies in its presentation. Not shackled by convention, these little people have immersed themselves in literacy at a level which I have not previously witnessed. Clearly, my Prep-Year teachers have made their charges work outside the square on this occasion. While they have not yet been fully cognisant with literacy, these early building blocks are very much the foundation of the Prep-students' literacy while providing a stimulating form of communication.

While on the topic of signs and road rules I would like to first note, and secondly thank our parents for taking on board some of the topics raised in my column regarding road/traffic safety in and around the school. I appealed for common sense and parents responded appropriately, suggesting that, as always, we are batting for the same team here at Rochedale State School. My Staff and I have noticed a marked improvement and a pervading courtesy from people behind the wheels. Thank you, one and all.

You may sign a petition written by Rochedale State School's P. & C. Association. This petition, directed to Brisbane City Council seeks to solve our parking worries by the construction of a designated off-street parking area. These are common in and around other schools in Metropolitan Brisbane and work wonders in alleviating traffic and parking congestion during morning and afternoon peak periods. The petition is apolitical and only seeks to redress a long overdue anomaly. As always, the weight of parents' and other stakeholders' signatures have the persuasive power of action from appropriate authorities. Clearly, the erection of an off-street car park lies outside the limited overall school funding. I thank you for your support. The petition is awaiting your signatures in this newsletter and completed petitions can be returned to the Administration Office.

Holidays around the corner

Yes, it is holiday time, once again. We have all of next week off as well as Monday 14th April when my Staff and I have a Student Free Day during which Professional Development will take place. Hot on the heels of Easter, we now have a pleasant autumn week off during which I trust families will have a great and safe time engaging in a host of activities. I hear on my rounds among excited students that fishing on Stradbroke Island is about to be really 'cool' this time of the year. Others are off camping in the great outdoors. What ever you have planned… have a wonderful and well-deserved break. I shall look forward to your smiling faces on Tuesday, 15th April as we commence Term 2 at Rochedale State School.

Student of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the "Student of the Month" for the month of March. These awards were presented on parade last Friday.

1A Ella R
Her enthusiasm towards writing and for being a model student.

1M Emily D
Emily's efforts when writing her very interesting recounts. Keep up the great work, Emily!

1S Ivana R
Her consistent effort and excellent presentation of her work.

2I Noah U
His much improved work habits and helpfulness in the classroom.

2M Grace R
Her hard work and amazing improvement in reading. Well done, Grace!

2S Jamie R
His enthusiastic attitude and quality contributions to our class discussions. Keep up the great thinking.

2W Tara R
Being a kind, considerate and enthusiastic class member.

3C William M
His great aptitude when working and thinking mathematically. Well done, William.

3D Leanne T
Attention to detail and excellence in all her classwork. Leanne is also a happy and caring class member.

3N Johanna V
Her reading efforts. Johanna has read an amazing number of books this term!

3T Caitlin E
Always being a positive, enthusiastic and caring member of 3T. Well done, Caitlin.

4C Eryn P
Her outstanding story-writing.

4D Jasmine B
Working very well this term and achieving a good result.

4K Pumudi W
Showing a great work ethic and always being polite.

4L Joshua G
Always making an effort to produce neat and tidy work.

4R Dakota G
Working hard with her Maths and making an excellent improvement.

5K/R Calllum M
An in depth information report on Leadership.
Maddie H
An excellent presentation of her Leadership information report.

5L Joseph A
Being well organised and always ready to learn.

5N Melissa B
Her enthusiasm and interest in all classroom activities. Keep up the great work!

6A Tiffany F
Displaying a mature & conscientious attitude towards all classroom activities.

6C Alyssa-Jane W
Always working diligently and enthusiastically on any assigned task.

6L Annabel B
Her conscientiousness and enthusiasm and the quiet diligence with which she approaches all tasks – a fabulous start to Year 6.

6W Shannara J
Trying her hardest in Maths and always applying a positive attitude towards her learning.

6/7B Courtney B
The conscientious effort she puts into every facet of her schooling.

7B Kyle V
His positive attitude and willingness to try his best in all areas. Good work, Kyle!
7La Jessica R
Always working hard and being committed student.
7S Shiara A
Always displaying an excellent effort and attitude towards her work.
CHINESE Rosalie P
Participating in activities with commitment and interest.
FRENCH Ashleigh H
Consistent, enthusiastic participation in all learning activities.

Liam Smith
Principal

LOST PROPERTY
Lost Property will be on display this Wednesday, up until lunch time. If you have lost an item, please check this area, as all remaining lost property will not be kept.

ANZAC Badges
The school office is now selling ANZAC Badges for 50c each. These may be purchased up until ANZAC Day.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
If for any reason you are unable to work on your rostered day, please give Norma a call on
0400 701 051.

Tues
1/4 Michelle D
Wed
2/4 **Pizza Day**
Thurs
3/4 **Help Needed Please**
Fri Richelle H **Interschool Sport**
4/4 Melissa T Amanda G
Mon 7/4 – Fri 11/4
Mon 14/4 PUPIL FREE DAY
Tues
15/4 Michelle D
Wed
16/4 Kylie P **Volunteer Needed**
Thurs
17/4 Sue V Cathy W
Fri Kylie P
18/4 Melissa T Georgina F
Mon
21/4 Kaye S
Tues
22/4 Shirley L Leah W
Wed
23/4 Cathy O Donna L
Thurs
24/4 Douglas K Amanda C
Fri
25/4 **ANZAC Day Public Holiday**
Mon
28/4 Anne D Amanda R
Tues
29/4 Michelle D
Wed
30/4 Kylie P
Thurs
1/5 Kathy M
Fri Sylivia B
2/5 Kylie P Melissa T
Mon
5/5 **Labour Day Holiday**
Tues
6/5 Leah W
Wed
7/5 Cathy O Tracy S

Thank you Anne, Richelle, James, Ashleigh, Sylvia, Kyle and Mitchell for your help last week.

Pizza Day
Don't forget Wednesday 2nd April is Pizza Day. All other food is still

available. Collection point is in the Activity Hall. Grades 4-7 will collect their pizzas at the Big Lunch bell. Preps and Grades 1, 2 and 3 will collect theirs at 12.30pm and will be accompanied to the hall by their teachers.
2 Helpers needed please.

IOU's
All money for IOU's to the tuckshop must be finalised by this Friday.

ROSHCA Program
Monday
Afternoon Tea Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft Rafts
Outside Activity Oval Tiggy
Tuesday
Afternoon Tea Wraps & Fruit
Craft Pom-pom people
Outside Activity Netball
Wednesday
Afternoon Tea Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft Paper Hangings
Outside Activity Steal the Bacon
Thursday
Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter
Craft Jigsaws
Outside Activity Capture the Flag
Cooking Choc-chip Slice
Friday
Afternoon Tea Choc-chip slice & Fruit
Craft Friendship Bracelets
Outside Activity Volleyball
Also available every day –
Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games, Colouring-In & Computers

Vacation Care
ROSHCA are now taking bookings for Vacation Care. The dates are Monday 7th April – Friday 11th April. If you wish your child/ren to attend ROSHCA during this time you will need to make a booking. Bookings are essential and a deposit of $20 per family is payable when making your booking. Please make your booking with Fran or Zoe over at the ROSHCA demountable. Programs can also be collected from this room.

ROSHCA will also be taking bookings for the Student Free Day, Monday 14th April. However, this is separate from Vacation Care and a booking fee is not necessary.

Library News- Week 10
Library bags are essential for Prep classes to Grade Three but it would be appreciated if older students used a library bag as well so our books are protected from damage.

Library Awards – Students who are showing the correct behaviour will be given a library award. Two awards were handed out this week as there was no parade last week. Congratulations to Skye H from 3N and Georgia K-W from 4R.

As it is coming up to the end of term we are chasing overdue books. If your child has a library book at home can you make sure they return it to the library this week. If you are unable to find the book/books please contact the library and let us know.

We have recently purchased a number of new books so please come and look at our new fiction and non-fiction purchases.

Library staff

CURRICULUM CORNER
At Rochedale we are promoting the attribute of caring among our students. Caring students show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment. You may have seen the posters made by a prep class encouraging other students to care for themselves or our school environment. Well done Prep B.

There is a writing competition on, for full details see the website www.write4fun.com. Last year Samantha D entered this competition with a poem she wrote. She has had her poem published in a book. Congratulations Samantha on becoming a published author!

If there are any other areas that you would like more information about, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Gayle Healey
Curriculum Co-ordinator

P & C News
Thankyou to all those who attended our meeting last Tuesday. It was great to see so many people.
Our next meeting is on April 22nd at 7pm.
After the holidays we must begin planning this years fete. So if you would like to help or if you have any suggestions please come along.

Tip Top Wrappers: We are still collecting the wrappers from any Tip Top product as an on going fundraiser. Don't throw them away, throw them our way!!! Every one helps. Just drop off any wrappers with Norma in the Tuckshop. Thank you.

Walk A Thon: Get your walking shoes ready!! The Walk A Thon will be happening next term on Wednesday May 7th. More information will be available after the holidays, Watch this space.

Squad News
Our End of Season break up party will be happening this week on Thursday at 3.15pm to 5pm
All squad levels in together for some fun and games, a sausage sizzle and drink.
Come and join the fun and thank Mr Austin for yet another successful season of swimming.

Learn To Swim
The season is nearly at an end which means the end of swimming lessons until Term 4.
During the off season, as most of you will know, our Learn to Swim teacher Linda will be having a baby. I would like to thank her for her commitment to her teaching and staying with us so close to the end of her pregnancy. It has been very much appreciated by all P&C members and parents and children.
Our best wishes to you, Linda and your family and your new arrival.

Rochedale State School Amateur Swim Club
Last Friday night was the first night of Championships. It was a very successful night with the weather thankfully holding off. This Friday is the second night, marking the end of the season, with Freestyle and Breast Stroke and the I.M. finals.
Good Luck to all those participating.

Our presentation night will be held in the school hall on Saturday April 19th at 4.30pm.
Our next committee meeting will be on Tuesday April 15th in the staff room at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

CRE News
Grades 2-7 Student Workbooks Reminder
Just a reminder that if your child *is participating* in CRE lessons and they *do not have the two colour workbooks* could you please pop into Underwood IGA & News on Underwood Rd and order the books. There is a one to two week turnaround. The colour workbooks offer good value with a total cost for both being just under $5. These workbooks provide the base for the activities the students participate in as part of the CRE lessons.

Any enquiries please contact Robynne Turner, the CRE Coordinator, on 3219 9771 or camrob@iprimus.com.au .

LOST

- A small, black bag containing netball gear, including a visor, was lost from the ROSHCA area. If you found this bag, please hand it into the office. Thank you.