

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



No. 11 - 6th April, 2009

Apr	8	11.30-12.55	Prep Easter Concert - Hall
	9		School Parade – Student of the Month End of Term 1
	10		Good Friday
	20		Pupil Free Day
	21		Term 2 Commences
	23		School Leaders ANZAC Day Ceremony – ANZAC Square
	24		School ANZAC Day Ceremony 9am Parade
	30		Brisbane City Council Rochedale Development Information Evening
May	7 & 8		Year 4 Maranatha Camp
	19		Walkathon Prep – 3
	20		Walkathon 4 – 7

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'To be truly happy, be indifferent to life's ups and downs.'

- Takio Saito

'Each individual has the opportunity to make a difference.'

- The Dalai Lama

The 94th Anzac Day commemoration will take place at Rochedale State School on Friday, 24th April. Close to a century has passed since the dawn landing at Gallipoli. Who would have thought that Anzac Cove in far-away Turkey, that dreadful place in the minds of survivors, would one day be a magnet for Australian tourists, young and old? Moreover, who could have imagined that Turkey, who - after all was invaded - would annually welcome hordes of

Australian and New Zealand people to its shores? Such is the passage of time that most wounds heal. In a contemporary setting Turks, Aussies and Kiwis meet as one, in commemoration of the senseless slaughter of our forefathers; on both sides of the conflict. The Anzac tradition is not solely a military commemoration. Rather, it has become a part of our national identity, preserved by our young and commemorated in our schools. Rochedale State School's ceremony will be conducted in lieu of Friday's assembly following the school holidays.

Buzz from around the pool was in evidence at last Saturday night's Swimming Club's annual gathering. The well attended dinner was very much a retrospect of a most successful season in the pool. Speakers praised the students who train in the pool with a combination of dedication and perseverance in all conditions. The well attended dinner was great fun. An armada of parents ferried the contented revelers home in the early hours of Sunday morning, concluding the 2008-2009 Swimming Club's busy year.

From Swimming to Baseball - a sport that is slowly on the rise in Australia. I am delighted to announce that one of our gifted students, Sheridan V. has been selected to go to Melbourne in May with the Queensland Girls Little League team to play in a tournament against other the other states and New Zealand. It is a two day event, May 15-17th, 2009.

In addition to this selection, Sheridan is off to Japan to attend the World Children's Baseball Foundation Friendship Games, July 24 - August 1, 2009 in Tokyo. The rare honour to represent one's country at such a prestigious event is not lost on Sheridan who practices almost daily and is considered a great player by her coach and team members. Sheridan is a left-handed pitcher and plays first base as well. We wish Sheridan well in Japan to which country she travels with the best wishes of all her friends here at Rochedale State School.

Easter Holidays begin at 02:50p.m. this Thursday. I take the opportunity to wish all our students a wonderful and safe holiday. These wishes are naturally echoed to - and by - my Staff here at Rochedale. Term One is at an end. We have achieved much since late January and will continue, on track, during Term 2 which

commences Tuesday, 21st April. Happy Easter Holidays...

We will be conducting parade on Thursday morning, 9th April, a break with tradition to present Students of the Month and to enjoy another performance from our wonderful band. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Liam Smith
Principal

CURRICULUM CORNER

Thank you to all the families who purchased books through bookclub last month. There was a fantastic response with a large number of books purchased. I walked into a classroom during a wet lunch time last week, to see a large number of the students reading and using the books they received. This is certainly assisting to achieve our aim of:

Every Night, Every Child, Reads.

A huge thank you to Mrs Ross and Mrs Kelly who volunteer to coordinate bookclub for the school. These ladies generously offer their time to distribute the catalogues, collect and place the orders and dispatch them once they are received in the school.

Through bookclub, and the orders that are placed, the school receives a large amount of free books, posters, kits, etc. These bonus resources will be accessible to all classrooms to support the Units of Inquiry that are being completed.

So thank you to the families for supporting bookclub and Mrs Ross and Mrs Kelly for your fantastic effort in coordinating bookclub.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Gayle Healey
Curriculum Coordinator

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
7/4
Wed

8/4 Tracey S
Thurs Kylie P
9/4 **Volunteer Needed**
Fri
10/4 **Good Friday**
Mon
13/4 **Easter Monday**
Tues 14/4 – Fri 17/4 Holidays
Mon
20/4 **Pupil Free Day**
Tues
21/4 Shirley L
Wed
22/4 Suzanne U
Thurs
23/4 Douglas K Amanda C
Fri Interschool Sport
24/4 Kath R Georgina F
Mon
27/4 Amanda R
Tue
28/4 Michelle D
Wed
29/4 Cathy O
Thurs
30/4 Anne W
Fri Interschool Sport
1/5 Kylie S **Volunteer Needed**
Mon

4/5 **Labor Day Holiday**

Thank you Michelle and Kylie for your help on Wednesday handing out the pizza orders. Thank you Richelle and my Year 7's for your help during the week. Happy Easter to everyone, if you are travelling, drive safely. See you all on Tuesday, 21st for a 10 week term.

IOU's

As we are nearing end of term, could IOU's please be finalised this week please.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft Easter Bunny Ears
Outside Activity Egg Cradles

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea Sandwiches & Fruit
Craft Easter Mobile
Outside Activity Easter Hunt

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter
Craft Easter Cards
Outside Activity Egg & Spoon Relay

Cooking	Lasagne
Thursday	
Afternoon Tea	Lasagne & Fruit
Craft	Easter Gift
Outside Activity	Disco
Other Activities	Face Painting & Sequin Art

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Good Friday
Craft	Public Holiday
Outside Activity	No ROSHCA

Also available every day – Board games, pool tables, Sony, colouring, self-selection from collage trolley, reading, computers, quiet area in Library, self-selection sporting equipment, homework.

Due to the fee increase for 2009 we are now charging over the maximum rate of Child Care Benefit. **ALL FAMILIES PLEASE CHECK THE A-Z ACCOUNTS BOX LOCATED BESIDE THE PARENT COMMUNICATION BOOK FOR YOUR ACCOUNTS.** Accounts are generated weekly (Monday) for that week of care.

Maximum rate for non-school child - \$3.47 - Maximum rate for a school aged child is 85 per cent of the maximum non-school child rate.

Also just a reminder to the families using direct deposit, we now have a new bank account number, please see ROSHCA staff for new details. Vacation care bookings are now being taken for the Easter Holidays from Tuesday, 14 April to Friday, 17 April. All bookings must be made prior to 8 April with a \$20 deposit per family.

Vacation Care

Vacation Care programs are available from the ROSHCA room. Please ensure the forms and \$20 deposit is back **before** 8/4/09.

Lost Property

All lost property will be on display this Wednesday in the area underneath the Staffroom. Please check this area if you are missing anything. Any items left will be donated to Lifeline or given to the Uniform Shop.

P&C News

Our next meeting will be held in the staffroom 7.00pm, 28th April.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!! The P&C would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Dates for your diary:

19th May - WALKATHON - Prep – Grade 3
 20th May - WALKATHON - Grade 4 – Grade 7
 5th September - ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL ANNUAL FETE

A PLEA FOR HELP FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

We are in desperate need of volunteers for our uniform shop on Fridays. Mari Shell, our convenor, is looking for volunteers to help her with sales on a Friday morning. If she doesn't find any help we may have to close on this day. It is not an ideal solution but one we would have no choice with. If you can offer some time, please call either myself or preferably Mari Shell on 0413 033 093.

SWIM CLUB PRESENTATION: On Saturday night I had the pleasure of attending the Rochedale State School Amateur Swim Club Presentation night. The evening was a great success with lots of happy children receiving medals and awards and happy parents watching. I would like to remind everyone that the Swim Club has its ABM on Tuesday night at 7pm in the staffroom. All committee positions will be declared vacant and a new committee nominated. This is also the night any change of rules is discussed and changes made in the rule book. If any swim club families wish to discuss any rules or issues please come along to the meeting. I am asking all swim club families to consider coming along and taking an interest in the running of the club and maybe even take up a position on the committee. All help is gratefully received.

Brisbane City Council Microdot Kit Subsidy Program: Microdot property identification is a modern technology to help residents identify their valuables with 'microdots'. Microdots are microscopic labels that carry unique serial numbers invisible to the naked eye, identifying the owners of lost or stolen property. The dots are applied via an aerosol can or cotton bud and are engraved with an individual PIN, invisible to the eye. The dots are so versatile they can be applied to anything from small jewellery to wide screen televisions. When viewed with ultra violet light and a microscope, police are able to match serial numbers with their records.

Microdot kits normally cost up to \$100 each. However, council is now offering them to Brisbane residents at a subsidized cost of \$30. The packs also include warning stickers to place on windows or the items themselves to deter thieves. The kits are available from Council libraries, Customer Service Centres and Regional Business Centres. To purchase the kit, a microdot registration form must be completed which is available from www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

This technology can help to: deter theft, prove ownership of stolen goods, assist police in identifying stolen goods and allow police to return stolen items to their owners.

Fundraiser: Rochedale State School is registered with *You Name It Labels* and for each order placed with them we receive a percentage. What a convenient and great way to help your school! Just visit www.younameitlabels.com, check out the great products available and when you place your order, use our unique code: [rss0907](http://www.younameitlabels.com). It couldn't be easier!

Anne Dee, P&C President. Tel: 0402114544 or 3342 5253

SQUAD BREAK-UP

Our Squad Break-up Party will happen from 3.15 to around 5.00pm this Tuesday, 7th April. We will be having a sausage sizzle and heaps of fun in the pool. All squad swimmers are invited. Adults will have their last chance to train for this season on Tuesday 7th from 5.15pm, immediately after the Break-up. Please be aware that all accounts for both Squad and Learn to Swim now need to be finalized. Next season, the payment system will be different so please note that **no credits will be carried over to next season**. A debt however will mean no swimming until it is repaid. If you think you may be in credit, please check with me and I will organise a refund. Call me to find out where you are up to as far as fees are concerned.

LEARN TO SWIM

Learn to Swim finishes today. All swimmers have made excellent progress with many able to move to higher level classes next season. WELL DONE!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful coaches, Mr Mat and Kobie for what has been a great season. Huge thanks to them and also Doug and Anne for their help, support and advice. I couldn't do this job without you! We look forward to seeing all swimmers back in September for Squad and Learn to Swim.

Bronwyn, 0409 727 557
Squad and Learn to Swim Co-ordinator

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I want to say a big congratulations to all the Year 6 students who participated in the Games Rangers training with me last week! How awesome was that? All participants behaved well, learned lots and had a lot of fun (as far as I could tell anyway). I'm sure that the Prep and Year 1 students will be in good hands when you finally get to put what you have learned into practice. One thing is for sure, there is more fun ahead for everyone involved with this program.

If you are looking for a local church service to attend this weekend, check out Gateway Baptist Church up on Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road, or St Phil's Anglican Church on Miles Plating Road, or even Rochedale Baptist Church just down Rochedale Road. All of these churches have a couple of services across the weekend, including a big one on Easter Sunday morning, and I recommend them all highly!

Lastly, I pray that you all have a safe and happy Easter! Whether you are spending it with a few people or a bunch, and whether you have lots planned or not much at all, I hope this Easter will be remembered as a great time for you, your family and friends! Keep reading, and have a great week! See you after the holidays!

ON THE RADAR

Triple P Parenting Courses: This program is a practical course looking at Positive Parenting, good relationships, behaviour issues, routines family survival tips, etc. Courses are 8 weeks or the special one day course. Next courses for parents of teenagers (12 years & over):

8 Week Course – Mondays, April 27th- June 15th - 7:00-9:00pm

This course will be held at Logan Uniting Church, 129 Dennis Road, Springwood.

(\$25 donation per family. Bookings can be made with the church office: 3290 1277.)

Games Rangers: Stay tuned...the details for the final training session will be in the next newsletter! Watch this space!

B Strong: B Strong has finished for Term 1, and I am looking out for interested participants for Term 2! Term 2 will be your last chance to participate in this fantastic program for 2009 as it will be the girls' turn in Term 3 & 4 when the Rochedale South SS Chaplain runs her "Sparkle" program. Don't miss out – let me know if you are interested.

Chappy Cafe: This lunchtime activity program gives interested participants the chance to hang out with friends, read the bible, ask questions and hopefully find some answers. Come and grab a permission form from the Chaplain!

RPC: Rochedale Prayer Crew meets in the Chaplain's Room at Morning Tea on Mondays. Everyone is welcome, and it would be great to see you there!

**Mr James
School Chaplain**

Thought for the day: 'The most important things in life aren't things.'

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will only be open this Thursday at 2.00 – 3.00 pm due to the Easter break. We will re-open on Thursday, 23 April with the usual trading hours.

WINTER UNIFORMS

are now for sale. For a quick reference, the following are the prices.

Microfibre Jacket - \$40.00

V neck jumper with logo - \$20.00

Sleeveless vest with logo - \$20.00

Baseball Jacket with logo - \$40.00

Microfibre pants - \$20.00

Fleecy trackpants - \$16.00

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those of you who have expressed your interest in volunteering at the Uniform Shop. However we still require 1 or 2 parents that can volunteer on a Friday, if you are able to spare a few hours on a Friday, please contact me asap. Please note: We have had a recent systems upgrade. Consequently I have lost all my contacts. If you have tried to contact me via email, and I haven't replied, please accept my

apologies. If you are able to re-send your query to Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au and I will attend to it asap.

Thanks

Mari-shell Scott

Uniform Shop Convenor - *Volunteer*

Past Student wins GOLD medal

At the recent National Surf Life Saving Championships Lucas Allan became the National Surf Race Champion. Lucas attended Rochedale S. S. for seven years and was always a keen swimmer. Congratulations Lucas.

2009/2010 Entertainment Books are now on sale!

Please see Mari-shell at the Uniform Shop on Fridays or contact her on 0413 033 093. The book has over \$20,000 worth of vouchers and it is only \$60.00. You would only need to use the book 3 times with 2 for 1 deals and you would have got your money back. It's a great gift idea too. All proceeds will go to orphans in Uganda and Philippines. Thank you for your support.

Springwood Tri-Services RSL Sub-Branch Anzac Day Service

Saturday, 25th April 2009.

The march commences at 0745hrs at Logan East Community Centre and proceeds to Springwood Park on Cinderella Drive. The service will start on arrival and will conclude at approx. 0915hrs Children in uniform accompanied by a parent are welcome to march and wear relatives' medals. Breakfast for a nominal fee will be available at the Springwood Bowls Club. All are welcome to join us for fellowship.

Elliott Mitchell

Anzac Day Coordinator

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