

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER



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<b>Apr 24</b>	<b>ANZAC Day Parade</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>ANZAC Day Public Holiday</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Walkathon</b>
	<b>Year 3 Planetarium Excursion</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Year 6 Medieval Day</b>
	<b>Walkathon for Year 3</b>
<b>29-30</b>	<b>Yr 4 Yandina Camp</b>

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Thoughts for the Week**

'Look at everything as though you are seeing it for the first or last time. Then your time on Earth will be filled with glory.'

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'True friends want nothing from you except the joy of your presence. No matter what you do, they will always be your friend.'

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**Again we pause**

to reflect on the folly of war and attendant carnage experienced by young Australians 93 years ago tomorrow. ANZAC Day is arguably the most prominent commemoration we acknowledge as a nation. Thousands of young and old Australians are presently in Turkey making their way to the Dardanelles and ANZAC Cove for the commemoration service at dawn. Indeed, an increasing number of Australians see such a visit as a rite of passage or an important jigsaw piece in the complex yet fascinating tapestry of Australian identity. Early Rochedale settlers swept up in the fervour of King and Empire sought adventure in the Brisbane recruiting office before sailing off from Pinkenba Wharf to an uncertain future. Descendants of those young Rochedale boys are still living in the area and attend our school. The commemoration of ANZAC Day, far from diminishing, as suggested in Eric Bogle's poignant *And the Band played Waltzing Matilda* where a line laments 'soon there be no one marching at all' is growing in numbers. What we now experience is a renaissance of memory. Far from a glorification of war, ANZAC Day has evolved into its very antithesis. It is this antithesis, fused with empathy and compassion for those young men and women, whose lives were so prematurely extinguished, that we commemorate tomorrow. This commemoration is an important part of our civic studies here at school. It binds us together as a community. I welcome parents and caregivers to attend our ANZAC Day Assembly on Thursday morning 9:00am to give added support to this important occasion.

**Mediocrity** is an all-too often used concept bandied around by parents, educators and politicians. Clearly, *mediocrity* is not a complimentary word. It conjures up images of acceptance of second best; not too wide horizons; that's good enough; that's near enough. As educators, coaches, motivators and constant innovators, the teachers' role is to replace *mediocrity* with *excellence*. Yet how do we define 'excellence'? I suggest excellence has been hijacked by elitist groups in society focusing on the fastest runner, the greatest weight lifter or the brightest researcher. True, these people can clearly be accommodated under the rubric *excellence*. Then there are the rest of us. We mere mortals who strive towards excellence yet fall short at the time trials or barriers thrown in our path yet don't give up! I suggest this is the true measure of excellence. In a school the size of Rochedale State School with over 800 students there is a vast range of educational performance. Some students struggle with age appropriate curriculum while others yearn for extended work. The teacher's role is to push, cajole, entice, inspire and enthuse individual students to try their best. Once they do, there is no room for the word *mediocrity*. If a child has made, what to others may seem trivial improvements, yet enormous inroads to that particular individual, that too must be viewed as success. Teachers who do not challenge students towards greater success are simply not doing their job properly. Along the way there will be pain as in the "no pain – no gain" nexus. This is where the analogy of sports stars comes in. Training hard for track and field events athletes experience pain, there is no doubt about it. After all, why do we call the half way mark of a Marathon race *Heartbreak Hill*? Simply because that is when the pain sets in. A

little bit of pain yields much gain, something most Year 7s are aware of as High School looms over the horizon. Projects, assignments and term essays are challenges along the way on this journey. By trying their best, every student jettisons *mediocrity* replacing it with the more appropriate word *success* adding individual runs on the scoreboard of life.

**Time to put on your** walking shoes, folks! Walk-a-thons used to be immensely popular in the 1970s. Who could ever forget the inimitable "Norm" the couch-potato who got conned into leaving the comfort zone of the TV couch, donning walking shoes and improving his health in the process? Well, Rochedale State School is again revisiting the pleasant tradition of walking in a novel fund-raising event to aid our school on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. All proceeds from the event will go towards purchasing new sports and playground equipment. This is not a walk-a-thon at the 'elite' level, rather a pleasant stroll with friends under the bright pre-Winter sun. Imagine doing something which is essentially good fun... and still raise a few dollars for our school. I could not think of a better way to get exercise. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts are all invited to come and take a stroll.

Just a note that our busy bees in Year 3 will be off to the Planetarium on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> so they will be walking on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to my walk with the Year 3's on Wednesday.

***Liam Smith***  
***Principal***

## 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

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** Sylvia B **Interschool Sport**

2/5 Kylie P Kath R

### Mon

5/5 **Labour Day Holiday**

### Tues

6/5 Leah W

### Wed

7/5 Cathy O Tracy S

### Thurs

8/5 **Helper Needed Today** Shirley B

**Fri** Kylie P **Helper Needed**

### Today

9/5 Amanda G **Interschool Sport**

### Mon

12/5 Lyn L Tonni D

### Tues

13/5 Michelle D

### Wed

14/5 Kylie P

### Thurs

15/5 Sue V Cathy W

**Fri** Kylie P **Interschool**

### Sport

16/5 Georgina F **Helper Needed**

### Today

### Mon

19/5 Kaye S

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

### Preps – Tuckshop

Preps may now order tuckshop for Big Lunch & Little Lunch. On the counter is a plastic box marked 'Prep Orders'. Orders must be handed in by 9am. Orders are delivered to prep classes. Please use separate bags for big & little lunch orders.

### Deleted – Malt & Honey Plus Milk

This item is now only being produced in a 500ml bottle by Pauls. Due to cost we have decided not to stock this item. Please make a note on your price list. Thank you.

### ROSHCA Program

#### Monday

Afternoon Tea	Wraps & Fruit
Craft	Paper Pom-poms
Outside Activity	European Handball

#### Tuesday

Afternoon Tea & Fruit	Dip, Crackers
Craft	Masks
Outside Activity	1, 2, 3, Home
Cooking	Choc-chip cookies

#### Wednesday

Afternoon Tea & Fruit	Cookies &
Craft	Memory Cards
Outside Activity	Basketball
Cooking	Pikelets

#### Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Pikelets & Fruit
Craft	Paper Poppies
Outside Activity	Texture
Scavenger Hunt	

#### Friday

Afternoon Tea	<b>ANZAC DAY</b>
Craft	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>

Outside Activity **NO ROSHCA**  
 Also available every day –  
 Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table  
 Games, Colouring-In & Computers

**ED ALIVE CATALOGUES**

Going home with this newsletter will be an ED ALIVE catalogue, which you may use to purchase any of their software products. All orders need to be returned to the office by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for processing.

**P&C News**

The next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow night, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Staffroom at 7pm. All welcome.

**VALUES UPDATE:**

Values are the foundations of everything we do at Rochedale State School. They are embedded in the curriculum and expressed through our learning outcomes. The effectiveness of our Values education is the creation of a school culture in which values are taught, modelled, advocated and celebrated. This term our school will focus on the value of **responsibility**. At the whole school level Rochedale State School expects and promotes the following behaviours in our community:

<b>Value</b>	<b>Children</b>
Responsibility	-Making appropriate choices without supervision. - Be responsible for own learning, conduct, actions and communication.
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Community</b>
- To provide a safe, Friendly and challenging	-Support the school in endeavour to provide the best educational outcomes for each

learning environment. - Be a positive role model for parents and children.	child. -All members of the school community have a responsibility in promoting a safe and supportive school environment.
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When we are teaching or discussing the value of responsibility we can include the following:

- ❖ Responsibility for self
- ❖ Responsibility for others
- ❖ Responsibility for property
- ❖ Responsibility for environment

**CURRICULUM CORNER**

At Rochedale we are encouraging the students to be Risk Takers. Risk Takers are students who approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. They are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs. This is promoted right throughout a student’s life, from encouraging the Year 1 students to write the sounds they hear in a word to Year 7 students predicting what a story may be about after seeing what the title is.

If you have any questions about any curriculum issues please contact me.  
 Gayle Healey  
 Curriculum Co-ordinator

**Mother’s Day Stall**

On Thursday 24 April after parade, we need helpers to wrap presents for the Mother’s Day Stall. The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 8 May for Years 5, 6, 7 and on Friday 9 May for Prep to Year 4.

The Mother's Day Stall is not only a fundraising activity, but gives the children the chance to independently choose that perfect gift for their Mum. In the past our Mother's Day Stalls have proven to be very successful.

We also need parents to help serve on the stall, if you are able to help for an hour or two we would really appreciate it. The stalls will be running from 9:30 – 2:30 in the Activity Building. Please contact me if you are able to help. Thank you for your support.

Kath Ramsay  
3341 2980

### **Craft Group for Fete**

Yes, we have already started. There will be a meeting next MONDAY 28 April in the P & C Shed at 11 am. New ideas also welcome. Phone Kath R – 3341 2980.

Thank you.

### **\*UNIFORM SHOP \***

As this is a short week, the Uniform Shop will only be open this Thursday from 8:00 - 9:00am. We are situated in a demountable on the oval behind the tuckshop. If you can't make it to the Uniform shop during its normal trading hours, please utilise our website. The Uniform price list and order forms can be downloaded by visiting [www.rochedalss.qld.edu.au](http://www.rochedalss.qld.edu.au) - and clicking on the word "Uniform Shop" on the left hand side of the page. Once the form has been completed, please submit this to the office and I will process your order that week. You may opt to get your child to pick up the order for you, and a receipt will be issued. If you are paying by cheque, please make the cheques payable to "Rochedale State School - P&C Association".

### **\*WINTER UNIFORMS ORDER FORM \***

Most of the winter uniforms have arrived. Unfortunately, due to unforeseeable circumstances, some winter uniforms haven't arrived - mainly the baseball jackets... I apologise for any inconvenience. All the other orders will be packed and can be collected. I have been assured however, that stock will be arriving by next week, when that happens I will advise via the newsletter when the baseball jackets have arrived.

\*Please ensure that you bring your lay-by docket when collecting your order. This will ensure prompt customer service.\*

### **\*SPECIALS \***

As the Tazlon pants are being discontinued, we are selling them at below cost of \$20. Normal cost \$29.00. We only have Size 6 & 12. Football socks - sizes 13-3 and 3-7 in school colours \$5.50

### **\*SECONDHAND UNIFORMS \***

We have a range of second-hand uniforms at reasonable prices. Please come and drop by. If you have any second-hand uniforms you wish to sell, please ensure that they are washed and we will gladly take them and sell them on consignment for you. \*Conditions apply.\*

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me through the school's email link:- [Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au](mailto:Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au) and I will respond to your email ASAP.

Thank you  
Mari-shell Scott  
Uniform Convenor

## **Parent's Prayer Group**

The Parent's Prayer Group is up and running for the term. We meet each Wednesday afternoon **in the Chaplain's room** *just near* the area between the Grade Three classrooms, from 2.30pm till 2.45pm.

The Parent's Prayer Group is non-denominational and we would love to welcome anyone who would like to join us on an occasional or regular basis.

Just a reminder, there is a *Prayer Point Box* for use by anyone within the school community who might like the Parent Prayer Group to pray for specific needs. The *Box* (with pens and paper) is located on the CRE Bookshelf in the area between the Grade 3 Classrooms. Prayer Points can be anonymous.

Enquiries, please call  
Carolyn 3841 2933 or  
Robynne 3219 9771

### **For Sale:**

- Girls Medieval Costume – Size 8-10, light blue dress. \$20 Ph 3841 5395
- Fridge – only a few months old, selling due to moving into unit with furniture, no longer needed. Perfect condition, quality item, paid \$800, selling for \$550. Ph 0408 758 693 for details.

**Entertainment Books:** Do you love to go out to places but want to pay less?? The Entertainment Book has over \$10,000 worth of vouchers from gold class dining, take away, dining, adventures, movies and lots more. This year its even bigger than ever.. They have included a discount card for Coles Supermarket. So, check out the website - [www.entertainmentbook.com.au](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au) if you

want to know more. The book costs \$60 and you only need to use the book 3 times and you virtually got your money back. With every book sold, you are supporting and helping to raise funds for the orphans in Kampala Uganda, and the Philippines. If you are interested in purchasing a book or have any queries, please give me a call on 0413 033 093, or you can peruse a display book at the Uniform Shop.

Thanks  
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## **BABY & KIDS MARKET DECLUTTER, RECYCLE & EARN CASH**

The original and fantastic Baby & Kids Market is coming to the Southside of Brisbane, 18th of May. Proudly bringing you the largest selection of simply irresistible pre loved baby and kids goods. We have everything! Great bargains, lots of fun - this is the place to be - buy or sell! Don't miss out! For more info please visit [www.babykidsmarket](http://www.babykidsmarket) or phone 1300 55 44 76.