

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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pause, this time to celebrate our Queen's 83rd birthday on 8th June. Our dedicated teachers and industrious students will work hard around any 'interruptions' making every lesson a worthwhile Teacher/Student experience. Buckle up and enjoy the exciting ride!

Again we pause

to reflect on the folly of war and attendant carnage experienced by young Australians 94 years ago. 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 Friday morning 9:00am to give added support to this important occasion.

Construction of Admin Building

As we mentioned in a notice to all parents last week, construction of our new Admin Building has now begun on the school oval. This is a 20 week building program and the informal parking arrangements that were in place for parents in this area are no longer available. Your patience in relation to this major infrastructure development is greatly appreciated.

Apr	23	School Leaders ANZAC Day Ceremony – ANZAC Square
	24	School ANZAC Day Ceremony 9am Parade
	30	Brisbane City Council Rochedale Development Information Evening
May	4	Labour Day Public Holiday
	7 & 8	Year 4 Maranatha Camp
	12, 13 & 14	National Testing Yr 3, 5, 7
	19	Walkathon Prep – 3
	20	Walkathon 4 – 7

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'Success is the way of travelling, a process, not a status.'
- Denis Waitley

'Who begins too much, accomplishes little.'

- German Proverb

A warm welcome back

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back. It was lovely to listen to many of our students relate to their Easter break. It appears tents and campervans were given a real workout this time around. Stories about camping on Stradbroke Island, Cotton Tree or half way down New South Wales dominated in the playground. Term 2, as you are doubtless aware, is interrupted by a series of public holidays. On May 4th, we stop to celebrate Labour Day, the important day dedicated to the toilers of our nation – and their colleagues worldwide. A little over a month later we again

Student of the Month Awards

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

1A	Oliver Z Developing confidence and always displaying enthusiasm towards his work.	3T	Lucinda W Consistently displaying our school values. A delightfully enthusiastic member of 3T.
1B	Cameron L His practical approach to problem solving. Cameron is a thinker who contributes creative ideas to our classroom.	4A	Olivia B Always working to the best of her ability and for being a caring and supportive class member.
	Ronan C His enquiries beyond the classroom and sharing his discoveries to enrich our class. Keep it up.	4C	Adi S Working quietly and diligently in all school activities.
1C	Ezekiel C His great improvement in his reading. Excellent start to the year!	4D	Mace T Showing interest in our Unit of Inquiry and doing further research independently.
1L	Eloise H Her enthusiasm and efforts to improve her writing. Keep up the good work, Eloise!	4K	Alana P Demonstrating the qualities of the Learner Profile and exhibiting them every day in our classroom. Thank you, Alana.
1S	Anthony H Always working conscientiously and showing pleasing improvement in his written work.	5F	Tyler B His responsible behaviour and open-minded attitude to work.
2I	Clayton C Consistently working well as an individual and in groups. Clayton is thoughtful and co-operative to other students.	5K	Tony L Working quickly and quietly on all classroom activities. He tries hard and produces neat work.
2M	Tyler W Being a considerate and caring student who always displays a mature approach to his work.	5L	Bianca H Being responsible and ready to work.
2W	Ella R Consistently demonstrating our school's six values and for being a positive, friendly and helpful member of our class.	5N	Tamara C Co-operating with others and listening to instructions and following them accurately and promptly.
3C	Jaiiah A Being a great listener, a wonderful team member and producing great school work. Well done Jaiiah.	5R	Harry R Participating in all activities, in particular swimming, with commitment and enthusiasm.
3M	Anthony J Consistent effort to always do his best. Anthony is also a caring and valued class member. Congratulations!	6C	Shaneice S Her ability to reflect maturely in her writing.
3N	Georgia A Georgia consistently works to the best of her ability and always shows respect and	6L	Joseph R The quiet, conscientious way he approaches his schoolwork.
		6W	Tori G Continuously striving to improve and always displaying enthusiasm towards all aspects of her learning.
		6/7N	Maddison R Being a highly conscientious student, constantly striving for improvement.
		7B	Anna-Liisa R Making a great start to her new school and always trying to improve her skills

despite any difficulty encountered. A great attitude, Anna-Liisa!

7R Samantha D
Displaying an enthusiastic and mature attitude towards her research task.

7S Samantha K
Always displaying an excellent effort and great attitude towards her work.

7W Samantha M
Her persistence and positive attitude towards mathematics. Her hard work has produced some very pleasing results. Well done Samantha!

French Andrew G
Participating well in class and working conscientiously.

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.

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

Tues

5/5

Wed

6/5 Tracey S

Thurs

7/5 Volunteer Needed

Fri Interschool Sport

8/5 Kath R Sylvia B

Mon

11/5

Tues

12/5 Michelle D

Wed

13/5 Cathy O

Thurs

14/5 Deana Z

Fri Interschool Sport

15/5 Richelle H Michelle F

Mon

18/5 Kaye S

Tues

19/5 Shirley L Walkathon Prep-3

Wed

20/5 Suzanne U Walkathon Yr 4-7

Welcome back everyone. Hope you are rested and ready for a ten week term.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea

Craft

Outside Activity

Cooking

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea

Craft

Outside Activity

Cooking

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea

Craft

Outside Activity

Thursday

Afternoon Tea

Craft

Outside Activity

Other Activities

Friday

Afternoon Tea

Craft

Outside Activity

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.

Outstanding Student Invoices

Just a reminder that all Prep Levies, Keyboard lessons, Instrumental Music and Strings Program for Term 1 need to be finalised by 1 May 2009.

Also if you would like to pay the voluntary contribution please pay at the school office on banking days Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

ANZAC Day Items for Sale

The school office now has items for sale for ANZAC Day. Items available are:

Pens - \$2

Ribbon Pins - \$1

Silk Stickers – 0.50c

Please send money to school with your children so they can proudly wear their item this week and at our school ANZAC Day Parade on Friday.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Welcome back everybody. I trust you had an awesome Easter break, and have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn. I also hope that you all kept up with your reading over the holidays. I look forward to catching up with you all and hearing your stories about the holidays, so make sure you tell me all about the fun things you got up to. I might even have a few stories of my own to share with you too.

Don't forget that I am in the school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, and that I am never too busy to talk to. If something's on your mind and you don't know who to talk to, come find me and bend my ear for a while. You never know, it might help!

Keep reading, and have a great week!

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

Both courses held at Logan Uniting Church, 129 Dennis Road, Springfield.

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

Games Rangers: Our final training session will be next Monday, April 27th, during the lunch break!

B Strong: B Strong will be starting again in a couple of weeks' time and I am looking for interested participants! This 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: 'Failure is not defeat until you stop trying.'

P&C News

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

SEEKING A NEW TREASURER!!!: Due to work and study commitments our current Treasurer Doug King will be unable to continue in his role beyond June . As a result of this we are seeking someone to take on this position, preferably stepping in before Doug finishes so he is able to pass on his wisdom and work with them to learn the system he has set up. For further information on the position please call Doug King on 3341 2828.

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.

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. It couldn't be easier!

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

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

Springwood RSL Sub-Branch

Ph.07 3808 1977

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Mothers' Day is on 10th May and I will be running a Mothers Day Stall, on behalf of the P&C, on the Wed, Thurs and Fri prior to this – i.e. 6th, 7th, and 8th May. This stall provides gifts which are priced between \$2.00 and \$6.00, for the students to purchase for their mother or grandmother.

I need help to man these stalls from 8:30am till 3:00pm on the Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9:30am till 11:30am on the Friday. Please let me know if you can help. With around 2000

gifts needing to be wrapped I would appreciate help with this also.

If you can help in anyway, please call me on 3341 2980.

Thanks

Kath R

Library News – Term 2 Week 1

Borrowing- Prep to grade 3 please remember to bring your library bags. Grades 4-7 – it would be appreciated if you could use a library bag too.

Overdues – Please try to ensure that your child returns their library books this week a many books will show up as being overdue because of the Easter holidays.

Lunchtime Activities - please note new schedule for Term 2

Monday – Games

Tuesday – Movie

Wednesday- Movie

Thursday – Games

Friday – read / share a book day

Happy Reading

Library Staff

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open with the usual trading hours of Thursday, 2:00 - 3.00pm, and Friday, 8:00 - 9:00am. Please also note that this is a voluntary position therefore out of hours appointment will be limited. If you are unable to make it to the Uniform shop during its normal trading hours, we have a website that you can utilise. Uniform price list and order forms can be downloaded by visiting www.rochedalss.eq.edu.au - and clicking on the word "Uniform Shop" on the left hand side of the page. Once the form is completed, please submit this to the office with your payment and we will process your order that week. You may opt to get your child to pick the order for you, or this can be sent to class. A receipt will be enclosed with the order. If you are paying by cheque, please make the cheques payable to Rochedale State School, P&C Association.

EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE!

For your convenience, the Uniform Shop now has EFTPOS. For every transaction there is a fee of 1.25% of the purchase price. The fee applies whether it's a credit or savings account.

We accept Mastercard and Visa. No refunds or cash out available.

WINTER UNIFORMS are now for sale. -
HURRY Stocks are Selling Fast.

Roster:

If you are unable to volunteer on your rostered day, please give me a call on 0413 033 093.

23/4 Karen E., Ki Sook K. David W.

24/4 Shirley L.,

30/4 Ki Sook K. David W.

1/5 Karen E.

7/5 Ki Sook K. David W.

8/5 Shirley L.,

Thanks

Mari-shell Scott

Uniform Shop Convenor - Volunteer

Parent's Prayer Group

The Parent's Prayer Group is beginning for Term 2 *next week*. It will be held weekly, each *Monday* afternoon, in the **Chaplain's room** from 2.30pm till 2.45pm.

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 3341 8427

2009/2010 Entertainment Books ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

This year's Entertainment Books are an excellent way to make sure you keep doing the things you like to do, no matter what the economy does. AND you can start using your Book straight away, which is valid until June 2010.

The Entertainment Book is a restaurant and activity guide that provides hundreds of 2-for-1, 25% and 50% offers providing exceptional (and in many cases exclusive) value from the best restaurants, attractions, sports and leisure activities.

If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Mari-shell on 0413 033 093.

Rochedale for RSPCA

Rochedale State School is proud to support the RSPCA. As you will notice below we have begun to advertise a Pet of the Week, in hope that one of our families may find a place in their home for one of the many pets up for adoption at the RSPCA Fairfield Shelter.

We have also begun to collect scrap A4 paper, which may normally be thrown out, to shred and deliver to a local pet store, as they have a constant need for it. They in turn have agreed to donate items such as dog toys and treats, cat litter, dishes etc. which we will deliver to the RSPCA Fairfield shelter regularly. If you would like to personally donate any items to the RSPCA, you may bring them to the School Office and see Lisa. Thank you for helping Rochedale State School to support the RSPCA.

RSPCA PET OF THE WEEK



Alfie ID: 422393

His owners are leaving on a jet plane to move back to the UK and unfortunately cannot take young Alfie with them. Now this one-year-old Australian cattle dog-bull terrier is hoping to make a move of his own, into a new home.

Alfie is a friendly dog with a ready smile and loves to play! He has done puppy preschool but, like all youngsters, he sometimes gets a bit too excited and forgets his manners. Yes, he still has lots to learn, but he's very eager to get started.

So, if you have love in your heart and a bit of time on your hands for walks and to teach Alfie

the basics in being a well-mannered dog, he will reward you with his love and cuddles.

Alfie has been vet checked, de-sexed, micro-chipped, and vaccinated. If you are interested in offering him a new home, please visit the Fairfield Shelter. The adoption centre is open 9am-4pm, Monday through to Sunday. Ph: 07 3426 9936



INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT?

Become a little brother or a little sister to an exchange student & open your door to another country! Expose your family to another culture and extend your family unit on an international level. World Education Program (WEP) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in July, 2009. Students from Belgium, Italy, Brazil, France, and Germany are looking for families that are prepared to welcome them into their homes as a family member. These young ambassadors are looking for life long friends and a place to call home during their stay. If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact our National Office.

World Education Program

Toll Free: 1300 884 733

Ph: (03) 9598 4733

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Email: wep@wep.org.au

An information pack can be sent on request.