

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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| May 6 | Walkathon Year 3 Planetarium Excursion |
| 7 | Year 6 Medieval Day Walkathon for Year 3 |
| 29-30 | Yr 4 Yandina Camp |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'He that will have the fruit must climb the tree.'

'To turn one's obstacle to one's advantage is a great step towards victory.'

Let's go walking... is possibly one of the best suggestions this time of the year. Daytime temperatures are ideally inviting for a stroll in the park or a brisk walk around town. Walking has many health benefits, but can also generate money. When conducted as a fundraiser we find great enthusiasm from the students. After all, the profits/proceeds go to our school where they add something new and

exciting. A range of school programs will directly and indirectly benefit from sponsorship of our students. I invite you all to support one, two or many students as they take to the track on this year's walk-a-thon. The event will take place on Tuesday 6th May with the exception of Grade 3 who is away on a school excursion on that day. The Grade 3 students will get their chance to engage in their own walk-a-thon the following day, Wednesday 7th May. I thank you for your generous support.

The Year 4 students

are off on their first camp for fifteen years. Yes, it has been a long time since Year 4 students from Rochedale attended overnight camps. Once again, this time of the year provides the ideal weather conditions for school camps and I understand both teachers and Year 4 students are all keen to attend their camp near Yandina on the Sunshine Coast. Many of our Year 4 students have not previously been on a camp. The experience is both novel as well as educationally and socially invaluable. It is a chance to work in the great outdoors, eat, drink and sleep over with your friends. Singing around the campfire and fun games are added bonuses awaiting the Year 4's as they board the northbound bus on 29th May.

Good Old D Block is near completion. Our distinctive school crest has been mounted on its western wall, facing busy Rochedale Road. It has been a lengthy rebuilding program. However, a sneak preview reveals it was worth the wait. The overall ambiance has morphed the old building into something new and practical. Construction at our school is not altogether at a standstill with the completion and recommission of D block, however. I am pleased to report

that our long awaited Tuck Shop building will be operational by 30th June and on line to dispense lunches and snacks for Term 3 in July.

Short week - Next week

Next Monday is a public holiday in Queensland. This is when we celebrate Labour Day. Labour Day is an important event which recognises the contribution to society of all working people. The day has a long history, which dates back in one form or another more than 130 years. In Queensland, it has special significance, as we are the only state where Labour Day involves a mass procession and celebration. Trade Unions, which represent the collective interest of workers, play an essential role in ensuring the continued relevance and spirit of this celebration. The origins of Labour Day stem from the early 1860s when the general campaign for an eight-hour working day began. This issue was important for employees, many of whom were expected to toil for unreasonably long hours in poor conditions. While annual processions of unionists began in the mid 1860s, these marches were quite small and restricted too only those who had achieved the eight-hour principle in Queensland. In Chicago at this time five people were executed on trumped up charges and this incident served to strengthen the resolve of workers to fight for basic rights. The battle for fairer hours and conditions continued in Queensland and although by 1888 eleven unions had won significant gains, however conditions for many people had deteriorated. A greater sense of union solidarity began to emerge at this time as workers in varying industries banded together in the common struggle. This solidarity resulted in the Labour Day march being opened to all workers for the first time in 1890. The initial linking

in Queensland of Labour Day with May Day occurred in the outback Queensland town of Barcaldine on 1 May 1891 when striking bush workers marched through the streets. The Brisbane celebration was moved to May in 1893 and this date was soon set aside for the annual event throughout Queensland. Rochedale State School opens for business the following day as usual. Enjoy your long weekend.

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.

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| Tues | 29/4 | Michelle D | |
| Wed | 30/4 | Kylie P | |
| Thurs | 1/5 | Kathy M | |
| Fri | 2/5 | Sylvia B | Interschool Sport |
| | | 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 | Help Needed Today | |
| Fri | 9/5 | Kylie P | Richelle H |
| | | 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 | 16/5 | Kylie P | Interschool Sport |
| | | Georgina F | Kylie S |

Mon
19/5 Kaye S

Tues
20/5 Shirley L Leah W

Wed
21/5 Cathy O Donna L

Thurs
22/5 Douglas K Amanda C

Fri Michelle F **Interschool Sport**

23/5 Kylie P Kath R

Mon
26/5 Anne D Amanda R

Tues
27/5 Michelle D

Wed
28/5 Kylie P

Thurs
29/5 Kathy M

Fri Kylie S **Interschool Sport**

30/5 Kylie P Sylvia B

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

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

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| Afternoon Tea & Fruit | Dip, Crackers |
| Craft | Magic Painting |
| Outside Activity | Little Athletics |
| Cooking | Cakes |

Tuesday

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| Afternoon Tea | Cake & Fruit |
| Craft | Sand Butterfly |
| Outside Activity | Hand Ball |
| Competition | |

Wednesday

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| Afternoon Tea | Fruit Platter |
| Craft | Funky Monkeys |

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| Outside Activity | Dog & Bone |
| Cooking | Pin Wheels |

Thursday

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| Afternoon Tea | Pinwheels & Fruit |
| Craft | Emergency Services |
| Mural | |
| Outside Activity | Parachute |
| Games | |

Friday

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| Afternoon Tea | Wraps & Fruit |
| Craft | Piggy Bookmarks |
| Outside Activity | Force 'em Backs |

Also available every day –
Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games, Colouring-In & Computers

Rochedale Swim Club News

We had a very successful presentation night on Sat 19th April and a very successful season – thank you to all those who helped make it so.

Don't forget – Tomorrow night is our AGM at 7pm. Come and be involved or just come and see what we do. Allan Dee (chairperson) 0420 960 046.

P&C News

Only 1 week until Walkathon! Don't forget Mums, Dads, Grandparents, friends – you're all invited to join in the fun of the day. I hope you're all having some success gaining sponsorship. See you on the day. Anne Dee – P&C President

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 8 May for Prep and Years 5, 6, 7 and on Friday 9 May for Years 1 - 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 Stall has 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.

CURRICULUM CORNER

At Rochedale we are promoting students to be *balanced*. The students understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others. To assist your child to develop a balance in their lives, encourage them to be involved in different activities such as sport, reading, cooking, art and craft, building, gardening, music, playing in the back yard, exploring what is around them.

All of the qualities that I have explained over the past few weeks, will assist in developing international-mindedness in your child. Preparing your child to live in the 21st century, with society changing as quickly as it is, is what we as educators along with you as parents are aiming to do.

If you have any questions about any curriculum issues please contact me.

Gayle Healey
Curriculum Co-ordinator

Library News- Term 2- Week 3

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.

Special Visitor – Last Tuesday, we had a special visitor from the Logan North Library. Simon shared some stories with the children and from their response he kept them entertained for the entire time. Please could we borrow- we are looking for copies of the book Arthur written by Amanda Graham. We would need to borrow the book for a week starting from May 19th. Could you please let the library know if you can help us out with a copy of this book.

Overdue books – we are still chasing students who have overdue library books from last term. Please check with your child if they have been returning their library books. We will need to send out bills for books that have been overdue for more than a month starting from this week.

Mother's Day – As part of our Mother's Day display in the library we would love to include photos of the mums of our school. We are asking that students bring in a photo to add to our mural. If you want your photo returned please put your child's name and class on the back.

Library Staff

UNIFORM SHOP

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.eq.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

Thank you to all for your patience regarding our winter uniforms. Some of the winter order uniforms have arrived. Unfortunately, due to unforeseeable circumstances, winter uniforms haven't arrived - mainly the fleecy tracksuit pants... I apologise for any inconvenience. All the other orders will be packed and can be collected if you have ordered the other types of winter gear. I have been assured however, that stock will be arriving by this week.

Please ensure that you have 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 these 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 and I will respond to your email ASAP.

Thank you

Mari-shell Scott

Uniform Convenor

For Sale:

- LG Fridge/Freezer – 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.
- White antique single cast iron bed, bedside table with cloth & lamp, white chest of drawers, pale blue block-out curtains with tie backs and tracks, 2 quilt covers with valance. Excellent condition, the lot \$400. Ph 0421 686 330.

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