

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



No. 13 – 27th April, 2009

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| Apr | 28 | P&C Meeting 7pm – Staffroom Year 5 Performance at Rochedale High School |
| | 30 | Brisbane City Council Rochedale Development Information Evening Year 7 CSIRO - Hall |
| 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

‘To worry about tomorrow is to be unhappy today.’

- Turkish Proverb

‘Laziness may appear attractive but work gives satisfaction.’ - Anne Frank

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, 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 scale 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, each student jettisons *mediocrity* replacing it with the more appropriate word *success* adding individual runs on the scoreboard of life.

Instrumental Music..

The sounds coming out of the Hall and Instrumental Class Room lately have been a joy to the trained ear. A visitor asked me the other day why we had taped band music on at school. I was pleased to inform the nice chap that it was live music rather than a recording from the Edinburgh Tattoo. The dedication, right across the board, from our beginners to intermediate to senior ensembles is commendable. All are performing at high levels, suggesting that their weekly lessons are but a small part of the work that goes on at home. Loving parents, as most of you know, have the capacity to endure their beginner’s *Fur Elise* on the violin, slightly out of key, the bow almost sawing the instrument in half, for the joy of gradual success and a virtuoso rendition of Brahms *Hungarian Dance No. 5 in G minor*, indistinguishable from Yehudi Menuhin’s version down the track.

Good, healthy children

is the number one item on parents' wish lists. Sadly, many of our children suffer from allergies, asthma and other medical conditions requiring intervention at school. From time to time we read of emergencies occurring in schools where hospitalisation of children has been required. Responding to the acute needs of children with assorted allergies, Education Queensland has amended guidelines for the distribution of pharmaceutical intervention to address the often-times life threatening situations occurring when peanut allergies affects a child. My staff and I are attuned with, and subscribe to, the latest guidelines which include interviews with parents and the formalisation of a Health Action Plan which springs into action if and when an emergency occurs at school. Apart from emergencies the administration of prescribed medication to children at school is professionally conducted in the Administration Office. As an aside, I draw your attention to, as the colder months set in, the school policy of allowing children to stay home when ill. Sick children infect other children. Well children learn - sick children endure.

Liam Smith
Principal

CURRICULUM CORNER

Last Sunday and Monday, the staff of Rochedale displayed the attributes of the Learner Profile and showed that they are Life Long Learners. The staff (both teachers and teacher aides) were fully engaged in a workshop focused on Teaching and Learning. Over the last week, many teachers have applied different strategies to their classrooms that they learnt over the two days.

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer inviting families to jointly construct A4 posters. These posters will focus on attributes of the Learner Profile – for this month the focus is THINKERS and CARING. The aim of constructing these posters is to develop school posters which show what these attributes mean and look like. When you complete the poster, please hand to me or in at the office.

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.

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**

Thurs

21/5 Douglas K Amanda C

Fri Interschool Sport

22/5 Kath R Georgina F

Mon

25/5 Amanda R

Tues

26/5 Michelle D

Wed

27/5 Cathy O

Thank you Kylie, James, Richelle, Sylvia and my Year 7 girls for your help last week.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

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| Afternoon Tea | Sandwiches & Fruit |
| Craft | Collage Farm Animals |
| Outside Activity | Oh No, Old McDonald |
| Cooking | Cakes |

Tuesday

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| Afternoon Tea | Cake & Fruit |
| Craft | Dancing Animals |
| Outside Activity | Animal Charades |

Wednesday

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| Afternoon Tea | Dip, Crackers & Fruit |
| Craft | Animal Masks |
| Outside Activity | Fill the Barn |

Thursday

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| Afternoon Tea | Soup & Fruit |
| Craft | Pig Snout |
| Outside Activity | Barn Dancing |

Friday

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| Afternoon Tea | Fruit Platter |
| Craft | Animal Finger Puppets |
| Outside Activity | Dodgeball |
| Cooking | Pizza |

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.

Friday Afternoon Sports Draw

To enable parents to look up where and when their child is playing sport we will loading the sports draws on to the school website www.rochedalss.eq.edu.au/sports.htm
Please take a moment to view this information before Friday afternoon.

Visitors to School Grounds

Please note that all visitors to the school MUST come via the office to sign in and state their purpose for being on the school premises. I am sure you can appreciate the need for this slight inconvenience in the interest of safety and security for our children.

Library News – Term 2 Week 2

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 – Many thanks to the children who have returned their books. We still have a large number of books overdue. Please return ASAP.

Action stories – Our focus for this term will be the genre Adventure Stories.

Surprise Visitor- We hear that there will be a special visitor coming to the school soon. All that we know is that his name is Captain Readit. We look forward to his visit.

Happy Reading
Library Staff

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.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Congratulations, Rochedale, on a fantastic ANZAC Parade on Friday. I was quite moved when a number of our students carried the candles and wreaths up the aisle to the stage, and Rochedale's musicians played the various songs (especially 'The Last Post'). We should never forget the sacrifices made by the ANZAC soldiers, and participating in a parade like we did last week with a respectful attitude is the best way I can think of to keep the ANZAC spirit alive and well. I especially appreciated the wise words of our guest speaker, John Winters and I sincerely hope you did too.

In other news, I am participating in a Fundraising Walk on the Gold Coast called

'Ks4Kids' on May 23rd and I am looking for some students (and their families) to do it with me, (and maybe even a few teachers too). There are lots of prizes to be won so don't miss out! You can walk 10, 20 or 30km with most of it taking place on the beach, or if you don't want to walk you can sponsor me to do it for you. The goal is to raise \$100k for chaplaincy, and money raised through Rochedale SS goes directly into the chaplaincy service here at our school. 10% of the money raised will support orphaned children in Uganda so it is all for a worthy cause!

See me for a registration brochure THIS WEEK if you are interested! Registrations must be in by Friday, May 1st!

Please note: There will be no Chaplaincy Service activities or programs run next week as I will not be in the school. They will all return the following week.

I hope you all have a great week and keep reading.

ON THE RADAR

Ks4Kids Fundraising Walk:

How far? 10km from Palm Beach Parklands at 10:30am (I'm doing this one)

20km from Don Macsween Park at 9:00am

30km from Southport SLSC at 7am

How much? Students - \$5, Non-students - \$10 (includes FREE Ks4Kids T-Shirt)

When? Saturday May 23

Buses will transport walkers back to their starting point from 1:40pm

B Strong: If you are a Year 7 boy, don't miss out on this awesome program – let me know if you are interested and take home a permission form ASAP.

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: "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

P&C News

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

You will notice we are calling for volunteers to help us out on the P&C. PLEASE consider offering us some of your time. I know more and more people are working and don't have the time, but in truth we are all in the same situation. Volunteering to help out at your child's school is a very rewarding experience and you get to meet some great people. How many years are our children at school? Really, not many. And to be able to be involved and be a part of that period of your child's life is a wonderful experience. Please don't just push our requests to the side, really think about it. You don't know what you're missing.

SEEKING A NEW TREASURER!!: Please consider joining us on the P&C.

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

UNIFORM SHOP NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

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 033093. Or pop into Uniform shop and see Mari Shell, she would love any help you can offer!!

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

Rochedale Rays Swimming Club

We have a voucher for a training session for 6 children with Jamie Charman from the AFL Brisbane Lions. We'll be holding a silent auction for this great prize to help raise some money for an ex-student of Rochedale State School, Luke Kerswell, as he strives to compete at the National level. To win this fantastic opportunity to train with the elite, please send your bid, along with your contact details to: rochedale.swim@gmail.com by 8th May at 9PM. The winner will be announced in the School Newsletter on 11th May. Good luck everyone and thanks for your support.

I'd also like to announce our new executive committee.

Chairman – Allan Dee

Secretary – Bronwyn King

Treasurer – Karen Karklins

Senior Vice Chairman – Andrew Munro

Junior Vice Chairman – Mark Feeney

Thanks to all for turning up to the meeting and putting your hands up to help in the running of the club.

See you all on 9th October!

Allan Dee.

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

Rochedale Urban Community Local Plan 'Meet a Planner' information session

Brisbane City Council's Rochedale Urban Community Local Plan is guiding the development of Rochedale to achieve a sustainable, integrated and master planned urban community. With the plan now in its implementation phase, a 'Meet a Planner' information session will be held on Thursday, 30 April 2009 between 5pm and 8pm in the Rochedale State School Activities Building. Local Councillor for Chandler Ward, Cr Adrian Schrinner, and members of Council's planning team will be in attendance to answer questions about the Local Plan and how it will be implemented.

For more information on the information session or the Rochedale Urban Community Local Plan, contact Council on 3403 8888 or visit

www.brisbane.qld.gov.au.

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.

UNIFORM BACK ORDERS.

School polos all sizes, and school bags are now in stock. If you have ordered any of these and have fully paid for them, they will be delivered to your child's class sometime this week.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We our trying to standardised they way we order our uniforms, and as such we have changed our supplier for the school polos. As you may or may not be aware, the Qld Cancer Council last year has strongly recommended that all school our uniforms especially the shirts have a UPF (ultraviolet protection factor) rating of more than 20%. It is stated that the closer the fabric's weave, the higher the UV radiation protection. It was also stated that the darker and richer the colour the higher the protection from the sun. Therefore, this means that you will notice a slight change in our school polos, especially the colour Jacaranda. Please do not panic. This just means that ALL our school polos have a UPF Rating of 50+ which has excellent protection and greater than 97.5% UV blocked. For further information about UPF Ratings, please log on to www.sunsmart.com.au.

OUT OF STOCK : Size 12 Waratah sports polos, Sizes 12 & 14 Baseball Jackets We appreciate your patience.

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

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

Whilst you are able to purchase a 'royal blue' winter gear, at a much cheaper price than the one we offer, the advantage of purchasing winter uniforms at Rochedale is the quality of the fabric and its durability, warmth and anti-peel fabric. Apart from the Microfibre, we have our school emblem on our winter uniforms which is a great way for identification, professionalism and a sense of pride.

Roster:

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

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.

Parent's Prayer Group

The Parent's Prayer Group has begun for Term 2. We meet 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

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



Timmie ID: 407755

You'd be forgiven for thinking that Timmie is a little unusual looking for a Siamese. He's clearly the wrong colour, right? Well actually he's a Siamese cross, and has all the typical Siamese features; a slender agile body, larger than life personality, and gorgeous almond eyes. But packaged up in a lovely little black coat instead of the usual cream one!

Timmie's goal is to grow up big and strong, but he's still got quite a long way to go... at four months old he's still pretty tiny for his age. He has cat flu, so to remain happy and healthy he needs a nice warm indoor home. Preferably with one of his mates to keep him company while you're at work!

Timmie has been vet checked, de-sexed, micro-chipped, and vaccinated, and is available for the special price of \$115. If you are interested in offering him a new home, please visit RSPCA Qld's Adopt-a-Pet website at www.adoptapet.com.au. The adoption centre is open 9am-4pm, seven days a week.

Springwood State High School

Fashion Parade Extravaganza

*Presented by
Christina Hinds
Multi Award Winning Designer*

15th May 2009

Arrive at 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start

*Held in the Multi Purpose Hall at
Springwood State High School
200 Springwood Road, Springwood*

Admission:
*Adults - \$15.00
Students - \$6.00*

*Includes entertainment, light refreshments
and a complimentary drink*

*RSVP: 4 May 2009 to
Jess Derasas on
(07) 3380 6167 or 04 22 859 122*