

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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May	6	Mothers' Day Stall Yr 4-7 Combined Band Rehearsal R.S.H.S.
	7	Mothers' Day Stall Prep - 3 Year 4 Maranatha Camp CSIRO Yr 7 - Hall Prep Police Visit
	8	Mothers' Day Stall - Morning Tea Year 4 Maranatha Camp
	12, 13 & 14	National Testing Yr 3, 5, 7
	19	Regional Cross Country Maths Team Challenge World Vision Leaders Day
	22	Under 8's Week - Captain Readit Launch
	26	P&C Meeting 7pm
	27	Walkathon Prep - 7

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.' - Anonymous

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

The Q150 anniversary celebrations show no signs of slowing down despite the State and nation's economic woes. Many of the celebratory measures are of an enduring kind. Rochedale State School has been fortunate in funding for the planting of a grove of advanced Silky Oak trees. Part of the same grant is the installation of seating cubes for the children. We are working with an artist and members of the

community to design and create the artwork for these seats. Our Year 4 classes are involved in this project. The Brisbane City Council is providing all the necessary contractors and the professional artist for the project intended to further augment and beautify our outdoor built environment. It is particularly pleasing to see student involvement on this occasion. Who knows, these same students may visit Rochedale State School a few years down the track with their own children to point out that they were there for the creation of the seating cubes.

The first sod is turned by the time you read this Newsletter. I am referring to the school's new and long-awaited Administration Block. Yes, work has commenced at the site of a predicted 20-week construction. The hope at this stage is that the building and surrounding site work will be finished in time for our annual Fete on 5th September. As always, during constructions at our school, there will be minor, unavoidable inconveniences with regards to out-of-bounds areas for the students. However, our large grounds still provide ample space for play, sport and social interaction. The completed Administration Block will feature state-of-the-art design and be user friendly not only to its occupants but also to the stream of visitors we receive each day. I shall keep you posted in this column as to the building progress and anticipated completion date. We welcome Walton Constructions to our school and will watch with interest the erection of this new building.

Cross Country racing a close relative of orienteering - cunning running - as its devotees like to refer to the sport, is upon us once again. Our able athlete didn't use a map and compass to navigate the course, however, as they joined the District Cross Country competition last Monday. The course was clearly laid out and the athletes needed only worry about Mr. Coote's coaching program which has been practiced at length prior to the event. Our keen athletes, especially the younger ones, needed reminding that cross country is an endurance race. The winner was not necessarily the first one out of the blocks, a technique acquired after a few entries in this wonderful event. Again, it was a great chance for our top athletes to match their prowess with students from adjoining schools. Congratulations to all the members of our team, but a special congratulations goes to Mitchell A,

Nicholas A, Ammaarah T, Jessica B, Jack C, Matthew S, who have all been selected for the District team to compete in the Metropolitan East Regional Cross Country in the coming weeks. Congratulations also to Ethan B who was selected for the Metropolitan East Australian Rules Football team.

Student of the Month Awards

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

- 1A Riley S
Working independently and showing leadership skills.
- 1B Courtney P
Going further with her inquiries and sharing with the class. Courtney always shows respect and is a focused learner.
- 1C Jade L
Always trying her best and overcoming any obstacles. She is a valued member of our class. Great work Jade!
- 1L Suhayla J
For always working well in groups and independently. Suhayla is caring and thoughtful to others.
- 1S Hunter L
For consistently producing his best work and always demonstrating the school values.
- 2I Jaykob G
Working hard to improve his reading and written language. Well done, Jaykob!
- 2M Emma K
Being an enthusiastic participant in our classroom activities. Emma always strives to do her best. Keep up the good work, Emma!
- 2W Trinity N
Being a self-motivated, enthusiastic student who is interested in everything we do and who loves to share her knowledge with us.
- 3C Aisling C
Being an attentive and studious student, with great leadership skills and a caring nature.
- 3M Kirsten W
Working consistently in all areas to become more knowledgeable. Kirsten is

- 3N Sureaiyah O
Always doing her best, even when it is very difficult. What a great attitude!
- 3T Lochlan P
Never giving up. Encouraging others. Always doing his best.
- 4A Bailey H
Always contributing to class discussions with interesting information. He is always polite, supportive and kind to his classmates.
- 4C Olivia D
Displaying good manners and a positive attitude towards her academic work.
- 4D Dane P
Careful listening and great participation during class discussions.
- 4K Eric F
His honesty, integrity, fairness and sense of justice. His caring and compassion for his fellow man. His attitude make ours a better world to live in.
- 5F Cissy J
Being a knowledgeable and reflective learner. Well done, Cissy!
- 5K Stephen J
Listening carefully and following directions. Keep up the fantastic work, Stephen!
- 5L Bianca-Lee C
Having a good attitude to her learning and helping others. Well done, Bianca-lee!
- 5N Alexander M
His enthusiasm in class and his self-motivation to further his knowledge at home.
- 5R Riley S
Being a positive and engaging student during classroom activities. Riley demonstrates an excellent work ethic.
- 6C Sophie R
Her constant effort and conscientious attention to self-improvement.
- 6L Georgia E
Her enthusiasm, perseverance and consistently positive approach to her schoolwork.
- 6W Nathan K
Displaying effective, positive inquiry skills when researching his imaginary animal.
- 6/7N Joseph A
also a wonderful team leader. Congratulations, Kirsten.

His exemplary behaviour in class as well as his positive attitude and application to his studies.

7B Rosalie P
Her positive attitude towards improving her skills in all areas. Great work, Rosalie!

7R Matthew L
His thoughtful contributions to class discussions and for displaying a consistent willingness to help classmates.

7S Kaelyn T
Maintaining an excellent standard and attitude towards her work.

7W Jack B
His positive attitude towards his learning and being a wonderful role model for our school.

Chinese Georgia E
Participating in activities with commitment and interest.

Liam Smith

Principal

CURRICULUM CORNER

Preparing students to live in the 21st century in a changing society is our aim as educators. Being a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate Organisation's Primary Years Program sets the framework for us to achieve this. The Learner Profile promotes Internationally minded students – I am looking forward to receiving the A4 posters on THINKERS or CARING that you as families are working on.

Learning a second language has many benefits. We are fortunate at Rochedale to offer our students either French or Chinese from Year 2.

The benefits of learning a second language include:

- Developing an understanding of another culture
- Learning another language assists students in developing a better understanding of English

Research has shown that students who learn another language from a young age have

improved academic results and are more able to learn another language when they get older.

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.

Wed

6/5 Tracey S

Thurs

7/5 **Volunteer Needed**

Fri Interschool Sport

8/5 Richelle H Sylvia B Kylie S

Mon

11/5

Tues

12/5 Michelle D

Wed

13/5 Cathy O

Thurs

14/5 **Volunteer Needed**

Fri Interschool Sport

15/5 Richelle H Michelle F

Mon

18/5 Kaye S

Tues

19/5 Shirley L

Wed

20/5 Suzanne U

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 Walkathon Prep - 7

27/5 Cathy O

Thurs

28/5 **Volunteer Needed**

Fri

29/5 Kylie S **Volunteer Needed**

Mon

1/6

Tues

2/6

Wed

3/6 Tracey S

Thurs

4/6 **Volunteer Needed**

Fri

5/6 Kath R Sylvia B

Thank you Michelle, Kaye, Kylie, Sylvia, James & my Year 7 helpers.

Volunteers Needed!

Help! I am in desperate need of volunteers on Thursdays. Unfortunately for me, mums have returned to the workforce. Even if you can spare an hour or two, that would help. Please drop into the tuckshop and make my day. Thanks.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea	Public Holiday
Craft	No ROSHCA

Outside Activity

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Board Games
Outside Activity	Alaska Ball

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Clay
Outside Activity	Catch or Splash

Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Sandwiches & Fruit
Craft	Farmer Guy
Outside Activity	Ring Toss
Cooking	Pasta Bake

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Pasta Bake & Fruit
Craft	Barn Roof
Outside Activity	Barnyard Obstacle Course

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.

A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES, PLEASE CHECK THE A-Z ACCOUNTS BOX LOCATED NEXT TO THE PARENT COMMUNICATION BOOK FOR YOUR ACCOUNTS.

Student Council

The Student Council have been asked to assist a small school in the Pacific Islands near Suva. A teacher visited this school recently and was totally dismayed to find out the students at the

school had very limited stationery supplies to try and work with. We are asking our school community to help out by donating any stationery supplies (exercise books, pencils etc) that you may have that are in new condition to help these students out.

Please send the items you wish to donate to the school by this Friday, 8th May and transport has been arranged to the students as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help in this matter
Rochedale Student Council

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Just a reminder that the Mothers' Day Stall will be held this Wednesday for Year 4-7 and Thursday for Prep-3. If your child is away or forgets, I will also open the stall with left over items at Morning Tea on Friday. Thanks so much to my Year 7 helpers – Sean P, Lisa B, Sam D, Iyesha A, Sam M, Danielle A, Pip W and others for helping me during their lunch hour over the past few weeks.

Thank you also to the mums who helped with wrapping and who will be helping me serve this week – Amanda H, Sylvia D, Suzan W, Pam, Dersiree, Amanda R, Tracy A, Jo O, Sandra L, Donna L. One last thank you goes to Jeanette and Underwood News, who generously lets us purchase the Cookbooks and Puzzle Books at cost price so the P&C can have her profit on these books. She also does this with all of the stationery items the tuckshop stocks. So please support her business Underwood News whenever you can. Happy Mother's Day to all the mums and I hope you enjoy the gifts your children have chosen for you from the stall.
Kath R

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

P&C News

Our next meeting will be held in the staffroom 7.00pm, 26th May.

Dates for your diary: *DATE CHANGE* - 27TH

May – Walkathon - All grades

19th June – Disco – Winter PJ party theme

optional

5th September – ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL ANNUAL FETE

ROCHEDALE FETE 09 – The year is flying along and before we know it our Fete will be upon us. This said, we would like to start our collections of donations for the Trash and Treasure Stall and the 2nd Hand Clothes Stall. Think of us while you sort out your wardrobes and drawers for the change of season. Please leave your donations at the back of the activity hall.

UNIFORM SHOP DESPERATELY 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. 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

you order, use our unique code: [rss0907](#). It couldn't be easier!

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

Parent's Prayer Group

The Parent's Prayer Group is held weekly, each *Monday* afternoon, in the **Chaplain's room** 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.

Enquiries, please call
Carolyn 3841 2933 or
Robynne 3341 8427 or see Mr James!

Scholastic Book Club

Book club catalogues are handed out on a Thursday and we request that **orders only be returned with payment on the following Wednesday to the class teacher.** Please do not return prior to this day as teachers cannot be responsible for keeping money in their classrooms and **Book Club should not be handed into the office.** Please provide correct money and have the child's name and class are at the top of the order form. All cheques made payable to Scholastic Australia. Thank you for your cooperation.

RSPCA PET OF THE WEEK



Laurent ID: 426512

Looking for a fat cat with plenty of personality?
Well loveable Laurent may well be your man!

Laurent is a purebred Burmese, and it's a wonder why someone hasn't already fallen in love with him and whisked him away! He always has something to say; he'll chat to you at breakfast time, he'll welcome you home from work, and there'll be bountiful banter over dinner. He adores a good cuddle and will make a great lap warmer over the coming winter months! At 8 years of age, Laurent is a little older than some of his feline friends, but that just means you can skip all the hassles of owning a kitten... he won't pee everywhere, he won't wreck all your furniture, and his delightful demeanour will make for a smooth transition into your family!

Laurent has been vet checked, de-sexed, micro-chipped, and vaccinated, and is available for the special price of \$120. 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.