

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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May 7	Year 6 Medieval Day Walkathon for Year 3
9	Prep Lone Pine Excursion
15	Prep Daisy Hill Excursion
16	Year 2 Mini Creatures
29-30	Yr 4 Yandina Camp

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'True wisdom lies in gathering the precious things out of each day as it goes by.'

'Who begins too much, accomplishes little.'

School Volunteers are not new. They existed over seventy-five years ago when the local population carved out a school from existing farmland. They have existed in and around the Rochedale area ever since. Being *National Volunteers Week* I thought it appropriate to address the topic of volunteering. We all have different concepts of volunteering. A quick Google search convinced me about

the enormity of the volunteering concept. However, there are of course some fundamentals that pop up in people's minds. *Altruism* volunteering for the benefit of others. Most people argue that there are no purely altruistic volunteers – altruism is a common motivation but never the only motivation for sustained commitment to serve – there is always some aspect of personal gain or satisfaction; *Quality of life* - serving community because doing service makes ones own life better - is perhaps the most significant motivation for volunteering. It is often mixed with a good dose of altruism. Included here would be the benefits people get from being with other people, staying active, and above all having a sense of the value of ourselves in society that may not be as clear in other areas of life; *Giving back* - many people have in some way benefited from the work of an organisation, or more generally, and volunteer to give back; *Sense of duty* - some see participation in community as a responsibility that comes with citizenship - in this case they may not describe themselves as volunteers; *Social* - Volunteering is a good way to meet a lot of different people from other walks of life and it is often easy to make new friends. In the legal fraternity volunteering is often known as working 'pro bono'. (Not to be confused with the lead singer in Irish band U2). The satisfaction of *pro bono* work is warmly received and applauded by the public in such memorable flicks as *The Castle*, where Charles 'Bud' Tingwell's semi-retired legal eagle Lawrence Hammil represents the hapless Kerrigan family in their quest to keep the family home. Yet, the common thread is of course *volunteering*. The many volunteers I encounter at Rochedale State School are an integral part of our school. Their individual and combined efforts are too

wide ranging to fully detail. Suffice it to say, the notion of holding a *Volunteers Week* is a great initiative and gives us, as a school community, the opportunity to tip our hats in gratitude to a very special breed of people – the Rochedale State School Volunteers. We salute you!

Congratulations to our new Swimming club executive-

Allan Dee - Chair

Andrew Munro - Senior Vice chair

Gary Kerswell - Junior Vice chair

Louise Brier - Secretary

Warren Barnhill - Treasurer

Mother's Day takes place this Sunday. Last year I spoke at length about the origins of Mother's Day in America in the early part of the last century, but I think we have had enough history in this column for today. I am therefore directing my thoughts to contemporary motherhood. Today we live in a fast and demanding consumer society. Mothers work harder than ever before. Most are expected to simultaneously hold down full-time work – as with many of our teaching staff – be wives, lovers, mothers, daughters, amateur counsellors, psychiatrists, admonishers, grief counsellors, confidants, cleaners, scrubbers, toilers... Yes, the list goes on. Where is the time to read a book in the garden? Where is the time to sit down, do nothing and watch the surf roll in or the sun set behind the hills? These are questions many busy mothers justifiably ask this Sunday. Hopefully, children and husbands will have some [if not all] of the answers. A good start would obviously be to 'extend' Mother's Day to 'Mother's Week' a momentum that would no doubt bring a smile to the dial of most mothers. Mother's day is of course much more than going down to the nearest Harvey Norman and purchase

a new toaster or iron. I suggest Mother's Day should be about lessening the horrendous burden society place on women. I dare say many mothers are meeting themselves coming around the corner at breakneck speed trying to be super-Mums. There is no need. We love you for what you are, not for what you do. Stay in bed next Sunday morning, read the Sunday papers, enjoy your tea, and don't fret if your orange marmalade spills all over the lifestyle section, or the dog runs off with your new slipper... It's all part of Mother's Day... or should that be Mother's Week. On a more serious note I am pleased to announce that your intrepid P. & C. is running a Mother's Day stall this Friday. This will be an excellent opportunity to buy a wonderful gift for Mum. Fathers are encouraged to slip a few dollars into their children's pockets on Friday morning. No, the P. & C. is not selling irons, ironing boards, waffle irons, mops or buckets.

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 Lachlan F
Always displaying beautiful manners and working hard.
- 1M Heidi P
Being a good example to other children with work and manners.
- 1S Bella T
Her polite and cheerful manner and always striving to do her best.
- 2I Chloe K
Being a responsible, mature class member.

2M	Matthew P Consistently outstanding efforts in all areas of his school work. Well done, Matthew!	4R	Nicholas A Having an excellent attitude to classroom learning and demonstrating good manners.
2S	Colin T Developing his skills as a learner who listens and follows instructions. Keep up the great improvement!	5L	Tammy W Always being ready to learn and using lovely manners.
2W	Lochlan P His excellent manners, kind and considerate nature and enthusiasm for all we do.	5N	Dana L Displaying a caring nature towards her peers when working during class time.
3C	Lucy G Consistently being a conscientious worker with very pleasing results. Lucy is an asset to our class.	5K	Kaisha T Always being a responsible class member and presenting high quality work.
3D	Andre H Being a conscientious worker. He is also a valued team member. Well done, Andre.	5R	Tyler G Being a conscientious and enthusiastic class member.
3N	Lachlan W Excellent work in Maths. Lachlan loves playing with numbers – even at home.	6A	Michael M Working maturely and conscientiously on all given tasks.
3T	Dane P Being a hard working, responsible, helpful and polite member of 3T at all times.	6C	Dion T His recent thoughtful contributions to class discussions and for always making the effort to improve on his work, bringing his already high standard of work even higher.
4C	Olivia S A tremendous effort to improve in Maths and an excellent lecturette.	6L	Tiana C Her enthusiasm, conscientiousness and the fabulous effort she puts into her school work.
4D	Daniel S Trying to do his best in listening carefully and working at his classroom tasks.	6W	Caleb F The pleasing progress he is making in Mathematics, as a result of his positive attitude.
4K	Riley S Acting with integrity, honesty with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of individuals and groups.	6/7B	Samantha D Her attentiveness, application and dedication to her school work and studies.
4L	Kaden H Working enthusiastically during Maths and always trying to do his very best.	7B	Kosta G Always giving his best effort despite any difficulties encountered. A great attitude Kosta.
		7L	Mitchell A Always being a polite, hard working and positive student.

7S Dylan B
 Displaying a mature and responsible attitude towards his work and peers.

French

Chinese Cameron H
 Participating in activities with commitment and interest.

ROSHCA

And that's the way I see the week from my vantage point near one of our stately trees...

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

7/5 Cathy O Tracy S

Thurs

8/5 Cathy O

Fri Kylie P Richelle H

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**

Sport

16/5 Georgina F Kylie S

Mon

19/5 Kaye S

Tues

20/5 Shirley L

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**

Sport

30/5 Kylie P Sylvia B

Mon

2/6 Mary I

Tues

3/6 Leah W

Wed

4/6 Cathy O Tracey S

Thurs

5/6 Anne W

Fri **Interschool Sport** Kath R

6/6 Kylie P Amanda G

Thank you Anne, Richelle, James, Kyle and Mitchell for your much needed assistance last week.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea **Public Holiday**

Craft

Outside Activity

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter

Craft Writing Paper

Outside Activity BP

Cooking Pikelets

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea Pikelets & Fruit

Craft Sponge Painting

Outside Activity Fly

Thursday

Afternoon Tea & Fruit
Craft
Frames
Outside Activity

Dip, Crackers
Mothers Day Photo
Relays

Friday

Afternoon Tea & Fruit
Craft

Sandwiches &
Mothers Day Cards

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

Money Collection

Please hand in all money into the school office in the morning. Money coming in to the office in the afternoon makes it very difficult to supply teachers with up to date lists of who has and hasn't paid for an excursion or performance which could eventuate in a child not attending. This also applies to money being brought in on the day of the excursion!

CURRICULUM CORNER

At Rochedale we are encouraging the students to be *reflective*. Students are encouraged to give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experiences. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their learning and personal development.

This brings to mind the old saying “you always learn from your mistakes.” Students of all ages reflect on what they have learnt, incidents that occur in the playground and how they go about learning, to assist in making better decisions in the future.

Inquirer, knowledgeable, risk taker, open minded, communicator, balanced, reflective, principled, caring and thinking

students are the qualities being promoted at Rochedale.

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

Gayle Healey
Curriculum Co-ordinator

P&C News

Walkathon 2008

What a beautiful, warm, sunny day we had for our annual Walkathon fundraiser. It was great to see all the children out with hats and big smiles. Thank you to all family and friends for coming along and supporting the children, it was a wonderful morning.

Collection of sponsorship money will be happening outside the activity building each morning from 8am. Please select a prize from the appropriate category and write it on the top of your order form before returning it with the money. All those who return their money by Friday will go in the draw for the lucky draw prize. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Disco

We are having a disco on Friday 16th May.

Juniors (Prep – Grade 3): 5.30 – 7 pm.

Seniors (Grade 4-7): 7.15 – 9pm.

Baby News

Congratulations to the Pearce family (Linda Pearce – Learn to Swim teacher) on the arrival of their baby boy, Jayden Thomas, born on Friday 2nd May. Wonderful news!

MOTHERS DAY STALL

The Rochedale State School P&C Association will be holding a Mothers Day Stall over two days this week:

- Thursday for Preps, Years 5, 6 and 7
- Friday for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

The idea of the stall is to enable the students to purchase a quality low priced gift for their Mother (or Grandmother). Prices range between \$2 and \$6. Children are able to buy more than one gift. The types of gifts available are:

- Jewellery – necklaces, earrings, mobile phone charms, key rings
- Gardening gift pack
- Pamper packs
- Puzzle packs
- Candles
- Vases
- Chocolates etc.

Please help your children to support this stall by giving them \$6 to purchase a really great gift for their Mother. It would help if they can bring their own shopping bag also.

I am also still looking for volunteers to 'man' the stall on Thursday and Friday. Donations of plastic bags will also be appreciated and can be left at the tuckshop.

***UNIFORM SHOP ***

The Uniform Shop will be open this Thursday and Friday 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* _

If you have ordered **_ *Size 6 Fleecy V neck jumpers and Fleecy track pants*_** I have been advised by our supplier that there will be a delay and stock won't come in until the beginning of June. I do apologise for any inconvenience and I do realise that it is now getting cold. If we can get the stock sooner, I will advise you ASAP. Thank you for your patience. ***All other orders are now packed and are ready for collection.*** If you have received a lay-by docket, please ensure that you have it when collecting your order. This will ensure prompt service. If you are collecting an order for someone else, please ensure you have a written authorisation to do so.

_ *SURPLUS WINTER STOCK NOW FOR SALE

***Be quick - Limited stock and sizes!**
***If you have missed out on ordering winter uniforms, we do have some that you can purchase.**

Sleeveless fleecy vest with school emblem - Sizes 6-14 (this is warm and comfortable)
 Microfibre jacket - Sizes 4-16
 Mircofibre pants - Sizes 4-10
 Fleecy V Neck jumpers Sizes 4, 8, 14,16,
 S,M, L Fleecy pants - Sizes 12, 14 & 16
 Baseball Jacket with school emblem - Sizes 4, 6 12 14 & 16 ***We are unable to hold sizes, first in best dressed.**

_ *SPECIALS _ *

As the Tazlon pants are being discontinued, we are selling this 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

Parent's Prayer Group

On Wednesday afternoons a growing number of Parents and Friends from our school community meet for a short time of prayer.

We pray for our school's students, families, teachers, staff and leaders. We meet for 15 minutes from 2.30 pm until 2.45 pm in the Chaplain's room just near the area between the Grade Three classrooms.

We would love to welcome anyone interested in joining us regularly or occasionally.

Any queries please call
Carolyn 3841 2933
Robynne 3219 9771

Under Eights Week

'Our children, Our world, Our future'

23 – 30 May 2008

Rosedale State School will be celebrating Under Eights Week through the following activities.

**** Prep, Year 1 and Playgroup****

Friday 23 May 9.30am – 11.00am

All our Prep, Year 1 and Playgroup children and their parents are invited to participate in craft activities and games on the oval followed by a picnic morning tea.

(See flyer Friday for more information)

**** Year 2 ****

All our Year 2 students will be participating in an Art Competition.

**** Year 3 ****

All our Year 3 students will be participating in a Writing Competition.

The Year 2 & Year 3 students will be exhibiting their work in the library and prize winners will be awarded on parade on Friday 30 May.

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 if you want to know more. The book costs \$60 and you only need to use the book 3 times and you have 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. You can also pay by credit card. We have a form that you can complete and will be processed the next business day.

Thanks
Mari-shell

For Sale

- Billabong Full Steamer Wetsuit – Boys Youth Size 14, ‘mint’ condition. \$120 o.n.o. See Mrs Calder 3D please.

Lost

- School Jumper with emblem – size 6. Has name Oliver Zylstra on inside, please hand into office if found.