

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 Yr 2 Bugs Ed – Mini Creatures
	26	P&C Meeting 7pm
	27	Walkathon Prep – 7 BIGGEST MORNING TEA
	28	School Photos
	29	Michael Salmon – Author Visit for

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

The shortest way to do many things is to do only one thing at once. Samuel Smiles

What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others. Confucius

Maranatha Camp near Yandina on the Sunshine Coast proved a popular setting for the recent Year 4 Camp. Tucked in a valley between rugged hills the Maranatha Camp provided rigorous low ropes activities, bush walks and other fantastic activities. Evening activities followed the hearty fare dished up in

the Camp's mess hall. For some of the Year 4 students it was the first time that they had been away overnight without their parents. Others were seasoned campers and members of either the Scouting or Girl Guide movements. Whether a seasoned camper or a novice... they all had a marvellous time. I know you are racing towards my comment on 'behaviour,' and here it is. The Year 4 students behaved admirably and were, not surprisingly, true young ambassadors of Rochedale State School.

NAPLAN is an anagram for National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Testing (NAPLAN). It takes place at our school this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. As with any testing, anxiety builds up in both children and parents. However, let me assure you that our students in the designated Grades 3, 5 and 7 are well prepared. Like a well-trained team of athletes heading off to an international meet somewhere, our little charges have learned the required tasks and honed their skills in preparation. Tuesday will focus on language conventions and writing. Wednesday tests reading skills while Thursday is taken up with numeracy. What results will I receive for my child? Each child who participates in the tests will receive an individual parent report that shows performance in literacy and numeracy. The report also compares an individual to other Australian students; the average score on the NAPLAN tests and the range of achievement for the middle 60% of students in Australia. A pamphlet, Reporting Information for Parents will also be included with each parent report to provide assistance with interpreting the results. I do not expect parents to ask their children to undertake additional exam preparation. A good night's sleep the night before followed by a hearty breakfast is all your child needs to take part - and succeed well - in this year's NAPLAN test.

Friday, 22nd May is special at Rochedale State School. It is the beginning of Under 8's Week. This is a wonderful autumn week in the school calendar when all the Under 8's – and those over 8, in the form of Teachers, Aides and Parents – let their hair down during wonderful educational and fun activities. Indeed, the week almost takes on a carnival feel, as our little people run from activity to activity with that enthusiasm only a child under the age of 8 can muster. Yes, do bring your cameras and videos

and capture your children on obstacle courses, or paint brush in hand executing an unforgettable landscape or an intimate portrait of a fellow student or Teacher. This year's Under 8 theme is "Creativity - Let It Happen!" With 2009 being the Year of the Creativity, we want to encourage children to create: to create new ideas, new approaches and new actions. We want to challenge children to express, experiment, consider, create and follow their dreams. Creativity is simply the act of making something new, and believe you me... much creativity will take place during Rochedale's Under 8's Week.

In short, there is much to look forward to throughout the month of May here at Rochedale State School...

Liam Smith
Principal

P&C NEWS

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

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL P&C -

WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS. We all work, we all have children and we are all running households. With our work on the P&C we all do the best we can. We are learning as we go. We are all here to be part of our child's school years and to help make our school the best it can be. There is no personal gain other than the satisfaction of being part of a great community, and that's how we all feel about Rochedale. The children deserve the best, and we want to help make that possible. I would like to thank all members of our P&C for the time and effort each and every one of them puts in to their jobs. Also all those who are not members of the P&C but still volunteer their time to help in whatever way they can around the school. Your contributions help make our school great.

Dates for your diary:

27TH May – Walkathon - All grades

ALSO THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA, raising money for The Cancer Council

19th June – Disco – Winter Pyjama party theme *optional*

5th September – ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL ANNUAL FETE

MOTHERS DAY STALL

I would like to thank Kath Ramsay and her team of helpers for the hard work they have put into making this years mothers Day stall as successful as it was. There was a wonderful variety of presents available, something for everyone. And at great prices too.

Walk-a-thon - 27 May - 9.30 to 10.30

Sponsorship forms are coming home today. Prizes will be on display on parade on Friday.

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA – WEDNESDAY, 27TH MAY, 8AM – 11.30AM

The P&C are very pleased to announce we will be hosting a Biggest Morning Tea on the morning of the Walkathon. All profits to The Cancer Council. So, before you start your walk for our school, or when you've finished your walk, come visit us in the activity building and have a cuppa and support another great cause. We have been very lucky to secure the support of Chefs Events, who are providing us with a coffee machine. We will have Coffee/Tea and cakes for sale. We will also have the Biggest morning Tea cups for sale, and of course any donations will be gratefully received. If you are unable to come on the day, you can help us by making a donation online at www.biggestmorningtea.com.au and search for our morning tea by name *Rochedale Raises*.

CHRISTMAS WAREHOUSE SHOPPING TOUR IS ON AGAIN!!

This shopping tour is very popular and a great success every year. Enclosed in this newsletter is a flyer with all the details, but I recommend booking early for your seat on the bus. DON'T MISS OUT!!

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.

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 Girl Guides Need Help

Guides at Rochedale need Adult helpers to work with current leaders.

Help Guides (aged 6-10, 10-13)

Have fun and make friends, while learning values and leadership skills through a programme of games & Activities.

You already have skills and any other training is provided. Join our great team today.

For more information contact Janet 3341 0176 or Marian 3341 6533.

CURRICULUM CORNER

What do you think your child will be doing in 15 years time? It is an interesting question to think about. It is predicted that many of the occupations that our children will have don't exist today. They will be using technology that we can only imagine. Promotion of the *Learner Profile* will enhance our students' ability to adapt to this every changing society.

Remember for the month of May, I am asking for families to design an A4 poster on either of the Learner Profiles of Thinkers or Caring. The poster needs to include a description of the Learner Profile, illustration/s and be no bigger than A4. With these posters we will be developing a school set of Learner Profile posters to be proudly displayed around the school.

Skills are still vital for children to have to build their knowledge on. Maths is made meaningful for children if they notice it around them. Here are some ideas to try:

- When carrying shopping bags decide which one is heavier or lighter,
- Count the number of cars, trucks or motorbikes you pass while driving – then compare and discuss why one mode of transport is seen more often than another
- Compare the different colour cars that are on the road
- When shopping compare the prices of different brands of the same item

- Use the clock or calendar wherever possible

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.

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

Mon

8/6 Queens Birthday Holiday

Tue Michelle D

9/6

Wed Cathy O
10/6

Thank you Kylie, Michelle, Sylvia, Kaye and year 7's for your help last week.

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.

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 its a credit or savings account. We accept Mastercard and Visa. No refunds or cash out available.

OUT OF STOCK - Size 12 & 14 Baseball Jackets and Size 6 V Neck jumpers. All other winter gear are available.

WINTER UNIFORMS are now for sale. For a quick reference, the following are the prices.

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.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those of you who have expressed your interest in volunteering at the Uniform Shop. I really appreciate the time you have set aside in your busy schedule to add value into our school community. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Following is the roster. If you are unable to volunteer on your rostered day, please give me a call on 0413 033 093.

Date	Volunteer Name
7/5/09	David W., Karen E
8/5/09	Suzanne U., MS
14/5/09	David W., Deseree
15/5/09	Joyce, MS, Shirley
21/5/09	David W., Ki Sook
22/5/09	Marzah, MS
28/5/09	David, Karen
29/5/09	Joyce, Shirley, MS
4/6/09	David, Ki Sook
5/6/09	Suzanne, MS
11/6/09	David, Deseree
12/6/09	Joyce, Shirley
18/6/09	Karen, Ki Sook
19/6/09	MS, Marzah
25/6/09	David, Karen, Deseree - Stocktake
26/6/09	MS, Shirley, Joyce - Stocktake

****The above Roster is subject to change***

A BIG THANK YOU

to David W, Karen E and Shirley L, my Uniform Shop volunteers for assisting me in the Uniform Shop. Volunteers are hard to find and I want to make this as a special mention and appreciation for the above and beyond commitments they have made this year. I also want to say a big thank you to David W for donating a printer/copier and other items which will assist in improving and streamlining the efficiency of our Uniform Shop.

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.

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

Thanks
Mari-shell Scott
Uniform Shop Convenor

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea	Saos & Fruit
Craft	Puppets
Outside Activity	Balloon Stomp
Cooking	Pasta Bake

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea	Pasta Bake & Fruit
Craft	Weaving
Outside Activity	Capture the Flag

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Fruit & Crackers
Craft	Puzzle Makings
Outside Activity	Touch Footy

Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Barn Painting
Outside Activity	Dress Ups
Cooking	Rainbow Biscuits

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Rainbow Biscuits
Craft	Goop
Outside Activity	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.

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!



Rochedale State High School is holding an Information Evening for prospective 2010 Year 8 students from 6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 19 May. The evening will involve a tour of the school, displays and presentations by the Principal and School Support Staff. Enrolment packages will be distributed and bookings made for enrolment interviews during the evening.

CSIRO Science on Saturday is coming

Our Environment	16 May
Health & Wellbeing	23 May
Whodunit?	30 May
Geology Rock!	6 June
Awesome Agriculture	13 June

For bookings and more information please call 1300 302649.