

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER



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May	20	Yr 7 – R.S.H.S. Open Afternoon
	29	School Photos (except Yr 4)
	29-30	Yr 4 Yandina Camp
June	3	Yr 4 School Photos
	17-19	Rochedale Cluster Inst. Music Camp for Yr 7 Inst. Music Students – Rochedale S.S.

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

**Thoughts for the Week**

‘No one knows what he can do until he tries.’

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‘Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above them.’

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**When Prime Minister Rudd** recently visited China he spoke to government leaders in Mandarin Chinese. Their obvious surprise and delight was in stark

contrast to deriders back in Australia who somehow felt uncomfortable seeing their leader, their Prime Minister, speaking in a foreign language. Sadly, a pervading view among many Australians is that English is the only *bona fide* language and form of communication in which we should engage. How wrong! This shows a flawed perception of languages in general and English in particular. ‘English’ is a relative newcomer as an international language. For many years French was the dominating language by foreign visitors and diplomats world wide. The fact that Prime Minister Rudd could communicate with the Chinese leadership in their own language, however basic, endeared him in his host nation and quickly broke down cultural barriers others might experience. At Rochedale we consider *Languages other than English* to be so important that we have extended our two language programs down to Grade 2. This is a bold move, but early experience in our two languages, French and Mandarin Chinese, is of immense long term value. Our well-equipped language labs, our professional and dedicated language teachers combine to make French and Chinese worthwhile at Rochedale State School. Some of our French Language students often comment about the similarities between French and English, often times only separated by pronunciation, while the Mandarin Chinese Language students face a slightly harder road to hoe. Do encourage your children to engage with their second language program. It is taught for the right reason. I would be delighted to later learn that, for example, one of our student leaders in 2008 sought a career with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade one day, representing his country in Beijing, persuasively negotiating for Australia in fluent

Chinese, a skill commenced a decade earlier at Rochedale State School.

**It appears we are back in drought mode** once again. The lawns, recently looking great are now resuming the slightly parched look of Autumn without rain. There are, however, some raindrops around the school, at least on Fridays. In a classroom at the school's periphery you find a bunch of toddlers who make up Rochedale Raindrops Playgroup. You see, every Friday, gifted Year 2 teacher Trish Ireland and equally enthusiastic partner, Teacher Aide Sandy Davidson, combine to provide an exciting and stimulating 90-minute program for the 18 months to 3 year-old clientele and their mothers. By 08.45 a.m. a steady caravan of prams and strollers make their way to this classroom where the very young are afforded an opportunity to engage in structured play with their peers. This is particularly important to children without siblings, as they are introduced to sharing, listening (or ignoring) other little people. The program makes use of nearby outdoor facilities such as the sandpit and play equipment usually occupied by Junior School during recess. Each 'lesson' in the Raindrops Playgroup culminates in singing well-known nursery rhymes, acting out stories and dancing on the spot. Add to these stimulations an array of toys acquired by the group, and you find a proven recipe for fun with few if any children wanting to leave when the inevitability of 10.30 a.m. arrives. Meanwhile, Rochedale Raindrops provides an excellent opportunity for mothers to interact, sometimes over a cup of coffee, share their children's experiences and savour a bit of adult company in their otherwise busy days. Enrolment in Rochedale Raindrops Playgroup is open to everyone. A token \$2.00 weekly fee goes

towards the acquisition of toys, books, CD's and other equipment which enhance the learning program from start to finish. Why not try this wonderful facility? I warmly recommend a visit.

### **Under 8's Day this Friday**

Yes, the 23<sup>rd</sup> May is coming up fast. With splashes of sound, colour, paint and action, well over 300 Rochedale State School students from Prep to year 1 intend to make a splash for 2008 Under 8's Day this Friday. With so many activities on offer no child can do everything so it is a matter of small groups moving from one activity to the next as their fancy takes them - trying out the bean bag toss, making smiley face biscuits, dancing with scarves, blowing bubbles, playing quoits, chasing the bubbles, hula hooping, painting a wall..... where to next..... making cut-outs, drawing, printing, stringing beads...getting dirty...getting tired...but having FUN!!!!!! This year's event promises to be hugely successful because of the people who share their time and talents to plan, prepare and provide the activities, who set up shade and sound, and who deliver and help organise equipment.

My appreciation naturally goes to our wonderful Teachers in Junior School who have worked long and hard to make Under 8's Day a recurring success story here at Rochedale State School. Many of the themes are encouraged by the Greater Learning Centre's Early Childhood Network. With teachers, aides, parents and helpers, children – in small groups - have an opportunity to use skills of negotiation, and communication to decide together where to go, what to do, when to eat etc. These are valuable life skills and assist all children to engage in activities for a truly wonderful outdoor

learning experience. Have a wonderful day! I intend to...

**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.

**Tues**

20/5 Shirley L

**Wed**

21/5 Cathy O

**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 Anne W Angie L

**Fri** Kylie S **Interschool**

**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 Kathy M

**Fri** Kath R

6/6 Kylie P Amanda G

**Mon**

9/6 **Queens Birthday Holiday**

**Tues**

10/6 Michelle D

**Wed**

11/6 Kylie P

**Thurs**

12/6 Sue V Cathy W

**Fri** Georgina F Kylie S

13/6 Kylie P Melissa T

**Mon**

16/6 Kaye S

**Tues**

17/6 Shirley L Leah W

**Wed**

18/6 Cathy O

**Thurs**

19/6 Amanda C Douglas K

**Fri** Michelle F

20/6 Kylie P Kath R

Thank you Mitchell, Kyle & Curtis for your help last week.

**ROSHCA Program**

**Monday**

Afternoon Tea Dip, Crackers & Fruit

Craft Mosaics

Outside Activity Donkey

**Tuesday**

Afternoon Tea Wraps & Fruit

Craft Blowpipe Gliders

Outside Activity Oval Tiggy

Cooking Cakes

**Wednesday**

Afternoon Tea Cake & Fruit

Craft Paper Fans

Outside Activity Greek Ball Game

**Thursday**

Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter

Craft Feather Pencils

Outside Activity Charlie Over

the Water

Cooking Pinwheels

**Friday**

Afternoon Tea Pinwheels & Fruit

Craft Fridge Magnets

Outside Activity Soccer

Also available every day –

Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games,

Colouring-in and Computers.

## **CURRICULUM CORNER**

Learning to read takes time. To support this process when listening to your child at home, there are some strategies you can use to guide them.

When your child comes across a word they don't know try one of the following ideas.

Ask your child to:

- Re read what they have just read
- Leave the word out, read the rest of the sentence then return to the word that was missed out
- Read and make a guess
- Look at the pictures to see if that will help
- Look at the first letter as a last option
- Stretch out the word. This is a last option as there are so many words in English that cannot be sounded or stretched out.

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

Gayle Healey

Curriculum Co-ordinator

## **Under Eights Week**

'Our children, Our world, Our future'

23 – 30 May 2008

Rochedale 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.

## **Instrumental Music**

All Year 5 Instrumental students are reminded that Junior Band 2008 will commence at 1.25pm this Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. All Year 5 instrumentalists need to bring their instruments on that day.

Thank you,

Bryan Pearson – Instrumental Music Teacher

## **P & C News**

Last Friday night was Disco night. We laughed, we danced, we ate, we had a great time, and that was just those of us behind the counter and in the kitchen!!! The night turned out to be a huge success, bigger than any of us could have anticipated. The turn out to both discos was tremendous, it was wonderful to see. So many adults and children alike were having a great time dancing.

Thank you to all those who came, and to all parents who brought their children. I think a great time was had by all. As always though there are a lot of people who I must thank for taking time out to help put the night together: First and foremost I must give a huge thank you to Bobby Brown, the DJ, who despite being injured and only having use

of one arm provided us with an excellent night of music, dances and games. Without Bobby it would have been a very quiet disco!!

There are so many others who helped with the preparation of the evening: Kathy Morrison (ordering lollies, drinks, helping set up, and selling glow products on the night), Sue Glennon (ordering the glow products) and Kath Ramsay (decorating the hall), Bronwyn King (helping set up and being in the kitchen on the night) and Julie Barnhill (for helping set up and keeping the kitchen running smoothly and clean), Jack Morrison and Tayla Barnhill (for selling the Glow Products). I must mention Julie Johnson and Janelle Gover, who were at the door making sure no-one left with out a parent. A big thank you to them for that very important job, I am sure you will agree. They mentioned to me how well behaved all the children were, waiting with patience for there turn to leave or come in. How nice to hear!

As for everyone else who helped that night, a big thank you. I don't know if I have everyone's names, so please accept my apology now if I miss you, but please be assured you were very much appreciated on the night:  
Suzy Mills, Mr Jeffrey, Mr Whalley, Mr Coote, Mrs Underwood, Miss McDonald, Miss Seib, Sandra Ludke, Kylie Pfeffer, Mr A, Mrs Berry, Tracey and Joe Bottomley, Julie Sydes, Nicola Sydes, Laura DeYoung and Vanessa Ellul.  
Also thanks to Mr Smith, Mr Burton and Mrs Francis.

### **Walkathon**

Last Friday on Parade we drew the Lucky Draw prize for those who returned there Walkathon Sponsor money early. The lucky winner was Julia S. from class

2W. She was the lucky winner of a sports bag with drink bottle, cap, soccer ball, Frisbee, elastics and satellite ball. Congratulations Julia, I hope you have a lot of fun with your prizes.

We are still collecting money and hope to finalise all money by the end of this week as we will be announcing the winners of the prizes for those who raised the most individually and the class who has raised the most on parade on Friday. Please return all outstanding sponsorship money this week to the school office, remember to have your child's name, class and chosen prize on the envelope.

Thank you.

Anne Dee, P&C President

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop will be open this Thursday and Friday from 8:00 - 9:00am.

#### **\_\*WINTER UNIFORMS\*\_**

Due to limited storage, can the following parents please collect their winter uniforms this week.:

Bellert, N	Barrett, H
Van Horssen, Y	Idrizovic, M
Cragg, T	Soutar, R
Delaney, J	Rodgers, T
Munro, B	Esposito, L

#### **\_\*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).

Micro fibre jacket - Sizes 4, 10, 14 & 16

Micro fibre pants - Sizes 4, 8 & 12

Fleecy V Neck jumpers Sizes 4, 8, 10,

12, 14,16, S,M, L Fleecy pants - Sizes

12, 14 & 16 Baseball Jacket with school emblem - Sizes 12 & 16 We are unable to hold sizes, first in best dressed.

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

### **Craft Stall for Fete**

We are still meeting every Monday from 11am, if you are interested please come along as we are still looking for volunteer knitters and sewers. Also, any donations of buttons, lace, scrapbooking embellishments etc. would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the tuckshop.

Thank you,  
Kath R – 3341 2980

### **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.

### **Library news- Term 2 Week 6**

Storytime- Our school will be involved in National Simultaneous Storytime this Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Our Prep classes will be involved in the reading of the story Arthur by Amanda Graham. This will be happening at thousands of

schools across the country as a focus on reading for enjoyment.

We are still looking for 2 more copies of this book so please send one if you have one at home.

MS Readathon – students are able to register to participate in the readathon this year from June 1 -30<sup>th</sup>. Money raised will go to research on Multiple Sclerosis and to assist people living with the disease. Children who are interested in participating can pick up a registration form from the Library.

Lunchtime activities- these are as popular as ever but we need to remind students to come to the library straight after eating time especially on movie days as our space is limited and we sometimes have to turn children away.

Library Staff

# PHOTO DAY

**Thursday 29th May**

## Important Information

Silver Rose Photography will be at the school on the above date to photograph groups and student portraits.

To ensure you have no problems with your order please read your school photo envelope carefully.

- Your child must return their envelope on PHOTO DAY, not before and not after.  
If your child does not hand an envelope to the photographer, they cannot be photographed for individual portraits. You can place a late order with Silver Rose but usually only for group photos.
- You can make your payment by cash, credit card (Visa or Mastercard), cheque or money order.
- If you have any questions about Photo Day please call Silver Rose on (07) 32625788

### **Sports and Special Groups**

*Do not order Sports or Special Groups on your envelope.*

*Order forms will be available separately from your School's reception after photo day.*



All students are to wear proper school uniform for their School Photos, i.e. their Day Polo, not a Sports Polo. Also, please note that Year 4 students will be on their camp on Photo Day, therefore they will have their photos taken on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.