

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER



No. 16 -18<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

May 19	Regional Cross Country Maths Team Challenge World Vision Leaders Day
21	Rochedale S.H.S. Open Day – Yr 7
22	Under 8's Week – Captain Readit Launch Yr 2 Bugs Ed – Mini Creatures
26	P&C Meeting 7pm Michael Salmon – Author Visit for Prep to Yr 3
27	Walkathon Prep – 7 BIGGEST MORNING TEA
28	School Photos – All grades

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Thoughts for the Week**

'No one outside ourselves can rule us inwardly.  
When we know this, we become truly free.'

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'Happiness is an art, not an accident.'

- James Rohn

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***Important notice to parents***

**State school arrangements for planned  
teacher strike - Tuesday 19 May**

Parents and carers who are able to do so should keep their children home from state schools on Tuesday, 19 May, due to the planned teacher strike.

For families who cannot make other arrangements, be assured that all state schools will be open and adult supervision will be provided. However, there will be no educational instruction on the day.

I will be present at school tomorrow. Teacher aides, supply teachers and teachers not taking

part in the strike will also attend to supervise children.

If your child requires before or after-school care on Tuesday 19 May, please rest assured that the service is operating as usual.

**Come Wednesday week (27<sup>th</sup> May 2009),**

we all don our Nike, Adidas and other walking shoes and take to the pavement in this year's Rochedale State School Walkathon. It is a fund raising event which works on two levels. Firstly, it raises needed funds for the shade shelter in the pool and additional reading materials for students. Secondly, it fits in with our school's focus on healthy minds and healthy bodies. Walking is one of the best forms of exercise available. It costs little, gives a person time to think, evaluate, assess, observe and enjoy. Small wonder parks and walking tracks are filled with young and old walkers – and a goodly portion in between – every day of the year. As a bonus, we are giving out wonderful prizes at the end of the Walkathon. With the current cold spell I do not envisage anyone raising a sweat. In other words, the climate is ideally suited for this great event. And who said we don't plan well at Rochedale?

**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 amongst 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 to 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 2009 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.

### School Photo Time

Looking at the old black and white photos from last year's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of Rochedale State School I was amazed to see in what good order they still were. Black and white pictures of the farmers' boys and girls from 1932 were quite different, however. Many children wore the same clothes to school as they wore in the fields before and after school. Today's uniforms are of course very different. May I stress to parents that we expect 100% uniform compliance this Thursday for our photo shoot. The purchase of school photos is a worthwhile record of your child's time at Rochedale State School. Its true value may not be realised until much later. Imagine your child, in his 50's, hauling out the photo taken this Thursday. It will no doubt bring a smile not only to the viewer, but a flashback to a time when petrol was only \$1.20 per litre and a time when you were allowed to have 4-minute showers, oh for a return to 2009... thinks the viewer in 2059.

**School Photo Envelopes will be sent home with your child on Wednesday this week.**

*Liam Smith*  
*Principal*

### CURRICULUM CORNER

Encouraging students to think mathematically is encouraged in classrooms. When students are solving mathematical problems, asking them to explain their thinking and how they worked out

the answer, will develop their confidence and encourage them to be risktakers. This thinking is an important step in refining and extending the students understanding of mathematics. There are many ways to solve problems and encouraging students to be risk takers and try different methods, will develop mathematical understanding.

Talk to your child about how they are working out different mathematical problems – they may develop different, valid methods that effectively allow problems to be solved.

I am looking forward to receiving the *Learner Profile* posters on *Caring* and *Thinkers*. Please hand them to me or in at the office by 28 May. Each A4 poster must have an illustration, title and a description of the Learner Profile.

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

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 Interschool Sport

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

**Thurs**11/6 **Volunteer Needed****Fri**

12/6 Richelle H Michelle F

**Mon**

15/6 Kaye S

**Tues**

16/6 Shirley L

Thank you Kylie, Michelle, Shendelle &amp; my Year 7 girls for your help last week.

**ROSHCA Program****Monday**

Afternoon Tea Dip, Crackers &amp; Fruit

Craft Farmer Man

Outside Activity Continuous Tennis

Cooking Pinwheels

**Tuesday**

Afternoon Tea Pinwheels &amp; Fruit

Craft Bubble Painting

Outside Activity Skipping Competition

**Wednesday**

Afternoon Tea Sao's &amp; Fruit

Craft Hanging Farm Animals

Outside Activity Little Athletics

Cooking Cakes

**Thursday**

Afternoon Tea Cakes &amp; Fruit

Craft Bird Feeder

Outside Activity Scavenger Hunt

**Friday**

Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter

Craft Mural

Outside Activity Soccer

**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.

**Library News – Term 2 Week 5**

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.

Author Visit – Michael Salmon will be talking to Preps to Grade 3 on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May in the last session after Big Lunch. The cost will be \$3.30 and permission notes have been sent home. Michael will be available for signing autographs and many of his books will be for sale for a short time after school.

MS Readathon- We had a visit from Michelle and Bucco to talk to the students about registering for the readathon to help raise money for research for people with multiple sclerosis.

Students can register online at [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or pick up a registration from the library by the end of May.

Library Award – This week's award went to Jake M 4D

Happy Reading  
Library Staff

**P&C News**

**Our next meeting will be held in the staffroom 7.00pm, 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Dates for your diary: 27<sup>th</sup> May – Walkathon - All grades –ALSO THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA, raising money for The Cancer Council 19<sup>th</sup> June – Disco – Winter Pyjama party theme \*optional\*

5<sup>th</sup> September – ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL ANNUAL FETE

WALKATHON CORRECTION NOTICE:

\*Please note\* In the note that went home last week with the list of prizes there was an error with the most raised 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. It should have read iPod Shuffle NOT iPod Nano. Apologies for the mistake.

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA – WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> 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 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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

**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 program 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.

**Uniform Shop 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
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 - <i>Stocktake</i>
26/6/09	MS, Shirley, Joyce – <i>Stocktake</i>

*\*The above Roster is subject to change*

**For Sale**

- Violin ½ size. Very good condition with hard case, strings, bow, rosin and shoulder rest. \$85 Ph Ashani 3411 0117