

# ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



No. 17 -25<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Thoughts for the Week

'What we have to learn to do, we learn by doing.'  
- Aristotle

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'Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions  
us for better things.' -Henry Ward Breecher

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### What a week ahead

By the time parents are reading this newsletter Rochedale State School would have played host to a visit from **Captain Readit**. The Captain is one of the many 'motivators' we are using at Rochedale State School to build upon our cause, "Every Child, Every Night, Reads". If you have a child in Years Prep to Year 3 please take the time to have a chat about **Captain Readit** and his quest to have Every Child, Every Night, Reads'. And as the Captain says, 'May the books be with you'.

### Let's go walking...

is possibly one of the best suggestions this time of the year. Daytime temperatures are ideally inviting for a stroll in the park or a brisk walk around town. Walking has many health benefits, but can also generate money. When conducted as a fundraiser we find great enthusiasm from

the students. After all, the profits/proceeds go to our school where they add something new and exciting. A range of school programs will directly and indirectly benefit from sponsorship of our students. I invite you all to support one, two or many students as they take to the track on this year's walk-a-thon. The event will take place on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. I thank you for your generous support.

Parents and special visitors are welcome to refresh their parched throats following their walk with a cuppa at the P&C's Biggest Morning Tea, a fundraiser for the Queensland Cancer Council.

### Under 8's Day this Friday

Yes, the 29<sup>th</sup> May is coming up fast. With splashes of sound, colour, paint and action, well over 200 Rochedale State School students from Prep to Year 1 intend to make a splash for 2009 on 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...

## **Congratulations..**

to Cheyenne T, for becoming the State Champion on a 85cc motorbike in the Women's Motorcross State Titles. She gained a F2 Plate for being the second-highest point scorer, with a total of 222 out of 225 points received. Well done, Cheyenne!

**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**

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 **Pizza Day**

### **Thurs**

11/6 **Volunteer Needed**

### **Fri**

12/6 Richelle H Michelle F

### **Mon**

15/6 Kaye S

### **Tues**

16/6 Shirley L

### **Wed**

17/6 Suzanne U

### **Thurs**

18/6 Amanda C

### **Fri**

19/6 Kath R Georgina F

### **Mon**

22/6 Amanda R

Thank you Kaye, Kylie & the Year 7 girls for your help last week.

## **Pizza Day**

We are having a Pizza Day on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June. This time we are using Domino's. Order forms will go home on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June. Orders must be returned to the tuckshop by Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June. Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June is a Public Holiday and Domino's will need to be advised that day. So if you want a pizza, have orders back by Friday. Cost is \$2.80 and flavours are Supreme, Hawaiian and Vegetarian. I will have spare forms at the tuckshop.

## **ROSHCA Program**

### **Monday**

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Bubble Painting
Outside Activity	Hula Hoop Toss

### **Tuesday**

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Farm Animal Bookmarks
Outside Activity	Stuck in the Mud
Cooking	Pinwheels

### **Wednesday**

Afternoon Tea	Pinwheels & Fruit
Craft	CD Coasters
Outside Activity	Tug of War

### **Thursday**

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Foam Fridge Magnets
Outside Activity	Races

### **Friday**

Afternoon Tea	Sandwiches & Fruit
Craft	Bird Feeder
Outside Activity	Oval Tiggly

**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 6**

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 read-a-thon 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.

Captain Readit – Captain Readit has asked us to give a raffle ticket to all the students in Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 who borrow a library book. A prize will be drawn each week on parade. The class that borrows the most books will win a special prize at the end of the term.

Happy Reading  
Library Staff

### **International Mindedness**

The eyes of the world are on France this week with the running of the Formula 1 Grand Prix in Monaco last night. Also with the results announced of the annual International Film Festival at Cannes! This morning's news announced that an Aboriginal Australian man, Matthew Thornton, won Best First Film Director for his film Samson & Delilah.

Upcoming Events:

- Brisbane ballet students audition to participate in the Royal Paris Opera Ballet, which brings La Bayadère to QPAC from June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – Roma St Parklands will hold a free event to celebrate French National Day. At this event a simulated Tour de France will take place with all regions visited by this year's cycle race. Food and delicacies from all of these regions!

### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

I want to thank everyone who took the opportunity last week to support Chappy Week by going to the Coffee Club, or by participating in the Chappy Week activities. The week was a great success and will be bigger and better next year! It was also great to see some Rochedale

students when I visited some local churches, as their smiling faces made me feel very welcome!

Last week I also had the opportunity to attend the World Vision Global Leadership Convention with our School Captains and Vice-Captains. It was a great way to spend the day, and we learned a lot as we participated in the activities. All of Rochedale State School will get the benefit of sharing in what we learned as I will interview those who went during an upcoming parade.

I hope you all have a great week, and keep reading because Captain Readit is coming!

### **ON THE RADAR**

**Impact 6-8:** Rochedale Baptist Church is hosting a supervised activity on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (from 5:00-6:45pm) for all Year 6, 7 & 8 school students from our community called 'IMPACT 6-8'! These awesome night events are jam-packed with games, live band, pizza, parents' lounge, Wii Sport, and some chill out and chat time, and this one is sure to be more of the same! If you would like to go, ask the Chaplain for an information brochure! (Attn Parents, this event will have *some* religious content).

**When:** *Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:45pm*

**Who:** *Grades 6-8*

**Where:** *Rochedale Baptist Church, Cnr Rochedale Rd*

**Cost:** *\$2 (inc. pizza)*

**Chappy Cafe:** This lunchtime activity program gives interested participants the chance to hang out with friends, read the bible, ask questions and hopefully find some answers. Come and grab a permission form from the Chaplain!  
**RPC:** Rochedale Prayer Crew meets in the Chaplain's Room at Morning Tea on Mondays. Everyone is welcome, and it would be great to see you there!

**Mr James**  
**School Chaplain**

**Thought for the day:** 'I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails.'

### **P&C News**

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

WALKATHON CORRECTION NOTICE:

\*Please note\* In 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.

WALKATHON 9.30am Wednesday morning. Come join the fun!! Put on your walking shoes and come for a stroll around the oval with your son/daughter. The walkathon is a great day and always has a wonderful atmosphere. Getting exercise while raising funds for our school, what could be better?? We have a great selection of incentive prizes for all those that raise money and of course the lucky draw for those that return their money early. The child that raises the most will also win a Nintendo DSi!!

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA- CAN YOU HELP?? Are you able to help us by baking a cake or slice? It would be greatly appreciated and would help keep our costs down, therefore helping us raise more money. We have already had offers from parents to do some baking for our Biggest Morning Tea and to them I am extremely grateful. If you are able to help please call me (Anne Dee on 0402114544). Thank you.

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA – WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 8AM – 11.30AM  
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, The Cancer Council. We are now very happy to announce we have acquired the assistance of the Rochedale High School Hospitality students for the morning. 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*.

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

**GROCERY DRIVE 2009**

We are starting a bit earlier this year in our collection of grocery items for the Fete. Most students and parents know that we collect grocery items each week up until the fete to assist some of the stalls and to make grocery packs up for the very popular "Grocery Wheel". All items are checked (use by dates must be good!!) and class tallies are kept until the end of the drive. There are prizes for the winning classes and some surprise treats for classes during the weeks of collection. As of next Monday 1st of June we will be collecting up in the P&C room. Any items that students bring during the week can be brought up for counting on Mondays. Each week we have a theme ie. 'cans, bottles, packets, sweets etc' to help with ideas and for variety. This week we are after "SPECIALS" I've notice some of the shops have some really good specials on for cans, packets and bottles so lets take advantage of these specials and get this grocery drive started!!!

**Uniform Shop Roster**

Date	Volunteer Name
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*

# RSPCA PET OF THE WEEK

## Position Vacant – Ray White

Ray White Springwood & Underwood is looking for someone to work Part-Time (School Hours). Must be computer literate. Please call Michelle Nicol on 3808 4955 or 0421 872 251 to arrange an interview.



**Cookie Munster ID: 412051**

Looking like the cat that got ALL the cream, you'd be excused if you thought that Cookie Munster actually looks more like a Cookie 'Muncher'! The slightly rotund Cookie is a gorgeous 10 month old British Shorthair, who is also a 'cathoo' cat... an affectionate term used by the RSPCA to describe furry felines with cat flu.

This name really means very little; cat flu isn't transmissible to people, just other cats, and it really has little bearing on their quality of life. The only real difference between Cookie and your average cat is that she will need an indoor home to keep her fighting fit!

Cookie Munster is a cuddly kitty with a curious and playful nature; you'll find her hiding in the catmax, exploring the undergrowth, and pouncing on imaginary prey! She has been hoping that all this rain doesn't turn people off coming into the shelter to find a new pet. Cookie has been patiently waiting for a new home for nearly three months now, and she'd really like everyone to know that it's business as usual at the shelter!

**Cookie Munster has been vet checked, de-sexed, micro-chipped, and vaccinated. If you are interested in offering her a new home, please visit [www.adoptapet.com.au](http://www.adoptapet.com.au). The Fairfield adoption centre is open 9am-4pm, Monday through to Sunday.**

## **Found**

- Guinea Pig. Found in Ritsie Street on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please phone 3341 8120.