

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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May	29	School Photos (except Yr 4)
	29-30	Yr 4 Yandina Camp
	30	Yr 1 & Yr 2 Write Ideas
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

‘A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.’

‘The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step.’

Referendums are notorious for producing negative results. Britain's first settlement in Australia was in Sydney in 1788. From 1829 Australia was considered part of the dominions of the Crown, which meant that all inhabitants were regarded as British subjects; this included Aboriginal people. It wasn't

until the passing of the Commonwealth Franchise Act 1902 and

the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900 that Indigenous people were not included as citizens of Australia, and therefore had no right to vote. The 1967 Referendum was about amending The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900 Section 51 (xxvi) by removing the words *...other than the aboriginal race in any State...*; and the repeal of Section 127. By making this correction to Section 51 (xxvi), it would mean that the Commonwealth would be able to make laws for Aboriginal people. Up until 1967 each State made their own law for Aboriginals, which lead to different, and by today's standard - draconian laws in each state. With the removal of Section 127, Aboriginal people would be included in the national census, which meant they would have the same citizen rights as other Australians. It would also change the Constitution, which would mean that the Commonwealth, as well as the States, had the rights to make laws on Aboriginal issues. These are known as concurrent rights. An overwhelming 90.7% voted 'yes'. This was a huge victory and meant that the Council for Aboriginal Affairs was set up. The Council had Ministers from all States and Territories discussing policies and programs, to recommend to the Government.

The Referendum was a fantastic win for the Aboriginal movement – the movement for equality. This win gave citizenship, which meant Aboriginal people were able to move around freely, have a choice in governments and finally have policy made by the Commonwealth government, which would mean uniform

laws, instead of different ones depending on which state they were in. The fact that non-indigenous Australians could set aside party political views for the common good of Aboriginal people was then, is now; and will continue to be celebrated each year on the 27th May. Some indigenous people advocate the 27th May should hold similar currency to Martin Luther King Day in America, while others are content with recognising the 27th May 1967 as a pivotal point in Australian History, a day when we began the long journey towards reconciliation, a journey still in progress and poignantly highlighted in the Australian Parliament at its first sitting in February this year.

Off to camp are the boys and girls of Grade 4 this week. Bright eyed and bushy tailed the school camp experience for Grade 4 is a welcomed addition to Rochedale State School's other camp program. The upper grades take annual school camps for granted, but the Year 4 experience is indeed somewhat novel. The camp goes for two nights only. Our year 4's leave this Wednesday and return on Friday afternoon. I take this opportunity to wish the students well on their new adventure. Much excitement is in evidence as some of the Year 4 children have never been away from their parents overnight before. Teachers and Aides are well prepared for every eventuality and expect a wonderful camping experience, no doubt to be reported in next week's Newsletter by the Year 4 scribes themselves.

School Photo Time

Looking at the old black and white photos from last year's 75th 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 \$1.50 per litre and a time when you were allowed to have 5-minute showers, oh for a return to 2008... thinks the viewer in 2058. No, the Year 4's won't miss out on school photos. Our kind photographer returns the following week to make a special date with our campers.

The Rochedale State School Athletics Carnival will be held during the last week of Term 2. Much anticipation is in the air as our keen athletes will compete under the winter skies. More about this event in later newsletters. Parents are welcome to support their children competing on the Oval as track and field shines just ahead of the Beijing Olympics.

Finally, I need your combined help to stamp out unacceptable parental behaviour outside the school. Sadly, we live in an age where social values are assailed. A high-rating TV Chef swears his way through prime time television, Big Brother's abysmal lot is a living, groaning anti-dote to decent family values. A visit to sporting events provides an opportunity to see short fuses

ignite inappropriate, aggressive and inexcusable behaviour. Centrelink offices have had to install security cameras. Railway stations and shopping malls are as vigilant as casinos and pubs. There is however, a difference between the public space of malls, hospitals and sporting fields - on the one hand - and the school environment on the other. I make no apology for holding the view that schools are sanctuaries for and promoters of good manners. How can a school instil decent values about tolerance, respect, empathy and honesty, if these traits are assailed by intemperate, foul-mouthed parents in or adjacent to our school? Anti-social mores often begin at home. Parents, through words and action, set the example for their offspring. I would like to believe that every parent/care giver at Rochedale State School shares this belief. As your child's Principal I see it as my duty to erase unruly, unacceptable parental behaviour regardless of this behaviour not occurring physically on school property. To this end I have no hesitation in referring future incidents that may occur outside our gates to police. I find it sad should your child have to relate across the dinner table that he/she saw parents going hammer and tongs at each other often using offensive language and gestures as he/she walked into our school. Remember where you are, my friends!

Focused on yet another wonderful week at Rochedale State School with my hand at the helm...

Liam Smith
Principal

Chinese Visitors

Reaching out across the borders in friendship has been a long established custom. A new opportunity will arise next term when fifteen Chinese exchange students arrive at Rochedale State School. Hailing from one of the most prosperous and dynamic regions of China – Guangdong Province – the fifteen visitors come from Shenzhen, a sub-provisional city within China. Shenzhen is a centre of foreign investment and since the late 1970s has been one of the fastest growing cities in the world. It is also the busiest port in China. In the past two decades, outsiders have invested more than \$30 billion in Shenzhen for building factories and forming joint ventures. The one-time fishing village of Shenzhen, singled out by the late Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, was the first of the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in China. It was originally established in 1979 due to its proximity to Hong Kong, then a prosperous British colony. The SEZ was created to be an experimental ground of capitalism in "socialism with Chinese characteristics." Such mixture has yielded great economic growth. Part of the region's thirst for development and progress is a realisation of the importance of education. 'Experiencing different cultures and practices benefit growing minds and bodies,' is a central belief behind dispatching Shenzhen children across the world for short term immersion in vastly different cultures. Our fifteen visitors are seeking home stays with Rochedale families during their visit to Queensland. The duration will be four weeks. The visitors will arrive on July 15th and remain here until 10th August. The exchange program is quite generous and interested families from our school will naturally be

remunerated for opening up their homes and families to a school age child from China. The students will be attending classes at Rochedale and observe/contribute to the already rich social fabric of our school community during their stay. I welcome parents to make enquires at the Office regarding accepting one of our visitors during the period outlined above. I suggest it will be a most worthwhile experience and, who knows, lay the foundation for a long-term friendship across the borders.

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

27/5 Michelle D

Wed

28/5 Kylie P

Thurs

29/5 Anne W

Fri Kylie S

Sport

30/5 Kylie P

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

Mon

23/6 Anne D Amanda R

Tues

24/6 Michelle D

Wed

25/6 Kylie P

Thurs

26/6 Kathy M

Fri Sylvia B

27/6 Kylie P Melissa T

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

Interschool

Sylvia B

CURRICULUM CORNER

Last week I shared some strategies to use when listening to your children read and when they come across a word they are unsure of.

Before using these strategies, remember to use the 3 P's – PAUSE, PRAISE and PROMPT.

Pause – wait for 5 seconds so your child has time to have a go at working out the unknown word

Praise – any attempt that your child has made, praise their attempts

Prompt – if your child has trouble working out the unknown word, prompt them using the strategies I went through last week – like reread the sentence, leave the word and read to the end of the sentence, look at the picture, stretch the

word out. Encouraging your child to be a risk taker and have a go while reading will assist them in their learning. If you have any questions about any curriculum issues please contact me.

Gayle Healey
Curriculum Co-ordinator

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea & Fruit	Sandwiches & Fruit
Craft	Reaction Time
Outside Activity	Roll Ball

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea & Fruit	Dip, Crackers
Craft	Pasta Jewellery
Outside Activity	Statues
Cooking	Jam Drops

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea & Fruit	Jam Drops & Fruit
Craft	Checkers Game
Outside Activity	Shower Ball
Cooking	Cheese Biscuits

Thursday

Afternoon Tea & Fruit	Cheese Biscuits
Craft	Pebble Hedge Hog
Outside Activity	Rob the Nest

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	3D Tic Tac Toe
Outside Activity	Cricket

Also available every day –

Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games,
Colouring-in and Computers.

UNDER EIGHTS ACTIVITY MORNING

Last Friday our Playgroup, Prep and Year 1 students joined together to participate in a variety of activities on our school oval to celebrate the beginning of Under Eights Week. Thank you to the parents, the teachers and the Year 7 students who all helped our young students enjoy the morning. Great fun was had by all!

Office Money Collection

Please note that money collection days are **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Money for excursions, performances etc. are only to be brought to the school office on these days, before 10am.

Phone calls to Office

The office has been inundated of late with calls regarding the pick up of children. Please try to organise how, when and where you are picking your children up before they come to school. Often these calls are late in the afternoon making it very difficult to get the message to your children, especially if they are at specialist lessons e.g. P.E. If you intend on picking your children up early please send a note with your child, to the class teacher in the morning to ensure they are packed and ready when you arrive.

School Photo Money

The envelope with your child's photo order is **NOT** to be brought to school until 'Photo Day' 29 May for Years 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7 and 3 June for Year 4.

MATHEMATICS TEAMS CHALLENGE

Last Tuesday 10 of our brightest students participated in the Maths Team Challenge.

Jayden B. Jessica R. Corey L. Sam W. Nicole T.

Andrew W. Jessica B. Annabel B. Sam G. Rosalie P.

The students worked co-operatively in two teams of five solving difficult mathematical problems like the ones below. Can you solve them?

** The average of five numbers is 14. If four of the numbers are 7, 11, 15 and 19, what is the missing number?

** A train 100metres long is travelling at a speed of 90 kilometres per hour when it comes to a tunnel 300 metres long. How long will it take the train to pass completely through the tunnel?

**A fast ant moves at a constant rate of 1 centimetre per second. What is the rate of the ant in kilometres per hour?

Thank you to Ms Loveday who worked with the children at lunch time and after school preparing them for the challenge. Congratulations to all on your efforts!

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to four Rochedale students who have made Metropolitan East Regional Sporting Teams and will participate at State Titles in the coming months.

Shiara Adamson – 12 Years Girls Netball – State Championships in Cairns

Mitch Brackenbury – 12 Year Boys Basketball – State Championships in Gladstone

Jessica Bertschy – 10 Years Girls Cross Country – State Championships in Toowoomba

Joshua Turnbull – 11 Years Boys Rugby League

State Championships in Maroochydoore

P&C News

Last Friday on Parade Mr Brown and myself announced the winners from the Walkathon. We had prizes for the top 3 individual fundraisers and the winning class that raised the most. The winners were:

1st Prize (a Playstation Portable): Lucca C. (1A)

2nd Prize(a portable DVD player):Trent T. (4L)

3rd Prize(a 2GB ipod shuffle): Lachlan T. (4L)

Congratulations!!

And the class that raised the most, winning a BBQ lunch cooked by Mr. Brown is 4L.

Well Done!!

We are still collecting any money raised. If you still need to bring it in, please leave it at the office with the child's name, class and chosen prize on the envelope. I would like to order the incentive prizes ASAP, so the sooner money can be returned the better for the children.

Thank you everyone for a wonderful fundraising effort, it has been a great success.

P&C Meeting on tomorrow night at 7pm in the staffroom.

We will be talking Fete!! The preparation must begin, so if you have any suggestions, ideas or would like to offer your help please come along and join us. The more help we have, the better.

If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute ideas or help, please do not hesitate to call me on 3342 5253 or 0402 114 544.

Anne Dee, P&C President.

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

Library news - Term 2 Week 7

Storytime- Our school was involved in National Simultaneous Storytime .Our Prep classes were involved in the reading of the story Arthur by Amanda Graham. They took the opportunity to find a great place to listen to the story outside in areas around the school.

MS Readathon – students are able to register to participate in the readathon this year from June 1 -30th. 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.

Library awards – Recent winners have been Jacob H (3T) Timmy T (3T). This week's award went to Cameron M (7B)

Library Staff

House Share

Large 2 storey 5 brm Executive style home. Inground pool, large fully fenced backyard. Available to share – on offer is 1 large main bedroom and 1 other single room. Separate lounge/entertainment room included. \$230 per week. Phone Sam on 0434 963 665 or email sam.young@premiers.qld.gov.au