

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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June	1	Rochedale Challenge
	8	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
	9	Combined Band Rehearsal –RSHS
	10 & 11	District Writer's Camp
	16, 17, 18	Cluster Music Camp
	19	School Disco
July	22	NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony & Yr 4 Sausage Sizzle
	23	Senior Sports Day
	26	Final Day of Term 2
	13	Pupil Free Day
	14	Term 3 Commences

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'We cannot direct the wind but we can adjust the sails.' -Anonymous

'To turn one's obstacle to one's advantage is a great step towards victory.' - French Proverb

The generosity at Rochedale State School is alive and well. This was evidenced by the recent Biggest Morning Tea event last week. *Australia's Biggest Morning Tea* is one of Cancer Council's leading fundraising events and the largest, most successful event of its kind in Australia. Over \$60 million has been raised since it first began in 1994. Parents, students, teachers and staff dug deep and raised \$700.00 this year. While the annual event began modestly in factories, offices and assorted workplaces, it spread and is now an integral part of the calendar in primary and high schools. The

combined dollars raised during the Biggest Morning Tea goes to needed research towards a cure for cancer, which still indiscriminately cuts a swathe through Australia's population. The fact that we also had a jolly good time at the Biggest Morning Tea was simply an added bonus.

Earlier generosity

was recently shown by students and staff towards a small primary school in Fiji. A friend of Rochedale State School, Mr. Hokanson, took our gifts to Dravuni Primary School last week and will speak at Friday's Assembly about the impact our gifts made to the children on this small, isolated tropical island.

Super Heroes abound.

Superman, Spiderman, Batman and Co. have recently welcomed a "competitor" of kind. I am referring to Captain Readit, the fearless word wright, able to extend or condense a sentence in a single bound; proof positive that the pen is mightier than the sword. Having traversed the universe since his mission began on faraway planet Vocab some years ago, Captain Readit descended on Rochedale State School last week. Teachers were amazed how well Captain Readit scrubbed up after his long voyage from outer space. They were even more amazed and encouraged by our new Superhero's message to the Prep-Year students. Indeed, commented one seasoned Teacher: "Why, I believe Captain Readit and I sing off the same hymn sheet..." The message from the Captain was clear. Paraphrased, it simply suggests, if you wish to get on in life you have to be able to read, write and communicate! Captain Readit surveyed the school population and chose a posse of deputies, known as his *Clever Reader Marshals*, goodwill ambassadors who will encourage their peers to read, read and read! The whole school became enthused by Captain Readit's impromptu visit from Planet Vocab. Should you by chance see our wonderful Librarian, Miss Sweetapple shine her torch into the sky at night, chances are it will be to attract our new superhero back to Rochedale State School. Captain Readit, we salute you!

Administration Building Update

With amazing speed the new Administration Building is taking shape. Despite rain and soggy ground conditions, the builders are indeed going 'hammer and tong' towards a possible

completion date around 20th August. Again, I can only commend the students for staying away from the construction site and following all the temporary out-of-bound rules. We are all looking forward to the building's completion.

The Queen's Birthday

The Queen of Australia was born 21st April 1926. In other words, our monarch is 83 years old. So why do we celebrate in June rather than in April? Well, there is a historical reason for this. Indeed, it goes back to early settlement of the penal colony New South Wales. The fourth of June was the birthday of King George III, "their beloved sovereign" as Collins describes him. The day was one of "general rejoicing, festivity and forgiveness." The Governor caused the *Sirius* and the *Supply* to fire three royal salutes; the transports still in the harbour and the battalion of marines fired volleys; the Lieutenant-Governor and all the officers, civil and military, waited on the Governor, who entertained them at dinner, with the band playing and much enthusiastic toasting and cheering. A second reason we celebrate the monarch's birthday in June is that it was a day of forgiveness. Being "a day of forgiveness," the four convicts, Lovell, Sidaway, Hall, and Gordon, confined at Pinchgut awaiting banishment, were "fully pardoned," so that Governor Phillip could write: "For the twenty four hours I believe there was not one heavy heart in this part of His Majesty's dominions." In the evening large bonfires - "we had plenty of wood," says Southwell - were lighted, and kept burning all night. With a supper tendered by the Governor to all the principal officers of the settlement, the festive day was brought to a close. While I still support the notion of forgiveness... I am afraid that most Australians will simply view it all as a welcomed long week-end. So where does all this lead to, my friends? No school next Monday. Have a wonderful break, and stay safe.

Student of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the "Student of the Month" for the month of May. These awards were presented on parade last Friday.

- 1A For making a conscious effort to improve her behaviour in class. Keep it up Morgan.
1B Melissa T

- 1C Adam M
His enthusiasm towards all areas of learning and always trying his best. Great work Adam!
- 1L Jackson S
For being a self-motivated learner. He consistently produces his best work.
- 1S Amber I
Showing responsibility in the way she does her schoolwork and having a great attitude.
- 2I Nancy J
Consistently working hard both at school and at home. Her work ethic is outstanding.
- 2M Tiarne B
Working diligently to complete all set tasks and produce her best work. Tiarne has made a wonderful start to school life at Rochedale!
- 2W James G
Being a conscientious, hard-working student. He is an excellent reader and writer and is one of our class's 'Quiet Achievers'.
- 3C Saian L
Tremendous improvement in her attitude to school and her learning. Well done, Saian, keep it up!
- 3M Jayden M
A positive attitude to all his school work and a wonderful commitment to do his best. Congratulations, Jayden.
- 3N Caleb G
Setting high goals for himself and working hard to achieve those goals.
- 3T Chloe K
Chloe displays the traits of a Principled learner. She is a responsible girl who puts in 100% effort at all times.
- 4A Tiffany A
Always working to the best of her ability, with a friendly smile and a positive attitude.
- 4C Peter K
His enthusiastic approach to all academic tasks and his willingness to help others.
- 4D Isabelle B

- Her great work attitude and careful listening in class. Well done.
- 4K Annie S
Her application and dedication to learn as much English as possible in her short time here, before she returns to Korea. A very responsible student.
- 5F Breeanna D
Being a positive and enthusiastic learner. Well done for all the hard work!
- 5K George G
Always showing perseverance and a willingness to give all school activities a go. Keep trying hard George.
- 5L Yun J
His positive attitude and his achievements in all work areas. Congratulations Yun!
- 5N Georgia K
Being a very conscientious student who is able to work independently and demonstrates a keen enthusiasm for learning.
- 5R Emily B
Excellent attitude to school work with improvements in both Maths and Language. Also, for demonstrating our school values at all times.
- 6C Melissa B
Her attentiveness and her strong effort to contribute thoughtfully in class.
- 6L Rebecca H
The quiet conscientious way she approaches her work.
- 6W Gabby L
Displaying a greater maturity and independence in both class and home activities. Great work Gabby!
- 6/7N Michael M
The marked improvement shown in his English.
- 7B Caitlin W
Really trying to be positive in her outlook this year and persevering with any difficulties encountered. Great attitude Caitlin!
- 7R Working conscientiously at all times and producing work of a high standard.
- 7S Ryan K
Maintaining a positive attitude and excellent effort throughout the semester.
- 7W Bianca W
Her dedication to her learning and significant improvements she has made

in Mathematics. Keep up the great work Bianca!

- French Isobel T
Consistently doing your best work and for being such a thoughtful and caring member of the class.
- Chinese Tyler M
Participating in activities with commitment and interest.

Liam Smith
Principal

CURRICULUM CORNER

Thank you to all of the students who made a poster on Thinkers or Caring and have handed it to me. These posters are on display outside my room, I encourage you to have a look at the great work that has been produced. Year 4K produced many of the posters, thank you 4K for your enthusiasm for this project.

Congratulations to the Maths Team Challenge teams who participated last week in the competition at Hilliard State School. It was fantastic to see over 100 teams thinking mathematically and working cooperatively in order to solve mathematical problems.

In the library this week, there is a display of our students writing across the years. It is interesting to see how the younger students begin writing and the progress that is made over the years they spend at primary school.

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

2/6

Wed

3/6 Cathy O

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

Tues **Senior Sports Day Yr 4-7**

23/6 Michelle D

Wed

24/6 Cathy O

Thurs

25/6 **Volunteer Needed**

Fri

26/6 Kylie S **Volunteer Needed**

Mon 29/6 – Fri 10/7 School Holidays

Mon

13/7 **Pupil Free Day**

Tues

14/7 Shirley L

Thank you Kaye, Karen, Kyle and my Year 7 girls for your help last week.

Pizza Day

Going home with today's newsletter are Pizza Day order forms. We are using Domino's this time. **Orders must be returned to the tuckshop by Friday 5th June.** Monday 8th June is a Public Holiday and I will be advising Domino's on that day of the number of pizzas ordered. 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. Preps can order pizza too. **Late orders will not be accepted.**

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea Noodles & Fruit

Craft

Outside Activity

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea

Craft

Outside Activity

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea

Craft

Outside Activity

Cooking

Thursday

Afternoon Tea

Craft

Outside Activity

Friday

Afternoon Tea

Craft

Outside Activity

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.

Vacation Care

ROSHCA will be taking bookings for the June/July Vacation Care period as of Wednesday 3rd June. Booking forms can be collected from the ROSHCA room and a \$20 booking deposit will be needed. Care commences on Monday 29th June, with the final day being the Pupil Free Day on 13th July. All bookings are to be made by Wednesday 24th June.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

It is only a few weeks until the school holidays, and that means that it is the time of year when Amelia (Rosedale South SS Chaplain) and I swap schools to run our self-esteem programs with year 7s. It is the girls' turn straight after the holidays, and Amelia is running Sparkle (Shine got a name-change and some improvements). Year 7 girls, please see me for a permission form ASAP so that you can get it back in before the holidays if you are interested in participating in this exciting program!

Last week was awesome! On Monday afternoon the Preps-Year 3s were treated to the arrival of CAPTAIN READIT! I was a little distracted by the crazy outfit he was wearing, and he was a little shorter than I expected, but once I got past all that I realized that his goal of getting more kids to read was a worthy objective.

Congratulations to all the clever readers who have been able to wear the class capes already, I hope that many more of you get the chance to as well. That means that I hope more of you read more books, and rediscover a fascinating form of educational entertainment. (That goes for all the students in Grades 4-7 as well!)

I hope you all have a great week, and keep reading!

ON THE RADAR

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!

Holiday Camps: There are a few holiday camps on during the June/July school holidays, including a couple of local holiday programs (Gateway Baptist Church & Logan Uniting Church). If you would like any info on some exciting things to do over the holiday break, make some time to come see me! Or, you could check out this website:

<http://www.suqld.com.au/camps/>

Mr James School Chaplain

Thought for the day: "Judge no one by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character."

P&C News

Our next meeting will be held in the staffroom 7.00pm, 23rd June

NEW TREASURER: I would like to let everyone know we have a new Treasurer on the P&C and we welcome Sylvia Bromley and thank her for taking on the position. I would

also like to thank and acknowledge Doug King who has held the position for the past 2 1/2yrs. Doug has done a great job, often going above and beyond to help us out. We wish him well in the future with his work and study. Thanks Doug.

WALKATHON CORRECTION NOTICE:

Please note In the list of prizes there was an error with the most raised 3rd prize. It should have read iPod Shuffle NOT iPod Nano. Apologies for the mistake.

WALKATHON What a wonderful day we had. Great weather, an excellent turn out of supportive parents and a lot of fun was had. Thank you to all who came for a walk or just came to cheer along. Your participation helps make this annual fundraiser the success it is. Now we start collecting the well earned money. I will be sat outside the activity building each morning this week from about 8.15am to collect all money. Please write on your form your child's chosen prize, as this makes my job easier. If you haven't don't worry I will find your child before the prizes are ordered and find out their prize. If you would like to be in the Lucky Draw Prize please have your money in by Thursday. PLEASE MAKE SURE NAME AND CLASS IS ON THE FORM ALSO!! Thank you again everyone.

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA We raised \$646.49!! Being our first time at this we really had no idea what response to expect, but we were not disappointed. Thank you all those who came and supported by having your cuppa. I have a lot of people to thank for making this event possible. Firstly Chris and Andrew from Chefs and Events for the much appreciated by all use of the coffee machine. This was certainly a draw card for us with plenty of positive feedback. Thank you to the Rochedale State High School Hospitality Students, who came and made coffee and served our customers. They did a great job, and again receiving plenty of positive comments. To all those who baked, I thank you. You did a great job and I hope you will all consider baking again for the Fete Cake Stall. Julie Barnhill, Thank you for your support and help registering us and helping on the morning. The P&C members and anyone else who helped on the day, thank you. We are planning on doing it again next year, It's a great cause that needs our help. Most people know

someone affected by cancer. Please remember if you were 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*.

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

Grocery Drive

Good effort by all the classes who brought in items today. Thanks very much. Due to the Holiday on Monday 8th, we will collect after Parade this Friday, for any classes who have groceries brought in this week. Once again, keep your eyes open for any good 'specials' at the shops and bring them along.

2009 FETE CRAFT STALL

Yes, it's that time again when we start thinking Fete! Every year at the fete we have a craft stall and all of the items are made by parents and grandparents of the students at Rochedale State School.

I am looking for people who can help me with sewing, knitting, crocheting, wood-workers, jewellery makers, artists, scrapbookers, etc. who would be willing to donate their time to create something hand-made for the stall. Any ideas would also be appreciated.

If you can help in any way please contact me, ph, 3341 2980
Kath R

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

REFUND/EXCHANGES

Please note that the Uniform Shop is unable to refund or exchange any purchases you have made if you do not have the receipt. We can offer you a credit for future purchases.

OUT OF STOCK

Size 6 winter vests. We only have limited sizes left.

WINTER UNIFORMS

Its the first day of winter!! 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 ROSTER

If you are unable to volunteer on your rostered day, please give me a call on 0413 033 093.

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

Thanks
 Mari-shell Scott
 Uniform Shop Convenor Volunteer

Uniform Shop Roster

Date	Volunteer Name
4/6/09	David, Ki Sook
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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>

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RSPCA PET OF THE WEEK



Kirra ID: 392945

Kirra is a sweet natured five year old Alaskan malamute, who was seized by RSPCA Qld inspectors late last year. Her former owners had failed to provide the care and attention she needed, and although her ears still bear the scars from numerous fly bites, Kirra holds no grudges against humanity. Just take a look at her in her pen and you'll see her big hazel eyes, imploring you to take her home!

Alaskan Malamutes were originally used as sled dogs, and Kirra definitely has the strength and stamina characteristic of her breed. She's become quite fond of her daily walks with Graham, an RSPCA Qld volunteer, who says that Kirra is a very affectionate dog, who loves to run, walks well on a leash, and particularly enjoys a good brush down after a hard day pounding the pavement! Because of her independent personality, Kirra would be best suited to older families, with no small children. A pre-adoption interview and property check will also be required before adoption to ensure Kirra finds the most suitable home.

Kirra 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 for more details, or pop into the Fairfield Shelter. The adoption centre is open 9am-4pm, Monday through to Sunday.