

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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June 13	Yr 3 & 4 'Munch, Crunch, Move'
17-19	Rochedale Cluster Inst. Music Camp for Yr 7 Inst. Music Students – Rochedale S.S.
24	Senior Sports Day & Sausage Sizzle

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'Competition has merit. It compels us to test ourselves and to discover new things about ourselves.'

'The Chinese have a character for crisis, it's the same one for opportunity.'

Who gets up in the dark?

Who goes to work in the dark? Who goes home after dark? Give up? Well, I tell you who – our wonderful School Cleaners, Gail Rose, Joy Graham, Glenda Potter and Amanda Potter. That's who! To be a school cleaner requires far more than basic cleaning skills, I'll have you know. Having worked at a number of schools I have been afforded the opportunity to observe what cleaners do

and what schools look like when their work progresses at optimum level. Our intrepid quartet of Cleaners, here at Rochedale State School, is simply brilliant. While we have come to expect clean amenities such as class rooms, toilet blocks, pathways, tuck shop area etc., we also enjoy the overall ambience of sparkling and inviting grounds. Our cleaners as most School Cleaners, work split shifts. Their first three hours commence at 06.00 a.m. while their second shift starts as students exit our school at 03.00 p.m. "Their work is never done..." said one parent only the other day. Of course, it is! The work simply keeps going day after day. Gail, Joy, Glenda and Amanda do much more than cleaning at our school. They speak to children and parents, act as ambassadors and tour guides around the place when lost parents or visitors trying to find a particular building or classroom. We are grateful for their work and dedication to Rochedale State School. Positive comments about our grounds and buildings are too often only extended to my Deputies and me, which is why I feel it timely to mention in this column the high esteem in which we hold Gail, Joy, Glenda and Amanda. Always remember, this quartet is the first and last to enter our school each day. We treasure them!

Libraries have come a long way since the days of being solely lending institutions. Step into any of Brisbane's many Council Libraries or the State Library of Queensland and you will immediately discover why they are both resource centres and art galleries. Within the spacious domain of most libraries there are displays, interactive information technology and 'events' unfolding such as public readings, story time for children etc. Our Library here at Rochedale State School is run by gifted Teacher Librarian

Ms Cooney and TA Mrs Grinter who combine to display appropriate audio visual montages highlighting special and recurring social and historical events. ANZAC Day, Queensland Day, Polar and/or Space Exploration or whatever teachers plan in their in-depth units is often enhanced by static displays in the Library. Here too, you will find students' work displays. In short, there is always something new and invigorating to cast your eyes on in our Library to which our parents are most warmly invited. Yes, at Rochedale State School we share our successes and often display them in our Library before allowing the students to take them home.

How often have we replied: “Oh, that’s a smart move.”

I dare say it is a common and positive reply we give in nodding approval almost on a daily basis. No surprises then when the Queensland Government decided a short time ago that we need to activate our youngsters. For the uninitiated I might just take a minute to explain. The *Smart Moves - Physical Activity Programs in Queensland State Schools* is a State Government initiative involving the Department of Education, Training and the Arts, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation and Queensland Health. *Smart Moves* aims to increase student participation in physical activity and to improve the quality of that activity. It is widely recognised that physical activity is essential for good health and wellbeing, enhances students' educational outcomes, supports their personal development and promotes lifelong active lifestyles. *Smart Moves* requires all schools to plan for implementation to commence in July 2008, and for full implementation to be in place by December 2008. *Planning for Smart Moves - Guidelines* provides

support for planning, including specific advice on the six components that schools need to address and an implementation tool that assists in setting targets aimed at a clear expectation of where you are required to be by December 2008.

Just for the record...

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II quietly celebrated her 82nd birthday back in April – her actual birthday is 21st April - amid a stirring of republican sentiment in Australia and proposals at home for reforming the monarchy. The Queen marked the occasion of her birthday with a quiet dinner at Windsor Castle, west of London. Queen Elizabeth is head of state in sixteen Commonwealth countries, including Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Jamaica. Australia's Foreign Minister Stephen Smith said on Sunday he thought a split from the British monarchy was "inevitable", but added that it was unlikely to happen while the Queen remained on the throne because of her personal popularity. Whatever, your opinion on the monarchy, I hope you enjoyed yesterday when another Public Holiday came your way... and you had time to crank up the barbeque under not too threatening skies...

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 Fergus L
For being such a pleasant, well-mannered student who always works hard in class.
- 1M Jaydin R
His enthusiasm towards learning and always trying his hardest.

1S	Flynn M His conscientious approach to learning and excellent presentation of his written work.	4K	Mairangi H Her active enjoyment of learning, her everyday humanity creating a better climate in which we live and learn.
2I	Laike S Working so conscientiously on her writing and active participation in class.	4L	Tiahn G Being a helpful and friendly member of the class.
2M	Isabel J Her conscientious efforts to improve her reading and working hard in class. Keep it up, Isabel!	4R	Layla S Being helpful in class, working hard with her maths and writing great stories.
2S	Phoebe C Settling in well to her new school and displaying our school values and learner profiles.	5K	Erin M Putting in a huge effort with her Maths work.
2W	Alexis W Her enthusiastic attitude towards her school work and for her determination to always do her very best.	5L	William S Always being prepared for learning.
3C	Javan H Being a wonderful student who always completes his work to an excellent standard. Well done, Javan.	5N	Jack W Showing an encouraging desire to improve all areas of his school work. Keep up with this fine effort!
3D	Ashleigh N Always listening carefully and completing all work to a very high standard. Ashleigh is a valued class member. Congratulations, Ashleigh!	5R	Rebecca B Being a conscientious student who always gives her best at all times.
3N	Mia R Being a model Rochedale State School student who always does her best in every aspect of her schooling.	6A	Kashani M Showing determination and maturity whilst writing her report on Ancient Civilisations.
3T	Meghan W Her excellent attitude towards school. Meg is enthusiastic and hard working at all times.	6C	Tayla J Her continual hard work and improvement in Maths.
4C	Ruth R An outstanding effort to improve in all academic areas, especially Spelling and Number Facts.	6L	Taylor P The interest and quiet conscientiousness with which she approaches all aspects of school life.
4D	Courtney S	6W	Imogen T Always trying her best and her willingness to always help her classmates.
		6/7B	Lawless D His positive attitude and whole-hearted application to his work.

7B	Jessica L Her consistent positive work ethic in all areas of her schoolwork. A great effort, Jessica.	Wed 18/6 Cathy O
7L	Jesse G Always working and participating well in lessons, and reflecting upon his learning.	Thurs 19/6 Amanda C Douglas K Fri Michelle F 20/6 Kylie P Kath R
7S	Chloe R Always displaying an excellent attitude and sense of responsibility.	Mon 23/6 Anne D Amanda R Tues 24/6 Michelle D Yr 4-7 Sports Day
French	Taylor P Excellent participation and engagement in all language – learning activities.	Wed 25/6 Kylie P Thurs 26/6 Kathy M Fri Sylvia B
Chinese	Chelsey D Participating in activities with commitment and interest.	27/6 Kylie P Melissa T Mon 30/6 – Fri 11/7 June/July School Holidays
ROSHCA	Janesah D Being a great helper in many ways, particularly with younger children at cooking times, often without needing to be asked. Thank you, Janesah.	Mon 14/7 Pupil Free Day Tues 15/7 Shirley L Leah W Wed 16/7 Cathy O Thurs 17/7 Douglas K Amanda C Fri Michelle F 18/7 Kylie P Kath R

Liam Smith
Principal

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

TUCKSHOP NEWS

If for any reason you are unable to work on your rostered day, please give Norma a call on 0400 701 051.

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

Pizza Day

We will be having a Pizza Day on Wednesday 25th June. Order forms will go home in next week's newsletter.

Pie Drive

We will have a lamington/pie drive next term. Order forms are going home Monday 23rd June. This is a tuckshop fundraiser, please support. Thank you.

UNDER EIGHT'S WEEK 2008

Thank you to all the students, teachers and teacher aides who participated in the

activities for this year's Under Eight's Week.

Year 2 Winners for art work:

- 2W Julia S. & Sarafina S.
- 2I Jezerae R. & Tom R.
- 2M Matthew P. & Morgan B.
- 2S Jamie R. & Brandon W.

Year 3 Winners for story writing:

- 3T Rachel W. & Paul K.
- 3N Skye T. & Isaako R.
- 3C Sarah C. & Bailey H.
- 3D Alana P. & Andre H.

YEAR 4 CAMP

104 excited children and 11 staff spent Thursday 29 and Friday 30 May at the Maranatha Recreation and Adventure Camp on the Sunshine Coast. If only there had been some sunshine!! It didn't just rain, it poured but it didn't stop the children from participating in some challenging activities like a ropes course complete with flying fox and damper cooking over an open fire. The food was great and the behaviour and enthusiasm of the children was excellent. Check the school web page for a full report and photos. Thanks to all involved.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hi! Last week I had the privilege of attending the World Vision Global Leadership Convention with Rochedale's School Captains, and what a day we had! We spent the day doing workshops, listening to Guest Speakers, and learning all about how we can help change our world for the better. Make sure you are at Parade on Friday to hear the School Captain's share some of their stories from the day! Keep reading for info on some exciting events that are not too far away!

Year 6 & Year 7 Students: Rochedale Baptist Church is hosting an activity night on June 27 for all Year 6, 7 & 8 school students from our community called 'IMPACT 6-8'! It sounds like it is going to be an awesome night with a live band, pizza, Wii Sport, and some chill out and chat time! If you would like to go, ask the Chaplain for more details!

Year 7 Girls: The School Chaplain from Rochedale South State School (Amelia) will be running a self-esteem program at our school in Term 3 called 'Shine'. If you think you might be interested, there will be information/permission forms available from the Chaplain's Room from next Monday!

I hope you all have a spectacular week!

**Mr James
School Chaplain**

P&C News Walkathon

I am hoping to take delivery of all the incentive prizes this week. I shall then sort them out and get them to the children ASAP. Thank you to everyone for your fundraising efforts, it has been another successful Walkathon.

Fete News

What we know so far – The fete will be held on Saturday 13th September, starting at midday and finishing with fireworks at 6pm. We have arranged for more rides this year to hopefully reduce the queues. A list of the rides will be announced in a future newsletter. Ride band passes will be \$30 if bought prior to fete day or \$35 on the day. Major rides on the day will be \$5/\$6 each. Trash and Treasure/2nd Hand books/2nd Hand clothes – we are now happy to take delivery of items you may wish to donate for these stalls.

Please leave any items in the Activity Building at the back, near the kitchen.

*Clean clothes only – please!

Thank you,
Anne Dee - P&C President

UNIFORM SHOP

In today's newsletter you should receive the new price list and order form. These changes will take effect on 1st of July 2008. The changes will be posted on our website for future reference.

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

*Last call... Due to limited storage, can the following parents please collect their winter uniforms this week:
Barrett, H

If you no longer require these winter uniforms and wish to cancel them, please contact me ASAP. A cancellation fee will apply.

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).

Microfibre jacket - Sizes 4, & 10

Mircofibre pants - Sizes 4, 8 & 12

Fleecy V Neck jumpers Sizes 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, S, M, L
Fleecy pants - Sizes 10, & 12
Baseball Jacket with school emblem - Sizes 12 & 16. We are unable to hold sizes, first in best dressed.

WINTER UNIFORMS BACK ORDER
Thank you so much for your patience. I have contacted our supplier and the stock has been sent for embroidery, so if you have ordered a size 4 & 6 fleecy jumper, I have been advised that they will be arriving next week. For your convenience, if you have fully paid your order, once it has arrived, I will send it to your child/ren's classroom. While every effort and care is made when orders are being delivered to your child's class, the Uniform Shop cannot be held responsible if the order gets misplaced or lost. If you would like to personally collect your order, please advise.

SCHOOL POLOS ARE NOW IN!
We now have Size 8-14 in stock.

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

Missing

Logan City Council Library Book – The Japanese by Clare Doran. If found would you please return the book to Mr Cox in 6C. Thank you.

For Sale

Off-road “7X4” camper trailer

With electric brakes

- 12 foot tent
- Full annex
- Complete slide out kitchen (with storage, stove, griller, sink and microwave).

- 2 x 65L water tanks
- 2 x 20L jerry cans + holders
- 80 amp deep cycle battery
- 2 x 4.5 kilo gas bottles
- 2 x front mounted ally storage boxes
- Plus more!

Price: \$9 750
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