



## Rochedale State School Newsletter

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **June**

**10 & 11**

**District Writer's Camp**

**16, 17, 18**

**Cluster Music Camp**

**19**

**School Disco**

**22**

**NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony & Yr 4 Sausage Sizzle**

**23**

**Senior Sports Day**

**26**

**Final Day of Term 2**

#### **July**

**13**

**Pupil Free Day**

**14**

**Term 3 Commences**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Thoughts for the Week

'Focusing your life solely on making a buck shows a certain poverty of ambition. It asks too little of yourself. Because it's only when you hitch your wagon to something larger than yourself that you realize your true potential.'

- Barack Obama

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'The art of being wise is knowing what to overlook.'

- William James

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### Report Cards soon due

Yes, it is that time of the year when parents anxiously await "The Report Card". Education Queensland has this time decided that uniformity is necessary so that parents across the State can be assured that the same format is issued by each State School. The word *sound* is a great word. A building inspection report which reads *sound* is often the foundation for purchase. So too, is an RACQ vehicle inspection which, likewise, tells the customer that his intended vehicle is sound. You will most likely see the word *sound achievement* on your child's report card. This is a good report, usually gained through strong effort. Remember, the Report Cards are but one assessment and appraisal of your child's achievement at Rochedale State School. A chat with your child's teacher may also yield other aspects of children's educational journey. As always, I recommend parents to focus on all the positives when discussing their child's Report Card.

By encouraging your child you set the tone – with encouragement – to try harder to achieve in those areas where there is a need. One parent told me that she brings out her own report card from the 1980's and let her children see that Mum too struggled a bit in one or two areas. Children suddenly realise how much they have in common with their parents. Report cards will be distributed in the final week progressively and all will be issued by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### Brrr, winter is here!

Predictably, winter has arrived in South-East Queensland. Trouble is, of course, that we only experience winter in the mornings. The volatility of the thermometer is nothing short of amazing. The school cleaners are often greeted at 6.00 a.m. with chilly mornings around +3 degrees. By the time our students settle into class, it has climbed to +9 degrees. Then, through a slow but steady rise, the same

thermometer may well travel to a comfortable +23 degrees. So how do we dress? How do we send our children off to school during these three winter months? Some well-intentioned parents deck their off-spring out as if they were ascending Mt. Everest or the blizzard-ridden plains of the Antarctic plateau. Others appear oblivious of the cold and send their children to school in shorts and a T-shirt, possibly counting on goose-bumps to insulate against the cold winds enveloping our school. Clearly, the right way is somewhere in between. Ideally, students should wear long pants and a jacket/pull-over to school with other garments underneath. As the temperature rises, it is easy to peel off the outer layer, place same in the port and enjoy the winter sunshine and +23 which tend to arrive by early afternoon. We are mindful here at Rochedale State School that parents spend much money purchasing correct winter uniforms for their children. Unfortunately, children - being children - do not always see the need to look after their items of clothing. The result is that these items find their way to the growing Lost Property Bin, located under the staffroom. We would like you to remember to mark your child's property with a marking pen. A new jumper, hat or pants can so easily be reunited with its rightful owner as long as you have marked the tag which can be found in most school uniforms.

### 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.

### 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 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 adults 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. I would ask that all visitors to our school consider their dress. I was left appalled after observing a parent entering our school with what many parents would consider an offensive slogan and language broadcast across her t-shirt. I will have no hesitation in requesting such offensive articles of clothing do not enter school grounds.

### **On a happier note...**

I invite students and parents to view our website [www.rochedalss.eq.edu.au](http://www.rochedalss.eq.edu.au) for photos of our friends at Dravuni School in Fiji, with all of their new stationery items which were recently donated by the generous families of Rochedale State School.



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

*Liam Smith*  
**Principal**

## **CURRICULUM CORNER**

Last week Rochedale was recognised for our EmPowered Writing program that has been the focus of the school over the past couple of years. Teachers ensure the students have a balance of writing opportunities throughout the day. Power Writing, direct teaching, in-depth study of different types of writing are what is promoted during the day.

At home, writing can be supported by talking to your children about the different types of writing that are around them everyday. Writing that is seen every day; such as shopping lists, letters, writing notes, newspapers, magazines, emails, web pages can be used as a discussion starter. Talking about why the writer did this type of writing, will assist the children to understand the purpose of writing.

Encourage your child to write whenever they can. Ask your child to write the shopping list, take a phone message, write a letter/email to a friend or relative.

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.

**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

**Wed**

15/7 Suzanne U

**Thurs**

16/7 Amanda C

**Fri**

17/7 Kath R Georgina F

**Mon**

20/7 Kaye S

**Tues**

21/7 Michelle D

**Wed**

22/7 Cathy O

Thank you Amanda, Sylvia, Karen & my Year 7's for your help last week.

**Pizza Day**

Don't forget tomorrow is Pizza Day for those who have ordered. All other hot food is still available. Enjoy, but don't forget to put your rubbish in the bin.

**ROSHCA Program****Monday**Afternoon Tea **Public Holiday**Craft **No ROSHCA**

Outside Activity

**Tuesday**

Afternoon Tea Dip, Fruit &amp; Crackers

Craft Pirate Treasure Maps

Outside Activity Fly

**Wednesday**

Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter

Craft Playdough

Outside Activity Mexican Hideout

Cooking Choc Chip Slice

**Thursday**

Afternoon Tea Choc Chip Slice &amp; Fruit

Craft Butterfly Party Bags

Outside Activity Tennis

**Friday**

Afternoon Tea Sao's &amp; Fruit

Craft Flowers

Outside Activity Red Light, Green Light

**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**

Vacation Care bookings for the June/July period are now being taken. Please ensure that your account is up to date and a \$20 deposit has been made, as bookings will not be accepted otherwise. Thank you, the ROSHCA team.

**Rochedale Music Evening**

Come and hear our talented Rochedale musicians in a night of fine music this Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June from 7pm in the Hall. There will be performances from the Senior & Junior Band, Senior & Junior Choir, the newly formed String Ensemble, solos and small groups. This night will be the debut performance for both the Junior Band and String Ensemble. Students involved need to arrive in correct concert uniform at 6:30pm.

#### Shame File

The safety of our students at Rochedale is very important to us. Certain rules are in place to protect our students, and too many parents are breaking them! The staff carpark on the southern end of the school is not a drop-off zone! Please do not drive into the carpark between 8am and 3:15pm. Do your part to help keep our school safe.



#### IS THIS YOUR CAR?

Another area that is a big worry for us is the drop-off zone before and after school! Too many people ignore common sense, the double lines, the speed limit and other road rules. As a special request, please don't queue through the intersection and across the pedestrian crossings. This behaviour puts our students at risk! Please think about the safety of our students (especially your children) whenever you drive past our school!

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I sure had some fun last week. It was great to see students wanting to make others smile and laugh with their jokes. There certainly are some very funny students at Rochedale, and if laughter is the world's best medicine then I must be extremely healthy after all the laughs I had last week.

I was also encouraged to hear about the good sportsmanship displayed by Rochedale's sporting teams at inter-school sport last week. Congratulations! Even better, I heard from some of the coaches that even though Rochedale's students enjoy winning, they seem to enjoy themselves when they don't win as well. I guess they figured out that it doesn't matter whether you win or lose it's how you play the game that counts. It makes me feel proud to know you!

Have a great week!

### ON THE RADAR

**Triple P Parenting Courses:** This program is a practical course looking at Positive Parenting, good relationships, behaviour issues, routines family survival tips, etc. Courses are 8 weeks or the special one day course. Next courses for parents of teenagers (12 years & over):

*One day Special* – Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
9:00am – 5:00pm

8 Week Course – Mondays, April 27<sup>th</sup>-

June 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00pm

Both courses held at Logan Uniting Church, 129 Dennis Road, Springwood.

(\$25 donation per family. Bookings can be made with the church office: 3290 1277.)

**Impact 6-8:** Rochedale Baptist Church is hosting a supervised activity night next week on Friday, March 13 (5:00-6:45pm) for all Year 6, 7 & 8 school students from our community called 'IMPACT 6-8'! Last year they were awesome nights with a live band, pizza, 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! Parents are welcome to hang around in 'The Lounge' (complimentary tea/coffee, snacks), and RBC Youth (Years 8-12) will join us for pizza at 6:30pm. I hope to see you there! (Attn Parents, this event will have *some* religious content).

**Games Rangers:** Watch this space for more news on Games Rangers! Training sessions start soon!

**B Strong:** B Strong is well underway for Term 1, and I am already looking out for interested participants for Term 2! Term 2 will be your last chance to participate in this fantastic program for 2009 as it will be the girls' turn in Term 3 & 4. Don't miss out – let me know if you are interested.

**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:** 'Always be a first-rate version of yourself, rather than a second-rate version of someone else.'

## P&C News

**Our next meeting will be held in the staffroom 7.00pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

### 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 Well Done Rochedale!!** You are doing a wonderful job with this fundraiser. The money has been coming in each day, and we certainly had plenty of entrants into the lucky draw prize draw on parade on Friday. Congratulations to Lachlan V and Hunter C, they are now the proud owners of MP3 players just by returning their walkathon money by Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June. All money is due this Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, to be in the running for the prizes for Most Raised and for the Class totals to win the Class BBQ cooked by Mr Brown.

**DISCO!!** Our first disco for the year will be held Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June in the Activity hall. Prep to Grade 3:5.30 – 7pm. Grade 4 to Grade 7: 7.15pm to 9pm. We will have Hot Dogs and Lollies and soft drink. Also prizes. It's a Pyjama party (winter pj's) but you don't have to wear PJ's. That's entirely up to you. Keep a look out for the posters!!

**ROCHEDALE FETE 09** – Trash and Treasure collection and 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Clothes collection has begun!! If you're having a clean out, tidy up or sort out please think of our fete!! Bring along any suitable items and leave them in the back of the activity building. All items are much appreciated.

**Fundraiser:** Rochedale State School is registered with [You Name It Labels](http://www.younameitlabels.com) 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

## 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 Roster

Date	Volunteer Name
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*

## CRE News

### *Temporary CRE teachers needed.*

The Rochedale CRE program needs a temporary Grade 7 CRE teacher to take a class on a Monday or Tuesday afternoon for Term 3 only.

We are also looking for a 'partner CRE teacher' to work with one of our current Grade 5 CRE teachers to fill in on occasional Wednesday afternoons when work commitments prevent this teacher from being able to take the class. This position begins in August and continues till the end of November.

If you belong to a local church, have a blue card and would enjoy working with these age groups please contact Robynne Turner on 3341 8427 or 0408 785 494 or [camrob@iprimus.com.au](mailto:camrob@iprimus.com.au). A comprehensive teacher manual is provided.

## St Peter's Ladies Expo

### **An opportunity to promote your business!**

Attention ladies with their own businesses! A ladies expo will be held in Rochedale SS Hall on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. You are invited to participate by having a stall at this event which is being run by St. Peter's School to fundraise our 6/7 students' trip to Canberra this year.

Enquiries have poured in and only a few stalls remain which have been reserved for businesses from Rochedale SS. Be quick so you don't miss out! There will be in excess of 30 stalls, so reserve your stall ASAP by contacting Trish Gardiner on [pqp11@bigpond.com](mailto:pqp11@bigpond.com) or 0400110123. Thank you.