

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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June 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

'Continual drips hollow out a stone.'

'If you want to feel good about yourself,
do good things.'

Whose interests include Reading, Philosophy, Permaculture, Swimming and Environmental Design? I guess someone with proven diversity. Such a person will make an official visit to our school at 10.00 a.m. this Friday, 20th June. The person I refer to is none other than Queensland's Minister for Education, The Hon. Rod Welford, MLA. We were contacted during the week with news of the Minister's

planned visit during which time he intends to promote the Government's *Smart Moves* physical education initiative. Mr. Welford will also announce funding for our Oval Upgrade and the erection of our new Administration building. Rochedale State School has a strong reputation as a leading educational facility on Brisbane's south-side, a fact not lost on the Minister. Essential to maintaining this leading role are innovative approaches, structured expansion and enduring checks and balances. With our land acquisitions, built environment, rural backdrop and common purpose we are set to be *the* premier State School which incidentally appears to dovetail into the Minister's diverse interests. Environmental design, for example, will be an integral part of our Oval surrounds and grounds philosophy. Indeed, several Upper School science units will address the pillars of sustainable housing where the conscious design and maintenance of innovative construction design results in the resilience and stability of natural ecosystems. Put another way, it is the harmonious balance of people integrating food, provision, shelter and energy in a sustainable way. *Harmonious Sustainability* is at the forefront of our school ethos, as many of you know. Mr. Welford's visit to Rochedale State School will be covered by Channel 7's Talitha Cummins and broadcast on the 6.00 p.m. Seven Network News on Friday.

Strike Up the Band!

It takes someone special to hold the conductor's baton year in and year out. Herbert von Karajan thrilled audiences for years and lives on through *Deutsche Grammophon* recordings to this day. Up there with the greats is surely local instrumental instructor, Mr Mal

Thompson. Mal is not only the conductor, but the organiser, motivator, mentor and a score of other terms which momentarily elude me. Cutting to the chase, Mal (and Rochedale State School) is hosting the Springwood/Rochedale Cluster Year 7 Band Camp on Tuesday-Thursday this week. Approximately sixty, handpicked, promising musicians will descend on our school and enjoy the mother of all music clinics. This is the third year in a row that such a program is on offer to tomorrow's members of orchestras in and around Brisbane – and beyond. The great thing about the clinic is that it is not just a jam session for the already converted, but culminates in a public performance on Thursday night in our Hall here at Rochedale State School. Do bring your family and friends to enjoy a superb feast of music equal to a classic night in Vienna. Formal dress? No, what ever you feel comfortable in... according to Mal Thompson Esq. conductor of the Springwood/Rochedale State School Band.

When does an acronym become a name in itself? I am sure there are several examples. However, the one I draw your attention to is NAIDOC. It stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. So what is behind the NAIDOC week? Major Aboriginal organisations, the State and Federal Governments and a number of church groups all supported the formation of NADOC – the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee. At the same time, the second Sunday in July became a day of remembrance for Aboriginal people and their heritage. In 1972, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs was formed, following the outcome of the 1967 referendum. In 1974, the Committee for the first time was composed of entirely Aboriginal

members. The following year, it was decided that the event should cover a week, from the first to second Sundays in July. In 1984, NADOC asked that National Aborigines Day be made a national public holiday, to help celebrate and recognise the rich cultural history that makes Australia unique. While this has not happened, the call has been echoed by other groups, including ATSIC. With a growing awareness of the distinct cultural histories of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, NADOC became known as the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee, NAIDOC. This new name has become the name by which the whole week is now called, not just the day. Each year, a theme is chosen to reflect the important issues and events for NAIDOC. During the mid-1990s, ATSIC took over the management of NAIDOC until ATSIC was disbanded in 2005. Currently the committee is headed by former Senator Aden Ridgeway. Problem is, for schools at least, that NAIDOC week clashes with winter holidays. This is why we celebrate this important event ahead of time. On Monday 23rd we will be conducting a flag raising ceremony to mark Rochedale State School's NAIDOC week celebrations. We will be joined by students from Eight Mile Plains and Rochedale South State Schools along with members of the Logan Elders and Regional/District Office staff. We will also host an Aboriginal dance troupe on Monday and on parade on Friday.

With a crisp winter nip in the air, birds chirping and the odd wallaby grazing in the distant morning mist; it's good to be alive and ready for another great week at Rochedale...

Liam Smith
Principal

School Photos

Copies of the Junior & Senior Band, Junior & Senior Choir & School Leaders photos are now available for viewing in the School Office. If you wish to purchase one of these prints for \$12 each, order forms can be collected from the Office and sent to Silver Rose.

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

17/6 Shirley L Leah W

Wed

18/6 Cathy O

Thurs

19/6 Amanda C Douglas K

Fri

20/6 Kylie P Michelle F

Mon

23/6 Anne D Amanda R

Tues

24/6 Michelle D **Yr 4-7 Sports Day**

Wed

25/6 Kylie P

Thurs

26/6 Kathy M

Fri

27/6 Kylie P Melissa T

Mon 30/6 – Fri 11/7

June/July School Holidays

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

Mon

21/7 Kaye S

Tues

22/7 Michelle D

Wed

23/7 Kylie P

Thurs

24/7 Kathy M

Fri Sylvia B

25/7 Kylie P Melissa T

Mon

28/7 Anne D Amanda R

Tues

29/7 Leah W

Thank you Deborah, Jake & Mitchell for your help during the week and Kath for your help on Friday. Also Deb for bakery help. Thanks.

Pizza Day

I know how much you all love Eagle Boy's Pizzas, so we are having a Pizza Day on Wednesday, 25th June for Big Lunch. All other food is still available. Enclosed with today's newsletter is an order form. This form must be filled out and returned with money by Monday, 23rd June at the tuckshop. The cost will be \$2.80 for a ¼ size pizza. This is a pre-order system. **NO MONEY – NO PIZZA, NO REFUNDS.**

Collection point for the Pizza Day is the Activity Hall. Grades 4-7 will collect their pizzas at the Big Lunch bell. Grades 1, 2 & 3 will collect theirs at 12.30pm and will be accompanied to the hall by their teachers. Prep orders to be collected by Teacher Aides. The 3 choices of pizza fit into the Amber category for Healthy Foods. Enjoy!

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.

Big Lunch/Little Lunch

Both Big Lunch and Little Lunch orders must be written out on separate bags.

Thank you.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea & Fruit Dip, Crackers

Craft Coasters

Outside Activity Group Relays

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea & Fruit Sandwiches &

Craft Ribbon Bookmarks

Outside Activity Force 'em Backs

Cooking Pikelets

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea Pikelets & Fruit

Craft Pompom Creations

Outside Activity Balloon Games

Cooking Pizzas

Thursday

Afternoon Tea Pizzas & Fruit

Craft Paper Mobiles

Outside Activity Heads & Tails

Friday

Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter

Craft Fingertip Pictures

Outside Activity Dog & Bone

Also available every day –

Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games,

Colouring-in and Computers.

Tip Top bread bags, you have done an excellent job. This fundraiser has now come to an end, so please do not bring in any more bread bags.

Walkathon News: I am still awaiting delivery of the incentive prizes. I promise to get them out to the children as soon as they have been delivered.

Anne Dee, P&C President

Old Computer Monitors

The school is getting rid of some old CRT Monitors, due to an upgrade and will make them available to anybody who would like one. Please see Glenda Crew at 3pm this Thursday, 19th June, outside the garage doors in the walkway underneath B Block to pick them up. Only one per family at present.

P&C News

Wonderful news!! I am very happy to announce that with the help of all those who have been sending in their Tip Top bread bags, we have been able to cash in those bags for over \$300 worth of sporting equipment. The new equipment will be utilized in the sports room where children are able to borrow equipment during their lunch break. Thank you to all those who have been sending in the