

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'Fortune lost, nothing lost;
courage lost, much lost;
honour lost, most lost;
soul lost, all lost.'

- Anonymous

'At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child or a parent.'

-Barbara Bush

N1H1 Virus (Swine Flu)

As parents are no doubt now aware, Chatswood Hills State School has been closed for two days due to a child testing positive for Swine Flu.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents that Rochedale State School has taken a number of precautions to ensure we remain Swine Flu free. We would ask that all parents be vigilant and stress good hygiene practices with their children. If your child displays any flu-like symptoms, we would request that you keep your child home, visit a doctor and advise the school.

Data cabling rectification

As we become a school for the 21st century, our aging infrastructure at times needs additional T.L.C. Over the next two weeks we will be having additional data cabling work conducted by Education Queensland sub-contractors to ensure our I.T. infrastructure is able to meet the growing demands. Classes in F Block (Year 1), E Block (Year 3 & 5) and B Block (Year 4 & 5R) will be relocated for the duration of this work. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause, however this is a priority program for Education Queensland and we will not compromise the health and safety of our students and staff.

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 ambiance of sparkling and inviting grounds. Our cleaners, like 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 keeps going day after day. Gail, Joy, Glenda and Amanda do much more than cleaning at our school. They speak to children and parents and act as ambassadors and tour guides around the place when lost parents or visitors are 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 I, 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! Given today is International Cleaners' Day, please take the time to say thank you to our quiet achievers.

Music Camp postponed

Due to the Swine Flu quarantine at Chatswood Hills State School, the Year 7 Instrumental Music Band Camp scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, has been postponed to a date to be determined early in Term 3.

Prep 2010

Due to an unexpected surge in enrolments for Prep 2010, there are extremely limited vacancies for Prep next year. If there are any parents or friends who have not yet enrolled at Rochedale State School, I would urge them to act swiftly and contact the school office. I do not expect that we will have any vacancies at the conclusion of this term.

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

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

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Mon
27/7 Amanda R

Tues
28/7

Wed
29/7 Tracey S

Thank you Kylie, Kaye & Year 7 girls for your help last week, also Kylie & Jeff for your help on Pizza Day.

IOU's

As we are nearing end of term, all IOU's must be finalised before the end of term.

Senior Sports Day

Our senior classes Yr 4-7 will be holding their Sports Day on Tuesday, 23rd June. If parents require little or big lunch, your orders must be in at the tuckshop by 9am sharp. Tea and coffee will not be available. A sausage sizzle will be held also, please support this.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Kites
Outside Activity	Dodgeball

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea	Sandwiches & Fruit
Craft	Jellyfish
Outside Activity	Touch Football

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit, Dip & Crackers
Craft	Decoupage Coasters
Outside Activity	Yoga
Cooking	Choc Slice

Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Choc Slice & Fruit
Craft	Splatter Painting
Outside Activity	Rob the Nest

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Soup & Fruit
Craft	Sock Puppets
Outside Activity	Partners

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.

Library News – Term 2 Week 9

End of term- As it is coming to the end of the term could you please ensure that any overdue library books are returned before the holidays.

Photo competition- We are running a competition to find the student from Grade 4 or 5 who can find the most interesting place to read a book. Captain Readit will judge the photos sent in and he has also asked us to tell everyone they should not put themselves in any dangerous position to take the photo. The competition ends

on 24th July. Please bring photos to the library with your name and class on the back of it.

Art Work in the library- We are currently displaying some artwork done by Grade two and Grade four.

Captain Readit – Captain Readit has asked us to give a raffle ticket for all the students in Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 who borrow a library book . A prize will be drawn each week on parade.
Happy Reading
Library Staff

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Well, my holidays came a little sooner than I expected. Unfortunately I won't be back at school until after the school holidays as my ankle was broken on Friday night! That means that I am only able to get around on crutches, but I have been told to stay off my feet as much as possible for the next two weeks and that means no school! That also means that all Chaplaincy programs are on hold until we come back in July. I am hoping, however, that the Games Rangers can keep up their awesome work with 6/7N and 6W participants next Monday.

Don't forget that Rochedale South SS' chaplain, Amelia, is running Sparkle in Term 3 (Shine got a name-change and some improvements). Year 7 girls, I will try and make alternate arrangements so that you can get permission forms and return them before the holidays if you are interested in participating in this exciting program!

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

ON THE RADAR

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: "Enthusiasm is infectious – and so is the lack of it."

P&C News

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

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. Congratulations Rochedale. You have done it again. An awesome effort with this fundraiser. Keep the money coming in, its not too late to claim your prize. Prizes for Most raised and the Winning Class will be announced on parade on Friday along with the grand total.

DISCO!! Can you help?? Seeking people to help set up the hall for our disco. Kathy Morrison will be doing this after parade on Friday and would love some help please. Our first disco for the year will be held Friday, 19th 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 drinks. Also prizes and Glow Products. 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!! Entry \$3.

Car Park Raffle It's back again. You could be the winner for Term 3!!! Our roving sellers will be out and about this week, selling tickets for \$1.

ROCHEDALE FETE 09 – Trash and Treasure collection and 2nd 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 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 you order, use our unique code: rss0907. It couldn't be easier!

Anne Dee, P&C President. Tel: 0402114544 or 3342 5253

GROCERY DRIVE UPDATE

"Can" week was quite successful with a good collection of cans coming in. **Remember** to check there is no rust or dents on the can and **use by** dates must be Dec 09 onwards for any items received. This week we are calling for "packets". For example:- biscuits, gravy, soups, pasta, noodles, jellies, sauces. We've made a good start and I can see where some classes are keen to win a Pizza Party or Ice-Cream Cake. Next week I'll let you know which classes have put out the challenge for 2009! Let's see if **every** class can donate some items this week.

Sara H

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

Car Park Raffle

It's here again! It is time for our last lucky winner to hand over "the spot" so someone else can use it for Term 3. Tickets will be on sale before and after school around the tuckshop and prep areas. So keep an eye out for the people with the money tins, they may even be wearing especially designed t-shirts. This is for the very coveted Principal's parking spot and tickets are \$1 each. The prize will be drawn on the last day, 26th June at parade.

Uniform Shop Roster

Date	Volunteer Name
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*

CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 8 TRAVELING ON MT GRAVATT BUS SERVICE

In order to provide the safest possible transportation for your student parents/carers please be advised that children under the age of 8yrs are requested to be supervised and/or assisted by an older sibling or a responsible bus monitor, as assigned by the student's school when travelling on school services operated by Mt Gravatt Bus Service.

All school bus timetables are available online via www.mtgcoach.com.au. Please contact Mt Gravatt Bus Service on 3841 3722 for any additional information.

RSPCA PET OF THE WEEK



Benjamin Button ID: 410707

When Benjamin Button was picked up by the RSPCA Qld Animal Ambulance, he was suffering from a disease known as "puppy stranglers". He was named after the movie character as his face was so affected by the disease. He was, however, a model patient and has made a remarkable recovery. As you can see, he is now a very handsome dog.

During his recovery, Benjamin Button received TLC in two foster homes, one on a farm and one in the city, and he is now equally at home in both, as long as he gets his exercise. An advantage of having been fostered is that he has been crate trained and house trained. He was also well trained by a cat in his foster home to keep a wide berth. He is sometimes cautious about new doggy friends, but quickly becomes

best mates.

He is a friendly dog who wants to have fun, but sometimes gets a bit too excited. He just needs someone who will enjoy joining in some animal training with him so that he can learn good doggy manners. A pre-adoption interview will ensure that Benjamin Button is matched to the right family.

Benjamin Button has been vet checked, de-sexed, micro-chipped, and vaccinated. If you are interested in offering him a new home, please visit www.adoptapet.com.au for more details, or pop into the Fairfield Shelter.