

# ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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June 24	Senior Sports Day & Sausage Sizzle
25	Pizza Day

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Thoughts for the Week

'Learn to work harder on yourself than anything else.'

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'Children are not things to be molded, but are people to be unfolded.'

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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 lets 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 this week progressively and all will be issued by Friday 27<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 06.00 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.

### **Roll up on Tuesday**

Time to bring your blankets, fold-a-chair and a happy smile for Senior Sports Day this Tuesday. A warm welcome is extended to one and all for a Premier Sporting Event featuring future Olympians! I invite you to attend and support your children and to capture their moments of triumph.

### **Happy holidays**

A casual glance at the major TV networks' travel programs makes interesting viewing. From the comfort of the lounge chair you are whisked away to Phuket, Maldives, Vanuatu or part of a ride on the famous, although expensive Ghan Railway, crossing the continent from south to north. The themes are endless and the programs – Channel 9's *Getaway* and 7's *The Great Outdoors* –

endure year after year. So what is it with holidays that put such a smile of anticipation on people's faces? I guess it is the sought after break from routines and the need for a change of environment and scenery. It is also about planning and preparation. Many of our students are about to set out on touring holidays by car, 4-wheel-drive, camper trailer and the likes. Pitching a tent along the Eastern Seaboard of Australia this time of the year can be a somewhat brisk experience. Others are flying off to either the Australian alpine regions or those in New Zealand for a true winter holiday, snow and the whole works. Planning holidays is a fun process. It should involve the whole family. Much of children's early travel works wonders in the class room on their return. Studying about the Australian gold rush of the 1850s for example, gain impetus from a visit to Ballarat's Sovereign Hill. As for the children who are not going away for their holidays there are many local events on offer, beyond simply going to the movies. Planning fun days can be made easy with the many activities put on by Brisbane City Council. Again, it all comes down to planning. The old adage springs to mind... the journey is more important than the destination. So wherever you are heading for the next two weeks, have a safe and happy time. Return with re-charged batteries and boundless enthusiasm for learning on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July.

***Liam Smith***  
***Principal***

### **Lost Property**

Lost Property will be on display this Wednesday in the area underneath the Staffroom. Please check this area if your child is missing an item, as any items not collected will be given to charity.

## 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

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

### Wed

25/6 Kylie P

### Thurs

26/6 Kathy M

**Fri** Kath R

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 Sue V              Cathy W

### 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              Richelle H

25/7 Kylie P              Melissa T

### Mon

28/7 Anne D              Amanda R

### Tues

29/7 Leah W

### Wed

30/7 Cathy O              Tracy S

### Thurs

31/7 Anne W              Angie L

**Fri** Amanda G

1/8 Kylie P              Kath R

Thank you Mitchell, Deborah, Kath & James for your help last week.

## IOU's

All outstanding IOU's must be finalised by Friday.

## Pizza Day

Don't forget Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> is Pizza Day all other food will still be available. 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 – Homestyle Bakery

Going home with today's newsletter are order forms for pies, lamingtons etc.

## Money & orders must be returned to the Tuckshop by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

There is a plastic container marked 'Pie Drive' on the counter. IF you are paying by cheque please print your name and address on back of cheque. **Delivery day is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July.** Pies etc. are to be collected from 2:30pm in the Activity Hall. When ordering please consider who is going to collect your orders as pies will need to be refrigerated by 4:00pm. The food items on order from fit into the Smart Choices Amber category. This is a Tuckshop fundraiser and will help to air-condition the tuckshop. Please support, thank you.

## Sports Day – Senior Yrs 4-7

Parents who are attending on this day and require little lunch/big lunch, orders must be handed into the tuckshop by 9:00am sharp. Tea/coffee will **not** be available.

## Food Stock Run Down

As we always do now we are approaching end of term & also moving to new premises, we let stock run down. If we are unable to supply a food order, an alternative will be supplied. Also, chips and ice creams are limited too. Thank you, happy holidays!

### **ROSHCA Program**

#### **Monday**

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Mood Meters
Outside Activity	Skipping Games

#### **Tuesday**

Afternoon Tea	Sandwiches & Fruit
Craft	Paddle-pop
Aeroplanes	
Outside Activity	Tenpin Bowling

#### **Wednesday**

Afternoon Tea & Fruit	Dip, Crackers
Craft	Kites
Outside Activity	Hockey
Cooking	Pinwheels

#### **Thursday**

Afternoon Tea	Pinwheels & Fruit
Craft	Mini Jigsaws
Outside Activity	French Cricket
Cooking	Cakes

#### **Friday**

Afternoon Tea	Cakes & Fruit
Craft	Magic Painting
Outside Activity	Face Painting

Also available every day –

Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games, Colouring-in and Computers.

### **Library news- Term 2 - Week 11**

**Reader's Cup** - Last Wednesday five of our students went to Algester State School to compete against 33 other schools. Students were asked to read 6 novels over a period of about 10 weeks and then answer very specific questions

about the novels and only be given 30 seconds to answer in. Nicola T, Jack T, Ben K, Taylor P and Sam G represented our school with great enthusiasm.

End of Term – We are concerned about the number of overdue books and would appreciate their return this week as we are about to send out bills for long term overdues. Could you please check with your child to make sure they have returned their latest library book.

Next Term -Book Week will be the focus of next term with the theme being “Fuel Your Mind”. Grades Prep to 3 will be involved in our fancy dress parade. Grades 4-7 will be given the chance to see Rev Up and Arts Council production based on the short-listed books.

Library Staff

### **Craft Stall for Fete**

We are still meeting every Monday from 11am, if you are interested please come along as we are still looking for volunteer knitters and sewers. Also, any donations of buttons, lace, scrapbooking embellishments etc. would be appreciated and can be left at the tuckshop. A very big thank you to Mrs Betty Harris for all her wonderful craft donations for the fete, they are greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
Kath R – 3341 2980

### **P&C News**

There will be a P&C meeting tomorrow night held in the staffroom, everyone is welcome to attend.

Also, don't forget to start bringing in all Trash & Treasure/2<sup>nd</sup> hand clothes and books for the fete.

Thank you,  
Anne Dee  
P&C President

### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Hi! Can you believe it? We are only 5 more sleeps away from the mid-year holidays! It seems like 2008 only just started and here we are almost at the half-way point. I know I have had an exciting 6 months, and I'm sure it is no different for anyone involved with Rochedale State School. I am looking forward to the holidays just so that I can catch my breath, but I am also looking forward to Term 3 with nervous anticipation!

Just the other day a student asked me "what does a Chaplain do?" The short answer to that question is 'student support and pastoral care' but in reality there is so much more to it than that. As Chaplain, I am part of the support network for *all* of Rochedale State School students, staff and parents. This includes mentoring, student development programs, family support, and spiritual support, among many other things. Basically, it means that my door is always open to Rochedale's students, staff and parents and if there's anything that you think I might be able to help with, or you just need someone to talk to about stuff, don't hesitate to contact me via the Administration Office.

### **ON THE RADAR**

**Year 6 & Year 7 Students:** Rochedale Baptist Church is hosting an activity night on this Friday night from 5:30-7:30pm 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! What a way to start the holidays!

**Year 7 Girls:** The School Chaplain from Rochedale South State School (Amelia) will be running an awesome self-esteem program at our school in Term 3 called 'Shine'. If you think you might be interested, please see the Chaplain this week for information/permission forms!

**Mr James  
School Chaplain**

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop will be open this Thursday and Friday from 8:00 - 9:00am. You should have received our new price list and order form that has been handed out a few weeks ago. If you haven't, please feel free to download them on [www.rochedalss.eq.edu.au](http://www.rochedalss.eq.edu.au) - and click Uniform Shop.

A few months back, I had feedback from parents that an afternoon opening times of the Uniform Shop would help assist parents who work in the mornings. Due to overwhelming response, we are going to do a trial for Term 3 opening in the afternoons. This will be from 2.00 pm - 3.15pm. With this trial the Uniform Shop will **\*NOT** be open on a Thursday morning, only in the afternoons. Friday will still stay the same - 8:00 am - 9:00am. This will commence on Thursday 24th of July 2008.

**WINTER UNIFORMS BACK ORDER**  
Thank you for your patience, ALL Size 6 fleecy jumpers has now been delivered to class. This week the Size 4 & 6 fleecy trackpants will be delivered to your child's class room. 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.

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. Have a great and safe holiday break. The Uniform Shop will open again on Thursday 17th of July at 8:00am.

Thank you  
Mari-shell Scott  
Uniform Convenor

### **For Sale**

Bunkers – Lo-line high bed and single bed. Both from bunkers. Good condition. \$375 for both. Phone Leisa 0412 056 366.

### **LOST**

A student's school bag has been missing since last Wednesday afternoon. It was taken from outside the Activity Hall and belongs to Max Morse. If you have seen this bag or know of its whereabouts please contact the school office.

### **Free Holiday Activities**

The school holidays are fast approaching and there is a wide range of FREE activities for children aged between 5-12 years from 30<sup>th</sup> June until 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 on at Roma Street Parkland. Additional information is available by calling 3006 4545 or visiting the Translink Website at [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au).