

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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July	23 & 24	Yr 6 CSIRO IncurSION
	29	Maths Competition Yr 3-7
	30	French Breakfast - Yr 6 & 7
	31	Maths Competition Yr 7 only
Aug	12	English Competition Yr 3-7
	13	Ekka Public Holiday
	14	Ekka Student Free Day
	21	Book Week Dress-up Parade P-3
Sep	1	Rev It Up! (Musical for Bookweek)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'If you have too much expectation, you may come away disappointed.'

'True wisdom lies in gathering the precious things out of each day as it goes by.'

Open Day is a popular term for Universities and Colleges around Brisbane. It's a day when spruikers, handing out 'show' bags rev up the message about what they have on offer, be they courses in podiatry, medicine or law. Primary schools do not try to emulate the big league. However, they do have Open Days. From the start, I am

keen to stress that at Rochedale, every day is an Open Day. Our unique concept of easy access by parents to teachers and administrative staff is legendary and lauded by every parent. What is done on *Open Day* is more a planned event showing parents of already enrolled students, as well as prospective students, what our school has to offer. We live in times where schools are less regionally bound. While serving the greater Rochedale basin, we also take students from neighbouring areas. This year's Open Day is scheduled for Friday, 8th August. We hope to meet as many people as possible on our Open Day. It will be an excellent opportunity to see our Prep-Year facilities and future plans. Our friendly staff will be on hand to answer questions and take visitors on guided walks of our grounds. We feel sure your visit to Rochedale State School will be worthwhile. It may lay the foundation for your child's future educational journey.

The pen is mightier than the sword.

This adage is brought forward to our young through one of our busy Literacy team's initiatives. How often have you heard people say: "Oh, boys don't like writing, they find it boring. They don't know what to write!" I have heard it across many schools. So has our Literacy Team. That is why we are well into creative writing at Rochedale State School. Even the most reluctant writer can be revved up if the subject matter appeals, if there is a spark of interest, a kindling flame to ignite the fire. "Power Writing" engages students. It releases them from structured narrative. It is only limited by writer's cramp or keyboard fatigue! Many forget that essential to all writing is putting words on paper, articulating thought through the medium of text. One of my university supervisors, a wise old professor, had a sign on his

wall. It read: “Don’t get it right, get it written!” His message was clear; you can’t assess, mark or evaluate a blank page... *carte blanche* gets no marks! Written texts do. We can return, we can edit, we can re-write *ad infinitum* until we are happy with our final product. I once observed a teacher asking students to write a story about ‘anything.’ Some began, most did not. The teacher then wrote the following on the chalk board: “It seemed like an eternity before we were allowed to disembark in Sydney. We had been at sea for several months. I had my suitcase in one hand, my sister in the other. We had finally arrived in Australia. We followed a long line of people onto a bus when...” Suddenly, everyone was writing. Every kid was engaging; every kid was back in post-war Australia. Some ended up in Queensland, others went on to New Zealand. Some went to cities, others to cattle properties. Imagination ran wild. Literature had been re-captured by its rightful owners... the students of tomorrow!

Four of our budding Year 7 authors will be attending the South-East Brisbane Writers’ Camp at Macgregor State School tomorrow and Wednesday. We wish them all the best.

Liam Smith
Principal

CURRICULUM CORNER

Numbers are all around us, when you stop to think about it numbers are everywhere - at the shops, on clocks, driving or travelling to different places. Do we encourage our children to recognize numbers as much as we do when they begin reading?

There are many ways to support students in developing their awareness and understanding of number in our lives -

for younger students when going shopping, recognizing the numbers they see at the shops. Reading a recipe when helping with cooking is a great place to see and use numbers in real life.

Over the next few weeks I will endeavour to provide ideas that you can try to assist in helping your child to understand number. If you have any questions about any curriculum issues please contact me.

Gayle Healey
Curriculum Co-ordinator

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	22/7	Michelle D	
Wed	23/7	Kylie P	
Thurs	24/7	Kathy M	
Fri	25/7	Sylvia B	Richelle H
		Kylie P	Kath R
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	1/8	Amanda G	
		Kylie P	Kath R
Mon	4/8	Volunteer Needed	
Tues	5/8	Michelle D	
Wed	6/8	Kylie P	
Thurs	7/8	Cathy O	

Fri Georgina F Kylie S
8/8 Kylie P Melissa T
Mon
11/8 Lyn L Toni D
Tues
12/8 Shirley L Leah W
Wed
13/8 **Ekka Holiday**
Thurs
14/8 **Ekka Student Free Holiday**
Fri Michelle F
15/8 Kylie P Kath R
Mon
18/8 Kaye S
Tues
19/8 Michelle D
Wed
20/8 Kylie P
Thurs
21/8 Kathy M
Fri
22/8 Kylie P Melissa T Sylvia B

Thank you Richelle, Tracy, James, Mitchell & Curtis for your help last week.

Pie Drive – Homestyle Bakery
Delivery day is Wednesday, 30th July.
Pies etc. are to be collected from 2:30pm in the Activity Hall. Please consider who is going to collect your orders, as pies will need to be refrigerated by 4:00pm. The food items on order fit into the Smart Choices Amber category. This is a Tuckshop fundraiser and will help to air-condition the tuckshop. 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 Dip, Crackers & Fruit

Craft Pom-pom Creations
Outside Activity Donkey
Tuesday
Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter
Craft Chinese Lanterns
Outside Activity Fly
Cooking Pinwheels
Wednesday
Afternoon Tea Pinwheels & Fruit
Craft Envelope Art
Outside Activity Long Jump
Thursday
Afternoon Tea Wraps & Fruit
Craft Rainbow Hangers
Outside Activity Kickball
Cooking Slice
Friday
Afternoon Tea Slice & Fruit
Craft Paper Bag Puppets
Outside Activity Wolf on the Prowl
Also available every day –
Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games,
Colouring-in and Computers.

Library news – Term 3 Week 2

Book Week – The theme for this year is “Fuel Your Mind”. Book Week will be held from the 18th to the 22nd August. Prep to Grade 3 will be having a dress up day and Grade 4-7 will be going along to see a Musical called *Rev It Up* which will be on the first of September.

Library Loans - It is great to see so many students using a library bag to protect their library book loans. If by chance there is damage caused to the book while you have it on loan or you notice some previous damage, can you let the library staff know when you return the book so it can be repaired.

Library Monitors - A new roster has been put up in the Grade 6 and 7 rooms.

Students who volunteered to be monitors for this term should check their days.
Library Staff

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Has it only been a week already? I must say that everyone certainly seemed to hit the ground running last week, myself included. As you can see from the information below, things are certainly getting busy in the Chaplaincy program, but that's the way I like it. Don't forget that I am in the school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, and I am never too busy to spend time with any student, parent or staff member of Rochedale State School. Feel free to drop in, or you are more than welcome to make an appointment.

ON THE RADAR

Parents: Want to be a better parent? Triple P courses are available through Logan Uniting Church for Parents of children to 12 years and Parents of children 12 years and over. Check out the webpage for the next course details and to book, or phone Logan Uniting Church office 32901277.

www.loganuc.unitingchurch.org.au/ppp.htm

The next available courses are:

Tuesdays, 22 July – 9 September,
Rochedale South State School, 7.00 to 9.00pm

Tuesdays, 29 July – 16 September,
Calvary Christian College, Carbrook,
9.15 to 11.00am

Thursdays, 7 August – 9 October, Logan Uniting Church, 7.00 to 9.00pm

Games Rangers: Thank you to those students who returned their permission forms, but it still is not too late to join in. Please get signed forms back ASAP, as our first training session will be in the Hall this Friday afternoon at 1:50pm. I

have to know numbers soon so I can print enough Activity Manuals for the leadership group.

Shine: Your first session starts tomorrow afternoon at 3pm *sharp*, in the Chaplain's Room at the top of the stairs in E Block. There is still room for another couple of girls, so if you get your forms back we might be able to sneak you in.

RPC: RPC stands for Rochedale Prayer Crew and it is a brand new student prayer group. We meet in the Chaplain's Room at Morning Tea on Mondays. Anyone and absolutely everyone is welcome! We'd love to see you there!

**Mr James
School Chaplain**

P&C News

Fete News: WE ARE NOW COLLECTING FOR THE GROCERY WHEEL!! This week's chosen items: anything!!

Mr Burton announced on parade on Friday that this week we are collecting any food item; packets, tins etc. Please make sure the 'best before' date is after the fete, before sending in your items. Thank you.

REMEMBER: Points are given for items brought in and the class with the most points at the end will win a prize. So start sending in those groceries!!

TRASH AND TREASURE/2ND HAND CLOTHES/BOOKS – Please keep these donations coming in!! The more we get, the better the stall.

I AM STILL LOOKING FOR A WILLING CONVENOR TO RUN A CURRY STALL!! Please if you can help, give me a call.

DANCE TROUPS: If any children are members of dance troupes or

performance groups that might like to perform at the fete, please give me a call. We love to have these exhibitions at the fete to entertain the crowds.

Netball News:

I am not sure how many people realize it, but Rochedale State School has 6 Netball teams comprising of children from Grade 3 to Grade 8 that compete in the competition at Underwood Park on a Saturday. I am very pleased to announce that yesterday 2 of our teams took part in a carnival at Underwood Park and had a great day. Our Grade 8 team (SupaStarz), which consists of ex Rochedale State School girls, did extremely well and came 2nd in their division. Our Grade 7 team (SupaRoos) had a very busy day playing 9 games throughout the day, and whilst they didn't get a placing they played very well. A fun day was had by all and I would like to thank the coaches of the girls, Vanessa Garwood and Rachel Speers for organizing the day. Anne Dee, P&C President. Tel: 0402 114 544 or 3342 5253

GROCERY DRIVE

Yes!! The Grocery Drive starts this week.

Tuesday mornings will be our collection day with Mr Burton announcing on Friday parade what items we will be collecting. Tomorrow's collection is for "Anything". REMEMBER there are 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes (for upper and lower school) for classes who bring in the most items. There may even be 3 or 4 encouragement prizes for classes along the way. SO, JUST WHO WILL BE GROCERY DRIVE WINNERS FOR 2008???

Book Stall – Fete

I am now collecting donations of books, dvd's, cd's, videos, magazines etc. for

the Book Stall. These can be delivered to the School Hall or to me in the School Office. Also, if you are able to provide plastic bags for this stall, they would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Lisa O.

Craft Stall for Fete

Thank you to the ladies and gentlemen who have already volunteered their time and talents to help make this year's Craft Stall a success. The Craft group meet at the P&C shed near the Instrumental Music room, every Monday at 11:00am for coffee and craft, please feel free to join us, the more the merrier.

If you can't make it to the meetings but would still like to make items for the stall, this would be greatly appreciated and helps make the Craft Stall more exciting and varied. Donations can be left with Norma at the tuckshop.

Kath R 3341 2980 or 0400 280 998

Father's Day Stall

The Rochedale State School P&C will be holding a Father's Day Stall on Thursday 4th September for Preps, Yrs 5, 6 & 7 and on Friday 5th September for Yrs 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The idea of the stall is to enable the students to purchase a quality low priced gift for their father (or grandfather). Prices range from \$2 - \$6. Children are able to buy more than one gift. The stall needs around 900 items to sell and I would appreciate your help to find suitable gifts, so please help by looking in catalogues and stores for bargains under \$6 and let me know if you find anything.

Closer to the time I will need help to individually wrap these 900 gifts and will also need volunteers to help 'man' the

stall on Thursday and Friday. Donations of plastic bags will also be appreciated and can be left at the tuckshop. If you can help in any way please contact me on 3341 2980 or 0400 280 998. Thank you, Kath R.

Egg Carton Donations

We are currently collecting donations of egg cartons/containers. For every carton provided, a local hatchery will donate 5c to our school. Please send all donations to the School Office.

Uniform Shop

This week's new Uniform Shop hours:
Thursday: 2 – 3.15pm
Friday: 8 – 9am

All size 6 tracksuit pants were delivered to your children's classes last week. If you have any queries please contact me via email – Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au. Thank you, Mari-Shell – Uniform Convenor.

Giveaway – Kittens

Five furry kittens – give away to good home. Please phone Alyson on 0424 847 954.

House Share

Large 2 storey 5 brm Executive style home. Inground pool, large fully fenced backyard. Available to share – on offer is 1 large main bedroom and 1 other single room. Separate lounge/entertainment room included. \$230 per week. Phone Sam on 0434 963 665 or 3342 5880.