

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER



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| July | 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**

‘Be concerned more with how you live than with how long.’

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‘Learn to work harder on yourself than anything else.’

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**Open Day- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

As many of our parents would be aware, Rochedale State School will be conducting its Open Day on Friday week. We would ask that parents/friends of the school who know of any children who will be commencing Prep in 2008, please let their parents know about Open Day.

The morning will start with school parade. There will be guided tours of the

school's facilities and the opportunity to see our school in action. Parents will also be invited to talk with staff and current parents over morning tea.

Pre-preppies are most welcome to experience the Prep Year for the morning.

***Remember- WORD OF MOUTH IS THE STRONGEST PROMOTIONAL TOOL WE HAVE.***

**2008 School Opinion Survey**

Each year at this time, Education Queensland conducts a school opinion survey in every school. The school opinion survey results provide a report card on the operation and management of our school.

The survey will be undertaken this week by all staff, 60 year five students, 60 year seven students and 40 parents. Those students and parents participating will be determined by a selection process provided to us by Education Queensland.

Rochedale State School has always achieved a very high result in this annual survey. I am confident we will maintain our high standards and I thank those of you who will be involved in completing this survey, for your time and support

**Volunteers**

There is not a day goes by when our school isn't visited by our many parents and community volunteers who work in classrooms with individual students, in the tuckshop, in the uniform shop, with Religious Education, in the gardens and with Book Club. Rochedale State School is so much wealthier because of the tremendous support of our volunteer parents and community.

A very special thank you to you all - we can never repay you for what you do for our students. Your valuable time, good efforts and commendable support needs to be recognised for the wonderful asset it is.

**Fete preparations** are under way. The celebrations of Rochedale State School's 77<sup>th</sup> year is scheduled for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Fetes require for their success, an enormous amount of volunteer help. Fete co-ordinator, Mrs Dee, is happy with the amount of volunteers offering their services but would naturally welcome even more people. The overarching aim of the Fete is a celebration of our school, its former and current students and staff. This is not a commercial goal, rather a cultural goal where we have gone off in many different directions in life. Some former students of this school have gone on to represent many facets of Australian society. Some have excelled in the sciences, others in commerce; others still, have been elected to public office while others have continued to toil the market gardens established by their forefathers. They all share the common background – they went to Rochedale State School. So I say to students of today, that as you have fun at our Fete and perhaps bump into an old man with white hair and a walking stick buying a raffle ticket... chances are he sat at his desk in your classroom seventy years ago. Meanwhile, do your best to promote our Fete. We will naturally advertise the event locally and on community radio, but it is that personal invitation to neighbours and friends that yields the desired result – thousands of patrons to our Fete.

*Liam Smith*  
*Principal*

## **CURRICULUM CORNER**

Developing an understanding of number early in a student's life is important for their understanding of number later.

There are many games families can play to assist in this development. Playing card games – such as Snap, Memory, Fish – will assist students to recognize and match numbers.

For older students, turn 2 (or more) cards over and add, subtract or multiply the numbers together and the first person with the correct answer collects the cards. After the answer has been worked out, ask your child how they worked the answer out. Encouraging children to explain the thinking they are using when working answers out assists to develop an understanding of number.

Playing games that involve dice is also a great and fun way to develop mathematics skills. For younger students play games that involve rolling the dice and recognizing the number on the dice (without having to count the dots) and then moving their counter the correct number of spaces. To develop quick thinking skills in older children, use more than one dice and add, subtract or multiply the numbers together.

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**

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

**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

**Mon**  
25/8 Anne D Amanda R

Thank you Kathy & Mitchell for your help and also Kylie, Kath, Richelle & James for your help on Friday.

### **Pie Drive – Homestyle Bakery**

Delivery day is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July.  
Pies are to be collected from the Activity Hall after 2.30pm. Please consider who is going to collect your orders, as pies will need to be refrigerated by 4pm. If you are

going to be late collecting orders, please phone me on 0400701051.

### **ROSHCA Program**

**Monday**  
Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter  
Craft Boomerangs  
Outside Activity Basketball

**Tuesday**  
Afternoon Tea Sandwiches & Fruit  
Craft Masks  
Outside Activity Obstacle Course  
Cooking Pikelets

**Wednesday**  
Afternoon Tea Pikelets & Fruit  
Craft Foam Fridge Magnets  
Outside Activity Flying Dutchman  
Cooking Cheesy Slice

**Thursday**  
Afternoon Tea Cheesy Slice & Fruit  
Craft Beading  
Outside Activity Wulijini

**Friday**  
Afternoon Tea Dip, Crackers & Fruit  
Craft Toilet Roll People  
Outside Activity Softball  
Also available every day –  
Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games,  
Colouring-in and Computers.

### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

I want to start by saying a big THANK YOU to the Year 6 Games Rangers that attended the first training session last week. Your participation was greatly appreciated, and I am already looking forward to the concluding sessions this week. On top of that, it has been really good to see everyone getting excited about the other programs and activities run by the Chaplaincy Service. I'm almost struggling to keep up with it all, but that's part of the fun. I hope you are

all enjoying yourselves as much as I am...

### ***ON THE RADAR***

***Games Rangers:*** Session 2 & 3 of the Games Rangers Training will be held in the Hall at lunch-time on Friday this week. It is important for all Games Rangers that have already returned their signed forms to attend these sessions (even if you missed Session 1 last week). See you there!

***Yr 5-7 Loop Camp:*** Do you like adventure? Enjoy challenges? Want to hang out with friends (inc. Mr James) ALL week? The SU Brisbane South Loop Camp will be held from the **22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> of September** at Perigian on the Sunshine Coast! It is going to be AWESOME! Permission forms are available from the Chaplain's Room!

***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!

***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](http://www.loganuc.unitingchurch.org.au/ppp.htm)

The next available courses are:  
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

### **Mr James School Chaplain**

### **Library news – Term 3 Week 3**

Book Week – The theme for this year is “Fuel Your Mind”. Book Week will be held from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 1st 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

### **P&C News**

**NEXT P & C MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>.**

**Expression of Interest:** We are seeking expressions of interest for the position of Administration Officer with ROSHCA, our Outside of School Hours Care Program. This position will initially be a casual position, minimum 4 hrs per week. **Experience with MYOB is essential.** An expression of interest and resume can be left at the school office, please mark ATTN: P&C PRESIDENT. Closing date: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 08.

**Swim Squad:** After years of rolling over the fees from season to season we have decided this year that we must finalize all figures and start fresh in the new season, term 4. So we are asking that if you think

you owe any fees or if you think we owe you any outstanding money to please get in touch with me, ASAP. I will then check my records and act accordingly. Thank you.

**Fete 08:** Only 7 weeks to go!! Keep an eye out for the Fete Newsletter which I hope to get up and running this week. Any convenors wanting anything in there can email me at [annedee@optusnet.com.au](mailto:annedee@optusnet.com.au) or call me on 3342 5253.

**\*CLASS 4L – please note we will be having your winning walkathon BBQ with Mr Brown on Friday lunchtime!!- Congratulations!! \***

### **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 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

### **Uniform Shop**

This week's new Uniform Shop hours:  
Thursday: 2 – 3.15pm  
Friday: 8 – 9am  
If you have any queries please contact me via email –

[Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au](mailto:Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au).

Thank you, Mari-Shell – Uniform Convenor.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Book club catalogues are handed out on a Thursday and we request that **orders only be returned with payment on the following Wednesday to the class teacher**. Please do not return prior to this day as teachers cannot be responsible for keeping money in their classrooms and **Book Club should not be handed into the office**. Please provide correct money and have the child's name and class are at the top of the order form. All cheques made payable to Scholastic Australia. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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.