

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Aug	8	Open Day Ice Cream Stall – All grades
	12	English Competition Yr 3-7
	13	Ekka Public Holiday
	14	Ekka Student Free Day
	15	Junior Sports Day & Sausage Sizzle
	21	Book Week Dress-up Parade P-3
	26	P&C Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
Sep	1	Rev It Up! (Musical for Bookweek)
	4	Father's Day Stall Prep, Yr 5, 6 & 7
	5	Father's Day Stall Yr 1-4
	13	School Fete 12-6pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

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

'The main cause for failure and unhappiness is trading what you want most for what you want at the moment.'

The Open-Door policy is alive and well at Rochedale State School. It will only work if parents/care givers make use of the system. We pride ourselves on our approachability through thick and thin. You may be pleasantly surprised to find what you perceived as a monumental problem – when discussed with my staff and me – evaporate into something manageable and achievable. I remember a sign on a great Italian restaurant in the Valley. It read: "If you're happy, tell your

friends!" "If you're not, tell us!" You can see the same applies to our school. Feedback is essential for a happy school. A friendly face in the Office will only be too happy to listen and take onboard your observations.

Junior Sports Day, that wonderful annual event, will play out on Friday, 15th August under clear blue skies (hopefully). Junior Sports Day attracts parents in droves. Let's face it, to see the junior stars line up with excitement for a dash across the oval creates in every parent a sense of pride. In the Junior Grades everyone is a winner and usually get a badge or a sticker to prove it. Junior Sports Day is also an opportunity to strengthen school community. Parents make the effort to be at Junior Sports Day and socialise with other parents. This is especially important to many new people in the area. Some parents have commented to me that they knew practically no one in the area, but struck up a conversation with parents of our school and began establishing some friendships with members of our school community. We look forward to seeing all the Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts and family friends next week.

Final commercial for this Friday!

Yes, I know you get tired of these commercials. I do too. Commercial television can be infuriating as the same message is beamed into our homes with predictable regularity. However! Yes, 'however' with an exclamation mark, we are very keen to see as many people as possible this Friday. Here at Rochedale we do not have Open Days every month, week or day – apart from our Open Door policy – no, we pride ourselves on showcasing our school to the greater community once a year. That is why it is important that you attend, meet and greet the folks in the school's many engine rooms – the classes. This is where learning is taking place. This is where society's future leaders learn. The Open Day, as in previous years, takes on a friendly, open and inviting concept where people stroll around and observe what OUR school has to offer. Our Student Council will augment the number of hosts and 'meet & greet' people we have on hand to assure that your visit is a memorable one and that your impressions of our school become even more enhanced than before.

Next week's big day!

Just a reminder that EKKA Day falls on Wednesday, next week. Unlike the schools in Logan City, our next suburb to the south, we only have Wednesday off as a Public Holiday and Thursday is our Pupil-Free Day. Between now and then I would imagine the EKKA excitement building as always. Rochedale, being a wonderful agricultural area, may have a number of exhibits in this year's Royal Show. Show bags, rides and anticipation usually dominate the EKKA's ten days, however, there is so much more to see and do on the family day. It's a day where country meets city. You haven't arrived until you don your Akubra, step into your R.M. Williams' boots and park yourself at the ring events, getting ready for the fire works... or at least that's the way it was when I was a child...

Student of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the "Student of the Month" for the month of July these awards were presented on parade last Friday.

- 1A Logan P
Being a quiet and conscientious worker and always taking care with his writing.
- 1M Zoe N
For her consistent hard work when writing, especially her descriptions. Great work, Zoe!
- 1S Maddison F
Her conscientious approach to learning and willingness to share ideas.
- 2I Anthony J
His enthusiastic contribution to all class activities.
- 2M Kealan P
His enthusiastic and thoughtful contributions to our science activities. Kealan is a keen inquirer.
- 2S Jake L
Sharing his knowledge and being a risk-taker as a 'Mad Scientist'.
- 2W Rhiannon C
Always being a positive, helpful and happy class member who gives 100% to everything she does. She is an asset to our class!
- 3C Kieren K
A great attitude to his learning. Kieren always tries hard with 100% effort. Well done, Kieren.

- 3D Emily B
Achieving a high standard in all her classwork and for a determined effort in team activities. Just wonderful Emily, congratulations.
- 3N Aaleyah P
Being a quiet and conscientious student who always does her best.
- 3T Harrison S
Making a fabulous effort with his handwriting and book work.
- 4C Shannae F
A courteous class member who always produces her best work.
- 4D Jake S
Consistently giving his best and persevering with new challenges. Well done, Jake.
- 4K Rory M
Showing initiative in developing new behaviours enabling him to now work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others. This is excellent progress. Well done, Rory.
- 4L Madeleine G
Being a co-operative and considerate class member.
- 4R Alex H
Her excellent behaviour and improvement in Maths.
- 5K Matthew S
Always being a considerate & respectful student who works consistently at all tasks.
- 5L Teneille D
Completing all class work successfully. Keep up the good work, Teneille.
- 5N Kayne W
His enthusiasm and effort to gain better results. Keep up the great work!
- 5R Kayla W
Maintaining a high standard of work across all curriculum areas.
- 6A Isobel T
Displaying a positive attitude towards all aspects of her learning. Well done Isobel.
- 6C Jack B
His reliability, responsibility and trustworthiness.
- 6L Georgia W
The interest and quiet conscientiousness with which she approaches her schoolwork.

- 6W Nicole K
Continuously exhibiting exceptional leadership qualities and helping her peers in any way that she can.
- 6/7B Sam N
His perseverance, application and determination in trying to overcome academic hurdles.
- 7B Maddison W
Demonstrating a consistent exemplary work ethic in all areas of school life. A great attitude, Maddison!
- 7L Kurtis E
Working very well on all classroom activities.
- 7S Katherine G
Maintaining an excellent effort and striving to improve her work in all areas.
- French Courtney B
Consistent and thorough application to all language learning tasks.
- Chinese Ashleigh H
Participating in activities with commitment and interest.

Liam Smith
Principal

CURRICULUM CORNER

There are lots of different Units of Inquiry under way across the school. I was in a Year 6 class last week and spoke to the students about the Simple Machines unit they have been inquiring into. The knowledge the students displayed of the features of simple machines and the ability they showed in using this knowledge to create a machine was impressive. I look forward to seeing the different machines the students design and construct.

Some more ideas to develop an interest and understanding of numbers is to use dominoes. Playing the traditional game of matching the number of dots is great for younger students. Try asking your child to sort the dominoes out into different groups that show different thinking skills used when adding (or multiplying) the numbers together. Some of these strategies are: doubling, counting on 0, 1 or 2, using 10.

When driving with your children in your car, read out the numbers on the number plates, and ask your children to add (or multiply) the

numbers together. While in the car ask your children to choose a colour car they think they will see the most of – check the predictions of the family.

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

5/8 Michelle D

Wed

6/8 Kylie P

Thurs

7/8 **Help Needed Today**

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 **Yr 1-3 Sports Day**

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 Interschool Sport

22/8 Melissa T Sylvia B

Mon

25/8 Anne D Amanda R

Tues

26/8 Leah W

Wed

27/8 Cathy O Tracy S

Thurs

28/8 Angie L Anne W

Thank you Kathy, Anne, James, Mitchell, Jake, Curtis and Corey for your help last week.

Pie Drive

Thank you to all who supported this. I do apologise for any mix up with orders. We try our best.

Junior Sports Day

Our Junior classes will be holding their Sports Day on Friday, August 15th. 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.

Tuckshop Café

The Tuckshop Café will **not** be operating at this year's fete. After doing this for 9 years, I am having a break.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Mag Collage
Outside Activity	Donkey

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Clay
Outside Activity	Kickball

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea	Wraps & Fruit
Craft	Weaving
Outside Activity	Capture the Flag
Cooking	Jam Drop Slice

Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Jam Drop Slice & Fruit
Craft	Wands
Outside Activity	Shot put
Cooking	Cakes

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Cakes & Fruit
Craft	Picture Scrolls
Outside Activity	Wolf on the Prowl

Also available every day –

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

Mad Scientists – 2S

A few of our Mad Scientists are feeling a little underqualified without their coats. If you have any old white shirts, could you please send them to Class 2S? Thank you.

Ice Cream Stall

This Friday 8th August there will be an ice cream stall at big lunch outside the Activities

Hall. The money raised will support Shiara Adamson who will be representing Queensland at the National School Girls Netball Titles on the Sunshine Coast at the end of the month. Please come along and support Shiara. Plain ice cream cone - 50 cents
Ice cream cone with sprinkles/hundreds and thousands - \$1.00

Library News – Term 3 Week 4

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?

Museum Loans - The library would like to give a special thanks to Mr Whaley and Chaplain James for volunteering to pick up our loans from the Qld Museum. Students have found the loaned items very interesting.

Library Staff

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hi, I will be away at the SU State Conference from Monday, August 4th until Friday, August 8th, which means that I won't be in school at all this week. (I will miss you all terribly while I am away). I'm sure it will be a worthwhile experience and I am looking forward to returning to school with enthusiasm and new ideas about how to shape the Rochedale State School Chaplaincy.

If any families are looking for a way to spend a couple of hours out of the house without setting foot in Sideshow Alley, read the information below on the 'Duolos'! It is currently moored at the Portside Wharf, and it really is a sight to see. See you next week!

ON THE RADAR

Games Rangers: Session 3 of the Games Rangers Training will be held in the Hall at

lunch-time on Monday, 11th August (that's next week). It is important for all Games Rangers that are still in the program to attend this session. 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 **22nd-26th of September** at Peregian on the Sunshine Coast! It is going to be AWESOME! Permission forms are available from the Chaplain!

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!

Doulos – Down Under:

The Doulos, the world's oldest ocean-going passenger ship is also the world's largest floating bookshop, and it will be in Brisbane from July 31st – August 18th. Open Days are a great way for the family to see this fantastic ship while it is at Portside Wharf in Hamilton. The Open Days are Saturday, August 9th & Wednesday, August 13th. For more info, check out the website:

www.doulosdownunder.org.au

Thought for the Day: 'We're not put on this earth to 'see through one another', but to 'see one another through'.

**Mr James
School Chaplain**

P&C News

Next Meeting: 26th August in the Staffroom at 7pm.

Fete Newsletter coming this week. If any convenors would like to put any info in, please email annedee@optusnet.com.au.

Anne Dee: 0402114544
P&C President

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.

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.

GROCERY DRIVE UPDATE

A BIG thank you to all classes who donated last week. We had a very successful week. There are a few classes laying down the challenge to their year levels. 4R has certainly hit the ground running and 3C & D are making it known they're around. And look out for Prep U they made a huge contribution.

It's still early days with only 2 official collection days so far so there is plenty opportunities to bring in items. However, time does get away and the fete will be here before we know it, so let's have an even BIGGER week this week with PACKETS. eg. pasta, noodles, gravies, sauces, biscuits, jellies etc.

Every item donated helps the grocery drive so if you don't have a packet but mum & dad have a tin or a bottle of soft drink or freezer bags then bring them along because they all count!!

Check the USE BY dates - **nothing before DEC 08.**

Thanking you.

Sara H

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on:

Thursday - 2:00 – 3:15pm

Friday - 8:00 - 9:00am

SPECIALS - DELETED LINES:

Skorts - Sizes 14-16 will be selling **BELOW COST - ONLY \$15.00.**

Tazlon Pants - Size 10 & 12 will be selling **BELOW COST - ONLY \$12.00**

OUT OF STOCK:

Slouch hats - royal blue 55cm will not be available until the 1st week of September due to supplier shortages. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Can the following parent please come and collect their paid lay-by: Sharon Young.

If you have any second-hand uniforms you wish to sell, please ensure that they are washed and we will gladly take them and sell them on consignment for you.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via email

- Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au

Thanks

Mari-shell Scott

Uniform Convenor

School Dental Clinic

The Rochedale School Dental Clinic is currently open on Mondays & Tuesdays each week, from 7:45 to 4.15. The clinic is also open some Fridays.

Dental forms were issued to all Year 6 & 7 students, if your child has not brought a form home please call us to arrange for a new form to be issued.

Julie Johnson – Oral Health Therapist

Ph: 3841 4428

Lost

- Gold Cross lost near Prep rooms. If found, please return to the school office.

For Sale

- Brand New PS3 (Play Station 3) for sale.

Never used, still in box - \$600.

Retails for over \$700! Please contact Matthew on 0409 582 023 or see Mrs Papa in the Office.

Logan City Bus Services

It is once again Ekka Time, as you are aware the Logan area schools have Monday and Wednesday off and the Brisbane area schools Wednesday and Thursday as their Show Holidays. The School Office has received timetables of the **ONLY** school routes that will be operating on Ekka Monday 11th August. If parents wish to access a copy of this timetable, please contact the school office.