

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Aug	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)
	3	Pizza Day
	4	Father's Day Stall Prep, Yr 5, 6 & 7
	5	Father's Day Stall Yr 1-4
	13	School Fete 12-6pm
	21	Geckoes Wildlife Incursion – Yr 1
	22	Mad Scientist CSIRO – Yr 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'Most human limitations are self-imposed.'

'Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things.'

Brass, woodwind and percussion...

Last Friday I had the pleasure of hearing our school band for the first time this term and quite frankly I was 'blown

away'. Previously I have caught strands of music which intermittently wafted out from our instrumental classroom but had not always realised the high calibre of the musicians who were attending these lessons. Congratulations must go to Mr Pearson and the band for this magnificent performance.

Car parking angst... Is once again in evidence. Buoyed by a parent's quip the other day about the positive tone of our newsletter, I'm afraid I have to sadly shatter the pattern, albeit temporarily with some comments about our school carpark. For parents and students familiar with Rochedale State School this may well sound like an often repeated message. However, there are many new parents to our school. My comments are therefore directed to all. In the interest of safety to students and staff of this school we have in place a policy which effectively prevents unauthorised vehicle entry to our grounds. Parents and care givers dropping children off at school must under no circumstances, enter the school after 8:00am regardless of a drop off at ROSCHA. Children must alight outside the school grounds and proceed into the grounds on foot. There are no exceptions such as if a child carries a musical instrument; whether it is raining or simply more convenient. The frequency of offending illegal entries into the car park, runs counter to the tenor of our wonderful school. At the commencement of week 5, let us all make a concerted effort to 'play by the rules' and leave cars outside the school. I thank all parents for their co-operation and understanding.

Environmentally friendly housing

During my frequent visits to classes across the school I have lately been impressed by the unit on environmentally

friendly development that the Year 7's have been engaged in. This unit of work has culminated in the students designing and building models of environmentally friendly homes. In the time I was with the Year 7's I was not only left speechless with the quality of the models, but with the features that the students incorporated into their planning. From grey water recycling systems, rain water tanks, north-south building orientation, solar panels...the list goes on, the houses were a local council's dream. I left with a feeling that when our students are the decision-makers within our society, our environment will be in good hands.

Liam Smith
Principal

CURRICULUM CORNER

An understanding of number is the basis for all mathematics, applying this knowledge in everyday activities will assist in developing your child's understanding, for example measuring items.

We use measurements to determine the height, length, and width of objects, as well as the area they cover or the volume they hold. Developing the ability to estimate and to measure accurately takes time and practice.

Try some of these ideas:

- Ask your child to find objects that are longer or shorter than a shoe or a string or a ruler. Together, use a shoe to measure the length of a floor mat. Fill different containers with sand in a sandbox, and see which containers hold more and which hold less.
- **Estimate everything!** Estimate the number of steps from your front door to the edge of your yard, then

walk with your child to find out how many there really are, counting steps as you go. Estimate the time needed for a trip. If the trip is expected to take 25 minutes, when do you have to leave? Have your child count the number of stars he or she can draw in a minute. Ask if the total is more or less than your child thought it would be.

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

12/8 Shirley L

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** Kath R

22/8 Melissa T Sylvia B Richelle H

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

Fri Interschool Sport

29/8 Kylie D Amanda G

Mon

1/9 **Volunteer Needed**

Tues

2/9 Michelle D

Wed

3/9 Kylie P **Pizza Day**

Thurs

4/9 Cathy O

Fri Interschool Sport Georgina F

5/9 Kylie P Kylie S

Thank you Karen, Sue, Tracy, Mitchell, Courtney, Tayla & Deborah for your help last week.

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.

Interschool Sport

Children attending interschool sport please place your orders in the plastic container marked 'Interschool Sport' and also write sport on your orders. Thank you.

Pizza Day

We will be having a Pizza Day on Wednesday September 3rd. Order forms will be sent home soon.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea Sandwiches & Fruit

Craft 3D Pictures

Outside Activity Soccer

Cooking Choc-chip Slice

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea & Fruit Choc-chip Slice

Craft Pom-poms

Outside Activity Running Races

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea **EKKA SHOW**

DAY

Craft **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Outside Activity **NO ROSHCA**

Thursday

Afternoon Tea **PUPIL FREE**

DAY

Craft **ROSHCA OPEN**

Outside Activity

Cooking

Friday

Afternoon Tea Wraps & Fruit

Craft Painting

Outside Activity Force 'em Backs

Also available every day –

Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games,

Colouring-in and Computers.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I'm ba-ack! Yes, I have returned from the beautiful Sunshine Coast full of enthusiasm and encouragement. The State Conference for SU QLD was an awesome opportunity for Chaplains from all over this state (all 490 of them) to meet in the one place and share ideas, encourage each other, and have some fun while we were at it.

There is so much happening with the Chaplaincy program that I can't fit it all in this column, so feel free to ask me about anything that is going on. The last thing I want to mention, is a big encouragement to all those students that are preparing for the 8-Hour Famine this weekend (and the older people doing the 40-Hour Famine). This is a truly worthy

cause, and if you are participating – congratulations for helping make our world a bit better for those people in other countries who are nowhere near as fortunate as we are here in Australia!

ON THE RADAR

Shine: We are picking up right where we left off this Tuesday afternoon, same time and the same place as usual. Amelia missed all the girls last week and she can't wait to see you this week, so make sure that you are not late!

Games Rangers: Games Rangers will commence for the Year 1's in 2 weeks time, but I will get around to all the Year 1 classes before then just to have a chat about it. I would also like to congratulate the Year 6's that have been training hard so that they can help facilitate a fun time for any and all Year 1's. This program couldn't happen without them!

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 Peregrine 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. There is one more Open Day left on Wednesday

August 13th. For more info, check out the website:

www.doulosdownunder.org.au

Thought for the day: 'A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.'

**Mr James
School Chaplain**

P & C News

NEXT P & C MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY AUGUST 26TH 7pm in the staffroom, everyone welcome.

Fete 08: Keep those donations coming please. Less than 5 weeks to go. Please call me if you are able to volunteer any time to any stall. Any amount no matter how long is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Anne Dee, P&C President. Ph: 0402114544

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.

GROCERY DRIVE UPDATE

What a great week we had!! Over 400 items were brought in. All these items contribute, not only to the Grocery Wheel but to other stalls requiring chocolates, soft drink, baking products etc.

There are Pizza Parties, Ice-Cream Cake Parties, and Chocolate Ice-creams up for grabs for the classes who make the biggest donations.

This week we are bringing in all things our Dental Clinic would not be too happy with us eating too much of. That's right it's "**SWEET THINGS**". Chocolates, soft drinks, biscuits, jam, sugar, cake mixes, lollies. Just to name a few. Keep bringing in those items and let's see if we can reach 400 plus again.

Sara H

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.

FATHERS DAY STALL

The Rochedale State School P & C Assoc. will be holding a Fathers Day Stall on Thursday the 4th of September for Preps, Years 5,6 and 7, and Friday the 5th for Years 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 between \$2.00 to \$6.00. Children are able to buy more than one gift.

I need help to individually wrap around 900 gifts and have set aside Thursday 28th August to do this. I will be starting at 8:45 in Mrs Barnes old classroom in the "Village", if you can come along and help for even half an hour that would be great. Help is also needed to "man" the stall on Friday. Donations of plastic bags would 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 280998.

Kath R

Springwood State High School

Springwood State High School will be holding a 'Transition Program' here at Rochedale State School on Tuesday 19th August at 12.50pm in the Activity Building. They will be discussing Science, HPE and Cheerleading. Any interested students in Years 6 and 7 are welcome to attend.

UNIFORM SHOP

As Thursday is a Pupil free Day, we will only be open **this Friday** 15 August 2008 from 8:00 - 9:00am.

ON SPECIAL THIS WEEK

Skorts - Size 14 & 16 only - Selling at below cost of \$15.00

Tazlon pants - Size 12 available for \$12.00

We have a surplus of winter uniforms - V neck jumpers, sleeveless vest and trackpants. Please come and visit the uniform shop and admire our new facility.

If you are unable to make it to the Uniform Shop, please visit our website and print off an order form and place correct money in an envelope and send it to the Administration Office. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via email on Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au, or my direct phone number on Thursday and Friday only is 3340 8314.

Thank you

Mari-shell Scott

Uniform Convenor