

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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Aug	19	Springwood S.H.S visit – Hall 1pm
	20	Book Week Dress-up Parade P-3
	21	Geckoes Wildlife IncurSION – Yr 1
	22	Mad Scientist CSIRO – Yr 2
	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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'The purpose of life is a life of purpose.'

'There is no right way in life, there are only choices to be made and lessons to be learned. We simply have to do our best and show respect to others.'

Science Week

Two days ago saw the commencement of Science Week. Now in its eleventh year, the recurring event draws huge interest in the science and broader community. This year's theme is *What do you see?* and popular ABC guru, Dr. Karl Kruszelnicki has been trumpeting the event loud and clear for some time. Schools right across

Australia are focusing on science between 16th and 24th August.

Competitions abound. Classroom experiments thrill students from Prep-Year right up to our universities' undergraduate programs. The thirst for science is generally a given amongst children. The setting does not have to include state-of-the-art laboratories and matching computers capable of DNA analysis. Far from it! Science can be as simple as observing the expansion and/or evaporation of water. I wish students and teachers well in their Science focus this week, and beyond.

The EKKA behind us for another year it is now time to focus our energies on the upcoming Fete on 13th September. More donations are welcomed, as is parental involvement. The P. & C. is working hard and solicits your help whenever you can contribute with either goods for sale or your personal involvement in the lead up to the great day. By September we trust the cold and flu season shall have departed, making way for those record crowds that returned to the EKKA this year. Remember, Rochedale State School Fete is open to the public. Do bring your friends and neighbours along, don't come alone. The more, the merrier for all.

Book Week Parade for P-3 will take place on Wednesday 20th August. Our Teacher Librarian Ms Cooney has done a terrific job with the Juniors, encouraging them all to get into the spirit of Book Week. In an age where, according to some, J. K. Rowling stands as a lone bastion between literature on the one hand and Play Station on the other, Ms Cooney proved the argument flawed as children clutched their favourite books from our Library's rich deposits. Trawling for Maurice Sendak's *Where the wild things are* or famous Dreamtime

'novel' *Tiddalik*, or simply the *Adventures of B1 and B2*, it mattered little. The students all had books. They all read, checked out the pictures and made up their own! I can not help but contemplate if we had the resources available to make movies about particular children's books what the outcome would be. Our individual perception of 'reality/fantasy' is as rare as our finger print or DNA. Perhaps that is why, when asked what she preferred best, a radio or TV play, the little girl in Grade 4 replied: "a radio play, because the pictures are better." I hope to see many parents at the Book Week parade at 9:00am in the school hall on Wednesday.

Liam Smith
Principal

CURRICULUM CORNER

Encouraging students to think mathematically is promoted in classrooms. When students are solving mathematical problems, asking them to explain their thinking and how they worked out the answer will develop their confidence. This thinking is an important step in refining and extending the students understanding of mathematics. There are many ways to solve problems and encourage students to be risk takers and trying different methods will develop mathematical understanding.

Talk to your child about how they are working out different mathematical problems – they may develop different but valid methods that effectively allow problems to be solved.

The State Lib of Queensland has a website entitled Homework Help. The web site is <http://netlinks.slq.qld.gov.au/hw.htmrary>.

If you have any questions about any curriculum issues please contact me.

Gayle Healey
Curriculum Co-ordinator

Values

- ❖ Be respectful
- ❖ Be responsible
- ❖ Be considerate
- ❖ Be co-operative
- ❖ Be fair
- ❖ Be honest

BE YOU!

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

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 **Volunteer Needed**

Wed

27/8 Cathy O Tracy S

Thurs

28/8 Angie L Anne W

Fri Interschool Sport

29/8 Kylie D Amanda G Kath R

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

Mon
8/9 **Volunteer Needed**

Tues
9/9 Shirley L

Wed
10/9 Cathy W Sue V

Thurs
11/9 Douglas K Amanda C

Fri Interschool Sport
12/9 Kylie P Michelle F Kath R
Thank you Sylvia, Mitchell, Courtney,
Tayla & Jai for your help last week.

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.

Fete Stall Convenors

If you require stock of spoons, cups, foam trays, chips, paper bags etc. from Canteen Supply for your stall at this year's fete, **your order must be in by Monday 1st September at the tuckshop.**

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea Dip, Crackers
& Fruit

Craft Planes
Outside Activity Shot Put
Cooking Choc-chip Slice

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea Choc-chip Slice
& Fruit

Craft Paperweights
Outside Activity Gymnastics

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter

Craft Wands
Outside Activity Dodgeball

Thursday

Afternoon Tea Sandwiches &
Fruit

Craft Collage Burgers

Outside Activity Austag

Cooking Ham & Cheese Puffs

Friday

Afternoon Tea Ham & Cheese
Puffs

Craft Bookmarks

Outside Activity Fruit Salad

Also available every day –

Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table
Games,

Colouring-in and Computers.

Library News – Term 3 Week 6

Book Week – The theme for this year is “Fuel Your Mind”. Book Week will be held this week the 18th to the 22nd August. Prep to Grade 3 will be having a dress up day on Wednesday 20th at 9.00am. 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 Award –last week our award went to Andrew G from 3D
Library Staff

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I hope you are all enjoying watching the Olympics as much as I am. Lunchtime in the library has never been as noisy for Mrs Cooney and Mrs Grinter, and they have the Olympics to thank for that. I

would like to thank them for allowing us to use the big-screen TV to support the Australian competitors, and for not telling us to “keep it down”. If you are interested in watching the Olympics during your big lunch break this week, come on down to the library and join in the fun!

For those parents and students that are keen on the Loop Camp, there are only a few weeks left to get the registrations in! The school holidays are just on the horizon as there are only 5 weeks left this term, so don't delay or you might miss out.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the 8 hour famine over the weekend. Don't forget to return your books and money to Mrs Cooney ASAP. Please remember that the books must be returned even if you haven't collected any money.

ON THE RADAR

Shine Girls: Don't forget to head to the Chaplain's room straight after you are let out of class on Tuesday afternoon for another fun-filled Shine session!

Games Rangers: Games Rangers will commence for the Year 1's next Monday, but I will get around to the Year 1 classes this week just to have a chat about it.

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!

Thought for the day: ‘Your best friend is the person who knows all about you – and still likes you.’

Mr James
School Chaplain

Junior Sausage Sizzle

A huge thank you to Glenda Sullivan for once again organising the Sausage Sizzle for this year's Junior Sports Day. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped at lunch time, it was greatly appreciated.

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

P & C News

Next Meeting 26th August, 7pm in the staffroom The meeting will begin with a special meeting, which is necessary to ratify the new P&C Constitution. This will be followed by the normal meeting which will, of course, involve Fete planning and preparation discussions. It would be wonderful to see all convenors so we can check that all stalls preparations are running to schedule. Everyone welcome!!

Fete 08: Keep those donations coming in, a great effort so far, but as always: the more the better!! Check out the latest Fete newsletter for all the up to date information. Any stall convenors wanting to add to the newsletter, please email me: annedee@optusnet.com.au and I will make sure it is in the next edition.

Rochedale State School Netball:

Congratulations to our Netball teams, the SupaChicks, The SupaRoos and the SupaStarz who are competing at Underwood Park. These 3 teams have placed in the Semi Finals this coming Saturday. Come along and support the girls this Saturday afternoon.

Good Luck Girls!!

Also Congratulations to our other younger Netball teams, The SupaNovas, The SupaHoopers and The SupaTroopers. These teams have been playing Netta and had their final games last Saturday. It has been a wonderful season and I would like to thank the girls,

the coaches (Leitha Ngarangione, Michelle Galt, Kath Ramsay) and all the parents to committing to the training sessions and the Saturday games. Fun Day on Saturday 30th August, you deserve it!!

Anne Dee,

P&C President.

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