

# ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Sep	3	Pizza Day
	4	Father's Day Stall Prep, Yr 5, 6 & 7
	5	Father's Day Stall Yr 1-4
	9	Chinese Cultural Visit
	13	School Fete 12-6pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup> September – 3 <sup>rd</sup> October – School Holidays	

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

### **Thoughts for the Week**

'The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.'

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'At the end of your life you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a partner, a friend, a child or a parent.'

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**Less than a fortnight to our** wonderfully exciting Spring Fete! Our dedicated P. & C. are working flat strap on the preparations. Parent volunteers are

doing their bit; children are getting excited; the recent rains have greened things up and the anticipation is gradually building. It should be a wonderful day... make sure it is highlighted on your fridge calendar...

**Sorry, but I shall have to** return to a topic I thought was laid to rest a few weeks ago. We had a near miss in our Staff Car Park the other day. Someone chose to drive in, drop off and exit at speed! The result could have been much worse than it was. How this inconsiderate driver missed a child walking along the footpath in front of the Staff Car Park exit remains a mystery. I have said it before, and will return to it again, children are no match for motor cars. As Principal of Rochedale State School, I have both a legal duty and a moral responsibility to assure the safety of our students. We can not excuse such reckless behaviour in the future. My Staff and I can not accept someone's feeble apology 'after the event.' If you are running late dropping your child off to school, so be it. Be late safely! The action of motorists in and around our school is monitored and noticed. May I also, in stating the obvious, stress that the above plea is directed to the few in the interest of the many. A reminder also that the drop off and pick up zone at the front of our school is exactly that- a drop off and pick up zone. Please refrain from spending time 'catching up' with one another in this area and observe the 2 minute time limits.

**Mitre 10 and Bunnings** have been hard at it for awhile. The junk mail is clogging up the letter boxes! It must be Father's Day. The assumption that every Father in Rochedale wants a circular saw or a box filled with socket spanners is perhaps a tad questionable. However, the fact

remains that we are coming up to Father's Day, that one day of the year when Dads get a treat – or two. Our intrepid P. & C. have worked hard to prepare a Father's Day stall. I commend the many articles on sale to you all. A quick perusal may not find a circular saw or a set of screw drivers, but you will find other wonderful gifts for sale with the profit going straight back to school. For those who don't plan to buy, use your wonderful English/Language skills gleaned in the classroom to sit down and write Dad a letter or card. Chances are such a card will be treasured long after the circular saw has given up the ghost. Spend time with Dad next Sunday, and please don't forget that your Dad most likely has a Dad too.

### Student of the Month Awards

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

- 1A Erin G  
Being able to improve her confidence with writing and therefore has demonstrated progress.
- 1M Clayton C  
Always giving his best when writing, reading and in class discussions. Also for his polite and considerate manner towards his peers.
- 1S Danielle R  
Putting in a great effort to improve the presentation of her work.
- 2I Nik B  
Consistently working on all aspects of his work.
- Brooke M  
Working hard to improve her reading and maths. Well done!

- 2M Jaymie W  
Working hard to develop her problem solving skills and logical thinking in maths investigations.
- 2S Tallee B  
Caring about her work and consistently producing her best effort. Keep it up, Tallee.
- 2W Julia S  
Having such a positive attitude to her school work and for setting a shining example to others with her caring and friendly nature.
- 3C  
Being an excellent student who always takes pride and care in all her work. Well done, Cassandra.
- Ryan C  
Making such amazing improvement in his spelling. An excellent effort Ryan. Well done.
- 3D Liam D  
Consistent application to his class and homework. Liam always has a positive attitude and gives his best at all times. Congratulations Liam.
- 3N Joshua G  
Working conscientiously in class. Joshua always does his best.
- 3T Timi T  
The wonderful effort he puts into all his work. Well done Timi.
- 4C Bailey S  
Bailey has shown improved concentration in all areas. Well done, Bailey!
- 4D John S  
Showing great interest in and participating well in discussions about the unit of inquiry for Term 3.
- 4K Samuel P  
His empathy, support and encouragement towards others in the class. Also excellent work throughout this Unit of Inquiry.
- 4L Mark W

	Making a fabulous effort with his handwriting and spelling.	Always working hard – 110% all day, everyday!
4R	Lachlan R Demonstrating excellent skills in Mathematics and consistently using good manners.	7S Sam W Always displaying an excellent attitude and effort and exemplary behaviour.
5K	Imogen M Working consistently at all times and producing work of a high standard.	Chinese Kaelyn T Participating in activities with commitment and interest.
5L	Todd L Always being prepared and ready to learn. Keep up the good work, Todd.	Have a wonderful and enjoyable week...
5N	Sophie R The excellent attitude reflected in the work she does. Thank you and congratulations for your efforts.	<i>Liam Smith</i> <i>Principal</i>
5R	Bradley N Showing a great attitude towards his maths work and working enthusiastically on class maths investigations.	<b>CURRICULUM CORNER</b> This week is National Literacy and Numeracy week. There are a number of classes in the school who have volunteered to take part in the National mathematics activity. These classes are completing an activity where a coin is tossed onto a target after predicting where the coin will land. Then they change the distance the student tossing the coin is standing from the target or change the coin that is tossed. These results are recorded after the toss has occurred. These results are submitted and compiled with the rest of the participating classes in Australia. The results will then be published next Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September. The mathematics skills of predicting, justifying and explaining will be developed through this activity. Thanks to Prep J, 1S, 4C, 4L, 5K/R and Mrs Rigby for volunteering to complete the activity.
6A	Lachlan K Working conscientiously and maturely on his rice express machine and learning log.	
6C	Wade B His ability to work independently and responsibly on his compound machine.	
6L	Phoebe R Consistently striving to do the best that she can.	
6W	Jackson S Improved focus and dedication to his learning and participation in classroom activities.	
6/7B	Sheridan A Her continued improvement in all areas of her schooling especially Maths.	
7B	Nicola T Her focussed approach to improving her skills in all areas. A great attitude, Nicola!	For more information about National Literacy and Numeracy week visit the website: <a href="http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/forparents/">http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/forparents/</a> which has interesting ways for parents to promote literacy and numeracy in your children.
7L	Kayla W	

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**

2/9 Michelle D

### **Wed**

3/9 Tracy S **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

### **Mon**

15/9 Kaye S

### **Tues**

16/9 Michelle D

### **Wed**

17/9 Kylie P

### **Thurs**

18/9 Kathy M

**Fri Interschool Sport**

19/9 Kylie P Melissa T Sylvia B

**Mon 22/9 – Fri 3/10**

**September/October School Holidays**

### **Mon**

6/10 **Volunteer Needed**

### **Tues**

7/10 Shirley L

### **Wed**

8/10 Cathy W Sue V

### **Thurs**

9/10 Douglas K Amanda C

**Fri Interschool Sport**

10/10 Kylie P Kath R

Michelle F

### **Mon**

13/10 **Help Needed Today**

Thank you Kathy, Michelle, James and Mitchell for your help last week.

## **ROSHCA Program**

### **Monday**

Afternoon Tea Dip, Crackers  
& Fruit

Craft Photo Frames

Outside Activity Skipping Games

### **Tuesday**

Afternoon Tea Sandwiches &  
Fruit

Craft Window Decorations

Outside Activity Target Ball

Cooking Cornflake Crunch

### **Wednesday**

Afternoon Tea Cornflake

Crunch & Fruit

Craft Cards & Gift

Certificates

Outside Activity Mini Golf

Cooking Meaty Pizza Wedges

### **Thursday**

Afternoon Tea Meaty Pizza

Wedges & Fruit

Craft Handprint Poems

Outside Activity Cats get your

Corners

### **Friday**

Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter

Craft Trophies

Outside Activity Cryptic Clue Crawl

Also available every day –

Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games,

Colouring-in and Computers.

## **Chaplaincy Service**

The Rochedale State School Chaplaincy Service has been up and running for about 10 months and our chaplain, Mr James has had a significant impact in the school. Participation in activities or programs associated with the chaplaincy service is entirely voluntary, and a number of students have been involved in different ways.

As you are probably aware, the chaplaincy service is largely funded by the Federal Government's National School Chaplaincy Program. To retain our funding for the next two years, we need continued community support. Letters of support for the chaplaincy service would be greatly appreciated, and can be sent to myself or Mr Smith.

As the Federal funding does not cover the entire cost of the chaplaincy service, donations are also welcomed. If you would like to know more about making a donation (regular or one-off) to chaplaincy at Rochedale, please contact Andrea Eames (Chaplaincy Committee Chair) at [a.eames@optusnet.com.au](mailto:a.eames@optusnet.com.au).

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

I would like to congratulate my Games Rangers who successfully completed the training, and who ran their first game session with the Year 1s last week. It seemed a bit chaotic at times, but I saw a lot of smiling children heading back to their classes at the end of the lunch break, and I know that there will be more of the same next time. You guys did a great job! Thank you!

There is only a few weeks to go until the holidays, and time is running out to register for Loop Camp so if you are interested please grab a registration form (see info below). It is going to be so much fun that I can hardly wait to go myself.

I hope you all have a great week...

## **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!

**Yr 5-7 Loop Camp:** Like adventure? Enjoy challenges? Want to hang out with friends (inc. Mr James)...ALL week? Where? Peregian, on the Sunshine Coast. When? 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> September (in the school holidays).

How much? \$220\* (includes all food, accommodation, transport and activities)  
\*Campers qualify for childcare rebate; contact the Director for more info (contact details are on the registration form)

*See the Chaplain for a registration form.*

**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:** 'You can't build a reputation on what you are 'going to do', but you can build one on what you 'have done'.

**Mr James  
School Chaplain**

## **Library News – Term 3, Week 8**

**Book Week** –Prep to Grade 3 had a very good time at their 'Dress As Your Favourite Book Character Parade'. Many children were very creative with their costumes and our judges Mrs Francis and Mr Burton had a very difficult job picking the most creative for each grade. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported our Book Week Parade. Today our Grades 4-7 have been given the opportunity to see 'Rev It Up', a

musical based on some of the short listed books from the Book Week Awards.

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 some 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 Staff

### **P&C News**

**Next meeting, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.**

**Shopping Warehouse Tour:** Come join the fun on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Shop til you drop at a variety of shopping outlets. Just \$38, includes lunch at the Broncos Leagues Club and morning tea. To book, please call Laura on 0400085512 or email: lwi44288@bigpond.net.au

**Fete 08:** 2 weeks and counting!! Please, please, please, if you are able to volunteer some time on a stall on fete day WE NEED YOU!!! Please fill in one of the volunteer forms in the fete news letter and leave it at the office or just leave your details at the office and I will pas them on to the appropriate convener.

We would like to start the set up on the Friday morning before the fete. If you are able to help with the putting up of marquees, please meet Mr. Anderson on the oval that morning. The more help we can get, obviously the quicker and easier the job will be. Any time you can spare will be much appreciated.

Raffle tickets came home last week. Each family was issued a book of 10 tickets. Tickets are \$2 each. With the chance of winning a 2 night stay at Noosa Holiday Accommodation, a \$250 BP Petrol voucher or a 4 in 1 games table. PLEASE

support our fete and try and sell your allocated tickets, I think you will agree they are great prizes. And there are many more prizes, look for the list in the fete newsletter.

Do you have any small Milo tins?? If so 6/7N need you!! They are collecting these tins for their stall and would much appreciate it if you could leave any you have at the Tuck shop. Thank you.

CONVENORS: If you would like any notices put in the Fete newsletter please email me your piece by Tuesday evening. annedee@optusnet.com.au

**LOOK OUT FOR THIS WEEKS ISSUE OF THE FETE NEWSLETTER!!**

**JetStar Fundraiser** – We are now collecting Jetstar boarding passes!! If you fly with Jetstar between August 7 2008 and January 7 2009 please hold onto your boarding pass. We are now collecting them to try and receive a free flight voucher that we can use as a fundraiser at a later date. Please leave any boarding passes at the office. Thankyou. Anne Dee, P&C President. Tel: 0402114544

### **Book Stall – Fete**

I am now collecting donations of books, dvds, cds, 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 please send them to the School Office.

Additionally, if any one would like to volunteer some of their time on Fete Day to help sell the books, it would be greatly appreciated. I still need help between 2pm and 5pm. Even an hour of your time would be fantastic! Please fill in the helper slip from the fete newsletter.

Thank you, Lisa O.

### **Early Book Stall Sale**

A five year collection of National Geographic Magazines have been donated to this year's book stall. This collection, from the late 80's to early 90's is in perfect condition. If you are interested these may be purchased and collected from the school before the fete. A great resource for all those school assignments! Please contact Lisa on 3340 8333 or email [lonei35@eq.edu.au](mailto:lonei35@eq.edu.au) to make an offer.

### **GROCERY WHEEL UPDATE**

We had the best week so far with over 600 items. Thank you to all the classes who donated.

A few more classes have made a challenge for the Pizza Party. Prep D & B, 6L, 2I and 5N. Current leaders in the lower grades are 1M, 3C & 3D, 2M and 3T. In the upper grades 4K & 5K are doing really well as is 4R, 4D, 4L (GO THE YEAR 4s!!!!) and 6C.

Winners this week of icy poles: Prep B & 6/7N. Once again, any class that brings in 15 or more items that can be used will go into the weekly "icy pole" draw.

This week "**Handy Household Items**". eg. Freezer bags, alfoil, cling wrap, soap, toothpaste, pegs, washing powder. If you can't eat it, bring it in!! **Only two more collection days to go. Tomorrow and next Tuesday.** Let's keep up the great effort!!

Remember the winning classes of lower and upper grades receive:

- 1st Prize - Pizza Party.
- 2nd Prize - Cold Rock Cake with class photo on.

- 3rd Prize - Choc coated Ice Creams for the class.

Sara & Kim

### **FATHER'S DAY STALL**

The Rochedale State School P & C Assoc. will be holding a Father's Day Stall this week:- on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September for Preps, Years 5,6 and 7, and Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Please BYO plastic bags. Please support this stall.

Thank you so much to Sandra, Jo, Amanda, Ruth, Anne, Kylie, Michelle and Janine for helping me wrap all the gifts, your help was very much appreciated, (and thanks Amanda for the freshly baked scones.)

Kath R

### **Uniform Shop**

Our Opening hours are: Thursday, 2:00 - 3:15pm & Friday, 8:00 - 9:00am. Just a reminder that our uniforms have increased slightly. For a new pricelist and order form, you may visit our website:- [www.rochedalss.eq.edu.au](http://www.rochedalss.eq.edu.au) and click on Uniform Shop on the left hand side to download the new form and price list. Please take note of the new lay-by terms and conditions.

### **OUT OF STOCK**

55cm hats - we are hoping that this will arrive in the next few weeks.

### **SPECIALS**

Skorts - Size 14-16 - Below cost of \$15.00

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: -  
Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au

Thank you  
Mari-shell Scott  
Uniform Shop Convenor

### **Christian Religious Education (CRE) News**

#### **CRE Teacher vacancies in 2009**

The Rochedale State School CRE program is looking for people who would like to be involved in CRE Teaching next year. We would also like to continue to develop a team of 'reliever CRE' teachers' who can take CRE classes *occasionally* for 2 – 6 weeks when a current CRE teacher is unwell or away.

CRE is taught to each class here at Rochedale for half an hour each week utilizing an ecumenical curriculum that has a comprehensive Teacher's manual.

The timing of the CRE lesson is worked out to suit the CRE teacher and the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher is present in the classroom throughout the CRE lesson and offers support and help with class management etc.

The Rochedale CRE team also provides support, ideas and help. We have a free training course for beginner CRE Teachers being offered in Term 4 this year. In addition, 'on the job' training can often be arranged during Term 4.

If you might be interested and would like to know more, please call me for a chat.

Robynne Turner  
CRE Co-ordinator  
3219 9771

[camrob@iprimus.com.au](mailto:camrob@iprimus.com.au)

### **Egg Cartons**

Thank you to everyone who sent in their egg cartons, however we are no longer collecting them. All of the egg cartons have been collected by a local hatchery and we raised 5c for every carton received.

### **Lost**

- Olympic Collector's Toys – Five toys collected from McDonalds, each a different colour, were attached to a school bag. If found please hand into office.

### **Free School Holiday Program**

The school holidays are fast approaching and there is a wide range of FREE activities for children aged between 4-12 years from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 on at Roma Street Parkland. Information is available by calling 3006 4545.