

**ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**



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Feb
12 Yr 1 Parent Info Afternoon – 3pm District Swimming Carnival Rochedale High Swimming Carnival (In our School Pool- No Swimming)
15 Yr 5 Outdoor Education Program
21 Yr 3 Darryl Bellingham Storytelling

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Thoughts for the Week**

"A failure establishes only this, that our determination to succeed was not strong enough."

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"The best way to predict your future is to create it!"

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**96.5 FM school excursion**

The word excursion is often used in schools to describe the learning opportunity whereby teachers and students visit 'outside' environments to reinforce the lessons undertaken in the

classroom. In this instance the 'excursion' by Radio station 96.5 FM is into our school. 96.5FM will be broadcasting from our school oval on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 6:00am to 9:00am. All members of our school community are invited to join us and enjoy a rather novel 'excursion'. Further details of the morning are contained in this newsletter.

**But wait there's more.....**

In danger of sounding like a Demtel advertisement, it is my pleasure to announce that not only do we have 96.5 FM visiting our school on Friday morning, but they will be joined shortly after 9:00am by the Channel 7 Weatherman, John Shulter and the Channel 7 Helicopter. Whilst details of the visit by John are still being finalised as I pen this newsletter column, it is expected that John will 'touch-down' on our school oval on Friday morning and will take the opportunity to tour the school and talk to various classes about the weather. Due to this surprise visit parade will be cancelled to ensure all the students can participate in the arrival of the Channel 7 Helicopter. I would like to thank the staff at 96.5FM for their assistance in organising this visit.

**"Ambassador of the school"** is a generic term which applies to everyone wearing a Rochedale State School uniform. On the way to and from school our students are observed by the public at large. Whether walking in groups or individually; whether riding a bike or scooter; the message is the same. How our students are perceived by our community is important. I was pleased to get a phone call the other day from a member of the Rochedale community complimenting a boy and

girl walking to school, carrying a musical instrument, school bag and a bright smiling face as they strode down the busy Rochedale Road footpath. The community member, who was walking her dog, added that the children said "Good Morning," as they passed. This greeting pleased the pensioner enough to make a complimentary phone call in praise of two of our students. I would like to encourage every child at this school to display similar good manners and courtesy to pedestrians on their way to school. Ambassadors of Australia, to all corners of the globe, were once 'ambassadors' of their schools.

However on a disappointing note, I personally observed last week a number of parents (admittedly small in number) crossing busy Rochedale Road with children in hand some distance away from the pedestrian crossing. I would ask that all parents demonstrate safe practice to their children and always use the crossing as they travel to and from school.

### **School Nurse**

Ros Davidson, our school nurse will be visiting the school during February, March and April. If your child brings home a School Health Screening Record, could you please complete the form and return it to your child's class teacher.

The School Nurse will also be conducting Human Relationship talks to all Yr 7's between 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February.

***Liam Smith***  
***Principal***

### **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**

12/02 **Volunteer Needed**

**Wed**

13/02 Cathy O

**Thurs**

14/02 Mary I

**Fri** Kath R

15/02 Jo G

**Mon**

18/02 Kaye S

**Tues**

19/02 Michelle D Shirley L

**Wed**

20/02 Deb C

**Thurs**

21/02 Sue V Cathy W

**Fri** Melissa T Kylie P

22/02 **Volunteer Needed**

**Mon**

25/02 Anne D Amanda R

**Tues**

26/02 **Volunteer Needed**

**Wed**

27/02 Cathy O Donna L

**Thurs**

28/02 Douglas K Amanda C

**Fri**

29/02 Kath R **Volunteer**

**Needed**

Thank you Kath, James, Anne, Richelle, Kyle, Corey, Curtis and Jake for your help last week.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Thank you to parents who have offered to volunteer for tuckshop. I still need help on 2 Tuesdays, 3 Fridays and 1 Monday. Maybe there are 2 friends out there who would be able to work a Tuesday once a month, please I need help. You would need to be here around 8.30am and leave at 1.30pm. Lunch is

provided and you can drink as much tea and coffee as you like. One bonus is the tuckshop is air conditioned. Give me a call on my mobile or pop into the tuckshop. Thanks.

### **Cheques – Tuckshop**

Please note that the tuckshop **DOES NOT ACCEPT CHEQUES** for payment. Thank you.

### **Apple Slinky Machine**

I know you have heard about this terrific machine. Now is your chance to purchase one (This one is the same as used in tuckshop). The cost will be \$30 each. I am sorry **No Cheques** will be accepted, this will be cash only. I require 12 orders to do a bulk order (suppliers request). Please pop into the tuckshop and we will add your name to the list. We have children who normally don't eat apples, but because of the slinky machine, they come back for more slinkies. Order one today!

### **ROSHCA Program**

#### **Monday**

Afternoon Tea                      Dip, Crackers  
& Fruit

Craft                                  Pipe cleaner  
   Creatures

Outside Activity      Shower Ball

#### **Tuesday**

Afternoon Tea                      Fruit Platter

Craft                                  Toilet Roll People

Outside Activity      Tri-Ball

#### **Wednesday**

Afternoon Tea                      Dip, Crackers  
& Fruit

Craft                                  Party Streamers

Outside Activity      Oval Tiggy

#### **Thursday**

Afternoon Tea                      Fruit Platter

Craft                                  Envelope Art

Outside Activity      Ten Pin Bowling

#### **Friday**

Afternoon Tea                      Ants on a Log  
Craft                                  Foxtails  
Outside Activity      Flag Tag  
Also available every day –  
Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table  
Games, Colouring-In & Computers

### **Chappy Spot**

I would like to say a great big **WELCOME BACK** to everyone now that the holidays are over and we are a couple of weeks into the 2008 school year. To all the Prep students, and those who have come to Rochedale from other schools, welcome, and I know that you will like it here as much as I do.

I know I had a great Christmas break, and from the stories I have heard so far it looks as if everyone else did too. Everything still seems new to me, but seeing smiling faces and happy students makes me feel like I have been here for much longer than I have been.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you all know some of the events and activities that I will be involved in this year, and would love to see as many students as possible join in. The Chaplain from Rochedale South State School, Amelia, & I will be running an 8-week after-school self-esteem program for boys & girls called Strength (boys) and Shine (girls). Stay tuned for more details, and if anyone can help out with donations of some basic resources to help run these (I have a list in the Chaplain's Room) they would be gratefully accepted. There will also be other Lunchtime activities, and special events later in the year so watch this space!

96Five (Family Radio) will be broadcasting from our school oval on

Friday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> from 6am, with a sausage sizzle, coffee van, jumping castle, and heaps more fun stuff. It would be absolutely awesome to see all of Rochedale's parents and children there. If you can't make it, tune in to 96.5FM and hear what you are missing out on!

Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to any Parents who would like to meet me, to pop in sometime for a chat. I am at school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, and if you can't find me, feel free to ask for me at the Office!

James Hunter  
School Chaplain

### **BOOKCLUB**

Ordering books from **Scholastic Bookclub** is run on a voluntary basis by parents of the school. It greatly benefits the children of the school, not only because parents are able to buy quality material at affordable prices, but the school benefits as well by earning points which our library use for their resources.

Unfortunately I am no longer able to run bookclub, and I am appealing to any parent/s (two people are needed to do it) who are willing to give up a couple of days once, sometimes twice a term to order the books. It involves handing out order forms to the classes, writing out the orders and once the books arrive at the school, handing them out to the classes.

If you are interested in taking over bookclub, please give me a call on 3208 8612 or 0410 089 791 and I will let you

know what is involved and then will spend some time with you showing you what to do. It would be a pity if we were not able to utilize Bookclub's great resources, so I urge parents to please volunteer!

Thank you.

**Shirley Lewis**  
**Bookclub Convenor**

### **CURRICULUM CORNER**

Thank you to the parents who were able to make it along to the information session that was presented last week. A special thanks to the parents who braved the wild weather we had of Wednesday night to make it along. If you were unable to make it, we are planning on repeating the same session in the near future. If there are any other topics that you would like more information on, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Students at Rochedale are encouraged to be **knowledgeable**. They explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines. Students need to be able to explain the knowledge they have gained, this shows a deep understanding of the topic. Encourage your children to become knowledgeable by reading or viewing and discussing what is happening around them.

Gayle Healey

### **Library News- Week 3**

Borrowing has begun for all students. Library bags are essential for Prep

classes to Grade Three but it would be appreciated if older students used a library bag as well so our books are protected from damage.

Lunchtime Activities – .

Monday – Games

Tuesday- Strategy Games

Wednesday – Movie day

Thursday – Movie Day

Friday – Read a Book Day

Library Awards – Students who are showing the correct behaviour will be given a library award. These awards will be put in a box and a name drawn out at the end of the week. The winning student will receive a \$2 voucher for the school tuckshop.

Library staff

### **Rochedale Raindrops Playgroup**

**Where:** Rochedale State School

**When:** Every Friday morning

**Who:** Children 0-4 yrs

**Come and Enjoy:**

- Music
- Play inside/outside
- Games
- Coffee/Tea
- Other Mums and children



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

#### **News**

Just a reminder that CRE lessons begin in Week 4 for most classes this year.

*If you would not like your child to participate in CRE lessons we require a written letter requesting your child be excused from CRE lessons.*

#### Student Workbooks

If you did not collect these workbooks with your book pack from Underwood

News could we encourage you to purchase them this week so your child will have the resources to participate in the CRE lesson activities next week.

Any queries, please speak to the CRE Coordinator

Robynne Turner

3219 9771 or 0408 785 494

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

### **Parent's Prayer Group**

The Parent's Prayer Group is up and running for the year. We would love to welcome any parent or friend of Rochedale State School to join us anytime they can, as we pray for the school community. We will be meeting each Wednesday afternoon **in the ESL room (also known as The Chaplain's Room)** just near the area between the Grade Three classrooms, from 2.30pm till 2.45pm.

Just a reminder, there is a *Prayer Point Box* for use by anyone within the school community who might like the Parent Prayer Group to pray for specific needs. The *Box* (with pens and paper) is located on the CRE Bookshelf in the area between the Gr 3 Classrooms. Please call us if you have any queries. Carolyn 3841 2933 or Robynne 3219 9771

### **Squad starts today!**

Welcome back everyone. Squad swimming returns today. Mr John Austin, our coach, will be back on pool deck ready to put the kids ( and adults) through their training session.

Juniors: 3.15pm – 4.05pm

Intermediate: 4.15pm – 5.15pm

Senior: 5.15pm – 6.45pm

Adults (Tues & Thurs): 6.45pm – 7.45pm

And don't forget the Cross Training – also returning this week.

Any enquiries please call Anne Dee: 3342 5253 or 0402 114 544.

### **Learn to Swim Assessments**

Linda will be in the School Pool Wednesday after school doing assessments to take bookings for Learn to Swim lessons.

Any enquiries please call Linda Pearce: 3209 7820.

### **Rochedale State School Amateur Swim Club News**

The Rochedale Rays took part in a carnival on Saturday against Upper Mt Gravatt and Oxley Swim Clubs. We would like to thank Upper Mt Gravatt for hosting the carnival at late notice. Our turn next year! Rochedale had a very successful day, winning the carnival.

Upper Mt Gravatt came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oxley 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to all those children who came and swam, gaining crucial points for our club. Thank you to all the adults and families that came to support and cheer on our team. It is very much appreciated by all on the Swim Club Committee.

### **Science on Saturday Program**

*Science on Saturday* is a fun, hands-on program for children aged 7 to 14. Each week there will be a new 1 ½ hour session of awesome science; come to one, or come to all six! Children who attend all six sessions get a cool magazine (*The Helix* or *Scientriffic*) to take home. Check out these fabulous topics:

**Apprentice Scientist (23/2/08):** Learn about the scientific method as you come up with hypotheses, and use constants and variables in experiments.

Don't know what they are? Come along and find out!

**Healthy Humans (1/3/08):** What keeps humans healthy? How do our bodies work? Learn body facts, what's good and bad for you, and how your senses work.

**Water Wise (8/3/08):** Explore the water cycle and the properties of water, as you experiment with solutions, water quality and water treatment.

**Forensic Investigation (15/3/08):** Put your detective hat on as you enter the field of forensics to solve a crime. Examine evidence such as fingerprints, blood groups and handwriting to help find the culprit.

*(no activity on Easter Saturday, 22/3/08)*

**Working with DNA (29/3/08):** Extract real DNA and learn some fascinating DNA facts as you discover how it's studied and why it's so important.

**Energy Expert (5/4/08):** What is energy? Investigate various types of energy and the different ways we can get energy for everyday living.

**\*\*this activity runs for 2 hours, so in this case the junior session is 9:30-11:30 and the senior session is 12:30-2:30\*\***

Cost: \$6 per child per session if paying in advance (\$9 if paying on the day)

Times: 10:00-11:30am for 7-10 year olds (*children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult*)

12:30-2:00pm for 11-14 year olds

Venue: Brisbane CSIRO Science Education Centre, 120 Meiers Rd, Indooroopilly

Sessions are limited to 25 children so **bookings are essential!**

For more information and bookings:

[www.csiro.au/SOS](http://www.csiro.au/SOS)

Or call **1300 302 649** during business hours and quote your location, your child's name and age, and which activities you would like to book.

### **STUDENT BANKING**

**Every Wednesday, all students have the opportunity to participate in the student banking program through the Commonwealth Bank. Class teachers collect the student's deposit books and funds are deposited electronically through the school office.**

The school receives a commission for each deposit processed no matter how small. Additionally for all new accounts set up, the school receives a one off commission of \$5.00. As you can appreciate, this facility has the potential to raise significant funds for our school. In 2007 the school received \$430.00 in commission.

All Prep students have received an account opening kits . If you are new to the school and not in Prep, please see the office for an account opening kit.

If you would like your child to have a Commonwealth Bank Student bank account, please fill out the application forms and return them to the class teacher.

If your child already has a Commonwealth Bank Student bank account, please give consideration to encouraging your child to save regularly.

If you're thinking of opening an account for your student, now is the time to do it.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about student banking.