

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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10	Kids Hope Morning Tea - 10.50 in Library Yr 7 Parent/Teacher Info Sessions – 3pm Yr 2 Parent/Teacher Info Sessions – 5.30pm
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.'
- Chinese Proverb

'That which is not good for the beehive, cannot be good for the bees.'
- Marcus Aurelius

Reminder: Enrolments for Prep 2010 are now open. You may collect an Enrolment Pack from the School Office and then return the Enrolment form, along with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate.

Every Child, Every Night Reads

Readers of our newsletters and front sign would be well aware that as a school, one of our central focuses for 2009 is reading.

As a parent, you are your child's first teacher and it is important to encourage your child to read outside of the classroom.

Our school is asking all parents to help their children to improve their reading skills. You can do this by:

- visiting the local library – this is an economical way to provide access to different kinds of books and learning materials and allows children to borrow from a wide range. Your library may also offer a reading program which makes reading an exciting experience and allows them to mix with other children
- asking 'why' questions as you read a book or story together to help your child understand and asking them to think about alternate endings to make much-loved books even more interesting
- reading to your child as often as you can and by trying to carry a book with you when away from home
- letting your child hold the book and turn the pages when you are reading together – this lets your child join in and allows you to talk about the pictures
- congratulating your child on their reading – this will encourage them to enjoy the reading experience
- pointing out words as you read them, especially long or interesting words – this will create a word bank or a spelling list which will help your child with their writing
- making a message board or space at home and encouraging your child to read and leave messages for other family members – this will also give them an important job in the household.

For more tips and online resources about literacy and numeracy visit

www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Fight Fire Fascination

Many children will, at some stage during their childhood, display a natural curiosity about fire. But playing with fire is another matter all together.

As parents and carers, you play a pivotal role in educating your child about fire safety.

However, what do you do when you find your child playing with matches or lighters, setting rubbish or paper alight or even burning toys or other people's valuables?

Children don't often consider the ramifications of starting a fire, and if you suspect your child's fascination with fire is risking their safety or the safety of others, help is at hand.

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service has developed the Fight Fire Fascination Program to support parents in their efforts to educate their children about fire and promote fire safety.

Through the program, also known as *Triple-F*, specially trained firefighters work directly with your child and family in a series of home visits.

They explain the consequences of playing with fire and teach your child to make positive choices with regards to fire and help them understand how their behaviour affects others.

The Fight Fire Fascination is a free confidential service that brings together the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, schools, and other services, where necessary, to help families address this very serious issue.

To find out more about the Fight Fire Fascination program visit www.fire.qld.gov.au or contact your local fire station.

Medical Forms and Internet Agreements

Coming home this week will be the student medical forms for all students from Prep to Year 7 and Internet Agreement forms for Years 3-7.

I would ask all parents to take a few minutes to complete the student medical forms to ensure school records are updated. These forms only need to be completed once for the school year, however we ask that parents update the students medical records to make the school aware of any changes to these records.

Students in Years 3 to 7 are required to sign an internet/photograph agreement form and parents need to co sign these forms. The Internet access/photograph form asks parent's permission for the display of children's work and the use of photographs for our school webpage or school displays or other classroom

purposes. In Year 3 to Year 7 the students have also been asked to sign an agreement outlining appropriate use of the internet. I again would ask parents to take a few moments with their child to discuss the contents of the form and its implications.

We appreciate parents support in ensuring these forms are completed and returned to school promptly.

Liam Smith
Principal

CURRICULUM CORNER

When our students begin their school life, they are keen and eager to learn to read. Listening to your children read aloud will promote enjoyment of reading. You can support your child while listening to their reading in many ways. When your child comes across a word they are unsure of, try encouraging your child to:

- Re read what they have just read
- Leave the word out, read the rest of the sentence then return to the word that was missed out
- Read and make a guess at the unknown word – then check if their guess is accurate
- Look at the pictures
- Look at the first letter

As a last option – sound out or stretch out the word.

At Rochedale State School we are promoting our students to be **INQUIRERS**. Children are naturally curious and enjoy learning. They are naturally inquisitive about the world. Through support they are able to learn on their own.

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

10/02 **Volunteer Needed**

Wed

11/02 Tracy S

Thurs

12/02 Kylie M

Fri

13/02 Sylvia B Kath R

Mon
16/02 Kaye S

Tues
17/2 Michelle D

Wed
18/2 Cathy O

Thurs
19/2 **Volunteer Needed**

Fri
20/2 Richelle H Michelle F

Mon
23/2 Amanda R

Tues
24/2 Shirley L

Wed
25/2 **Volunteer Needed**

Thurs
26/2 Amanda C Douglas K

Fri
27/2 Kath R Georgina F

Mon
2/3 **Volunteer Needed**

Tues
3/3 Michelle D

Wed
4/3 Cathy O

Thurs
5/3 Anne W

Fri **Volunteer Needed**
6/3 Kylie S **Interschool Sport**
Thank you Shendelle for helping on Friday.

Foreign Coins

We are receiving a lot of foreign coins, e.g. Fijian, New Zealand, American and even a car wash coin. These coins will not be accepted at the tuckshop. If we do receive such coins, your lunch order will be adjusted accordingly.

Big and Little Lunch Orders

Both Big and Little Lunch orders must be written out on separate bags. Thank you.

Workplace Health & Safety

To all Tuckshop Volunteers and the Parent Community

Legislation now puts school tuckshops under the same laws as milk bars and the local shop. If you are working in our tuckshop in any capacity, then you are required to wear enclosed footwear, NOT sandals, thongs or scuffs. You are also required to wear your hair up or tied back, if you have long hair.

These are Workplace Health & Safety Regulations, not ideas we've made up for our own benefit. I would ask that if you do volunteer in our tuckshop, could you please adhere to these regulations. It helps us to provide our school and our students with the very best service and care that we can.

Under the legislation we can be liable to spot inspections by Queensland Health and if we comply with the above rules, then we know we can have a clear conscience about our workplace health and safety practices.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Jungle Window Deco
Outside Activity	Mini Survivor
Cooking	Choc Chip Slice

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea	Choc Chip Slice & Fruit
Craft	Tucan
Outside Activity	Long Jump

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea	Sandwiches & Fruit
Craft	Safari Maps
Outside Activity	Netball

Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Fox Tails
Outside Activity	Safari Hunt
Cooking	Sushi

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Sushi & Fruit
Craft	Clay Animals
Outside Activity	Capture the Flag

Also available every day – Board games, pool tables, Sony, colouring, self-selection from collage trolley, reading, computers, quiet area in Library, self-selection sporting equipment, homework.

Please note ROSHCA can now take payments by EFTPOS.

Student Free Dress Day

As you're all no doubt aware, there are Australian families in dire circumstances in both the north and the south of the country. Due to this, the student council has decided to hold a free dress day this Thursday, February 12, to raise funds. If parents would like to offer a further contribution, please hand into the office

envelopes marked with the preferred appeal (flood or fire). Thank you.

Messages to Students

Parents please note that Interschool Sport trials have commenced on **Friday afternoons**. This means that from now on, all Years 5 – 7 students will be out of their classroom at various locations from lunch time on. Please, if you have a message to be passed on to a student in these year levels, call the office well before lunch time as it is very difficult and sometimes impossible to pass the message on, especially when they start leaving the school grounds to play sport.

School Nurse

A Queensland Health School Nurse will be visiting your school this term to offer health screening. The aim of the assessment is to identify specific conditions which could affect your child's health or ability to progress at school. The screening is open to all students from Years Prep – 7, with emphasis on Year One.

Where parents of children in grades Prep – 7 would like their child seen by the School Health Nurse, consent forms will be available from the school office. For further information please contact either Wynnum Health Service Centre on (07) 3893 8111 or Redlands Health Service Centre on (07) 3488 4222.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

What a crazy weekend? There are floods in Queensland's far north and fires down south in Victoria. Sadly these tragedies have claimed many lives, and so many more have been left homeless and cut off from their families and communities. Sometimes, when tragedies like these occur, it makes me feel powerless and I wish that there was something I could do to help. Then I remember that, if nothing else, I should pray for them. I should pray that families would be reunited as soon as possible, that there is support provided for those people who have lost everything, and that there is no further loss of life. Once I have prayed for them I usually look for a way to donate some money or clothes or food, and do what I can to help those in need. It makes me feel grateful that I am not in their position, and it helps me appreciate my life and situation more than I usually do. I hope that if

you want to help out too, or want to pray, that you find the time to do so.

Have a great week!

ON THE RADAR

Games Rangers: Don't forget to get your permission forms in as training sessions are not far away. Watch this space for more news on Games Rangers!

B Strong: B Strong is an after-school program for Year 7 boys, and will be held Monday afternoons for 5 weeks commencing Monday 16th February and concluding Monday 23rd March. The main focus of B Strong is on social skills and self-esteem, and it gives the boys the chance to have some fun in a positive environment. Grab a permission form from the Chaplain ASAP!

Chappy Cafe: This brand new lunchtime activity program will give interested participants the chance to hang out with friends, read the bible, ask questions and hopefully find some answers. Come and grab a permission form from the Chaplain!

RPC: I'm hoping that our student prayer group (Rosedale Prayer Crew) will get up and running again. We meet in the Chaplain's Room at Morning Tea on Mondays. Everyone is welcome, and it would be great to see you there!

Please note: I will be away from the 23-27th February, so there will be no Chaplaincy Service activities during that week!

Mr James School Chaplain

Thought for the day: 'Real education comes to those who INSIST on knowing.'

DO YOU HAVE A 'MACMILLAN AUSTRALIAN STUDENT DICTIONARY' at home that you don't need?

The dictionary was used by Year 4 & Year 5 in 2008. This year our Year 5's have been asked to buy 'The Australian Integrated Primary Dictionary & Thesaurus.'

So if you would like to sell the Macmillan dictionary to the school, please leave it at the office with your name and a contact number. Depending on condition we are offering

between \$5 and \$10 for these second hand dictionaries.

Library News – Week 3

Borrowing – For all students, borrowing will begin this week. Prep-3, please remember to bring your library bags. Grades 4-7 – it would be appreciated if you could use a library bag too.

Library Award – Students displaying our Rochedale Values in the library will have the chance to be given a Library Award. Each week we will draw out one winner and they will receive a \$2 voucher to spend at the tuckshop.

Lunchtime Activities – Please note there have been a couple of changes from last year's timetable.

Monday – Games

Tuesday – Movie

Wednesday – Movie

Thursday – Share a Book Day

Friday – Games

Games – If you happen to be cleaning out your child's game box and find some puzzles or games which they have outgrown and they are still in reasonable condition please consider donating them to the library for Games days. They would be greatly appreciated by staff and students.

Happy Reading

Library Staff

SQUAD NEWS

Now that we're back into the school routine it's the perfect time to get back into Squad. If you've had a break from training, why not make the most of the great swimming weather and give it another go? There are squad sessions for all ages and abilities. Adults still have the option of coming early and spending self-paced time on the stationary bikes before you swim. Bring along a friend to double the fun!

Every existing squad family will be able to find a record of their squad money (as at the end of last term) near the money tin during squad time. These notes show how many swims have been paid for, swims used and swims remaining / amount due.

LEARN TO SWIM

Lessons start today with Kobie. Remember to bring along your swimming gear and a smile on your lesson day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Any questions about Squad or Learn to Swim? Phone me, Bronwyn King, on 0409 727 557 and I'll do my best to answer them.

P&C News

Next meeting: Tuesday, 24th February 7pm – AGM. Election of new committee for 2009.

Fundraiser: Rochedale State School is registered with *You Name It Labels* and for each order placed with them we receive a percentage. What a convenient and great way to help your school! Just visit www.younameitlabels.com, check out the great products available and when you place your order, use our unique code: [rss0907](#). It couldn't be easier!

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NETBALL: Grade 3 onwards...Are you interested in playing netball?? We are seeking players and coaches for our teams that play at Underwood Park on Saturdays. Games start March 14th, those in Grade 6 onward will have a grading day Feb 28th. Please be aware parents, as much as we want to put together these teams we do need volunteers to coach. It really is a lot of fun, and the children really appreciate it. Come join us for the season.

Grade 2 (Age 7yrs) – Interested in Netball?? Fun Net will begin at Underwood Park Netball courts on March 14th. Fun Net is a fun way to learn the basics and skills required for playing Netball. Team games start at age 8yrs. Cost for the season is \$60. Further info call Underwood Park Netball Association on 3341 3813

Supa Novas Netball Team (Grade 4) are looking for players to rebuild their team, and a coach. If you would your child to join the team, or if you can help out by coaching please contact Anne Dee. Ph No below.

If you would like any further information on any of the above, please contact me:

Anne Dee, P&C President. Tel: 0402114544 or 3342 5253

Parent Fitness Program

Parents, having difficulty finding a carpark of an afternoon? Here's the solution.. Arrive early and beat the rush hour to secure your carpark. While

you wait, join our personal trainers from Linda Allen Fitness (Rosedale) for an hour of fun and physical activity on our school oval.

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1.50pm to 2.50pm, the personal trainers have made themselves available, offering our parents an hour of exercise for a cost of \$10 per session you attend. All you need is to bring a hat, sunscreen, towel, joggers and comfortable clothes along with plenty of enthusiasm and laughter. If you would like to know more about our parents fitness program then contact Mrs Natasha Ritchie, one of our school teachers in Grade 5N or Rowena Allen from Linda Allen fitness on 0419 736 123.

Hoping to see parents take advantage of this wonderful service made available to our school.

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LIKING WHO THEY ARE- WITH
PEOPLE LISTENING TO THEIR
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