

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



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*No. 30 - 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2008*

Sep	9	Chinese Cultural Visit
	10	Yr 7 Visy Recycling Centre Excursion
	12	Prep B Rochedale Fruit Market Walk
	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**

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**Not far to go to the Fete!**

Yes, only a few more days to go to the 13<sup>th</sup> September, that day we have eagerly awaited. This is my last reminder about the Fete. Do bring your family and friends to Rochedale State School Fete this Saturday. My Staff and I will mill around and look forward to catching up with parents and other visitors to the school.

**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. As a result of this incident, the car park gates will be closed at 8:00am and reopened from 3:30pm.

**Choice of journey**

There are many educational journeys on offer these days. Some of the schools in our district offer P-12 education. This offer is designed to 'capture' the very young and retain them until Graduation Day in Year 12, a long journey indeed. Other schools, State and Private, clearly delineate between Primary and High School. They do so for a number of reasons. Important amongst these reasons is a belief that the age difference between the Prep-Student and his/her senior pubescent counterpart, is simply too great to be accommodated in the same educational setting. Arguments for and against abound and have merit, on closer examination. However, what I believe is an important point is to raise a word of caution against transferring half way through the journey. Such alternative has been brought to my attention with the news from across the road that Redeemer Lutheran College is about to provide a Primary School facility. The news is

good news. Any educational institution's initiative to expand what is on offer is good news. However, there is considerable merit in finishing one journey before contemplating the next. The journey at Rochedale State School – one of the best imaginable journeys in a child's life – ends in Year 7. It does not end in year 4 or 5. Your child's next journey needs to be carefully planned. It should take into account what is best for your individual child, be it a place in a State High School or the private alternative. Lutheran education is well-known for its track record of academic excellence. Redeemer College, so geographically close to Rochedale State School, will be an obvious choice for some parents scanning the horizon for a suitable high school for their child. The philosophy we embrace at Rochedale is quite simple. Always finish what you start. This adage works well for our students who do not quit music; P.E.; swimming; arts/drama; tennis or whatever they commit to do. I mused at the comment of one of the departing Wallabies on TV the other day, who spruiked his ethos thus: "I never quit. Once I commit to something I persevere, that is how I made the team." Rochedale State School instils in their students a rare quality in this day and age: *perseverance*. It's a wonderful quality which our students will take with them into adult life. To this end I encourage parents/care givers to shelve any thoughts about changing/aborting journeys half way through the program. It is at the end of the journey, on speech night, on stage when my Staff and I farewell the grade 7's that this important journey has reached its end – not before. The doors of Redeemer College, Rochedale State High and another bunch of schools will swing open with a great

welcome to our Rochedale State School students at the appropriate time.

**Liam Smith**  
**Principal**

### **CURRICULUM CORNER**

Excitement is all around the school with the fete just around the corner. While at the fete next weekend, take time to have a look at the student's work which will be on display in the hall. This is a great time to showcase and share the units of inquiry that the students have been involved in. There are a wide range of topics being investigated within the school where we are endeavouring to give students a balance and variety of units to study.

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about a website from the State Library of Queensland that offered some homework help for parents, the web address was incorrect, the correct address is: <http://netlinks.slq.qld.gov.au/hw.htm> . Sorry for the inconvenience.

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**

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 Richelle H

**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****Tues**

14/10 Michelle D

**Wed**

15/10 Kylie P

**Thurs**

16/10 Kathy M

**Fri Interschool Sport**

17/10 Kylie P Melissa T Sylvia B

Thank you Michelle, Tracy, Richelle, Kathy, James, Mitchell, Kyle, Jeff, Tayla & Courtney for your help last week.

**Running Food Stock Down**

As we are nearing the end of term, we will be letting our stock run down. If we cannot supply your child's food item, an alternative will be supplied.

**IOU's**

All outstanding IOU's to the tuckshop must be finalised next week.

**Pizza Day**

I hope you all enjoyed your pizzas last week. We will have another one next term. Thank you Anne & Cathy for your help.

**ROSHCA Program****Monday**

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
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Craft	Tissue Paper Flowers
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Outside Activity	Wolf on the Prowl
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**Tuesday**

Afternoon Tea	Wraps & Fruit
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Craft	Money Boxes
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Outside Activity	44 Home
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**Wednesday**

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
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Craft	Bubble Paints
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Outside Activity	Games Afternoon
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**Thursday**

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
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Craft	Whales
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Outside Activity	Shooting
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Competition	
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Cooking	Slice
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**Friday**

Afternoon Tea	Slice & Fruit
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Craft	Leaf Prints
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Outside Activity	Euro Handball
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Also available every day –

Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games,

Colouring-in and Computers.

**Vacation Care Bookings**

Booking are now being taken for the Sept/Oct holidays, between Mon 22/9 – Fri 3/10. Please see Fran or Zoe in the ROSCHA room to make a booking, a \$20 deposit per family is required. All bookings close 17/9/08.

## **Library News – Term 3 Week 9**

**Rev It Up-** Last Monday grades 4-7 were given the opportunity to see ‘Rev It Up’ a musical based on some of the shortlisted books from the Book Week Awards. The presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by those who took the opportunity to see it.

**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.

**Book Repairs** – Please don’t attempt to do book repairs at home because we use a special tape to repair our books.

**End of Term** – As we are getting to the end of this term please make sure your child does not have an overdue library book at home. Reminder notes will be sent home this week.

Library Staff

### **REV IT UP!**

The final activity for book week had many of our Year 4, 5, 6 & 7 students attend a performance called ‘Rev It Up’. The following diary entries written by two of our Year 6 girls described how much the students enjoyed the show.

Dear Diary

Rev it up was the best show I have ever seen. I loved, loved, loved, and loved it. I’m so glad my Mum payed for it. The girl who played Claire had an amazing voice. She should really go on Australian Idol. I loved everything about it, the storyline, the people, everything. I wouldn’t mind if I could watch it again and again and again. The man said he

was in a couple of ads so I’m going to look out for him.

Sally A. 6L

Dear Diary

This show was an extremely, exciting, breathtaking, brilliant show that will certainly fuel your mind into believing in yourself. I loved the whole storyline and the way it makes you think. Their singing was so perfectly pitched and tuned, that if Dicko, Marcia and Kylie were there they would have sent them into the top 24! All I did not like was that people kept calling out. All in all, it was a great experience.

Taylor P. 6L

### **CHAPLAIN’S CORNER**

As we near the end of term I am already planning for next one, and I would like to extend an invitation to any Year 7 boys who would be interested in participating in my ‘Strength’ program. Grab a permission form from me ASAP to join in, though you will need to be quick as places are limited! It is a great opportunity to develop some self-esteem and social skills, and we have some fun while we are at it!

Calling all Year 6 & 7 girls! Amelia, Rochedale South’s School Chaplain will be returning in Term 4 with her self-esteem program, but places are limited. I know how much fun they have had this Term, so if you think you might be interested, there are information/permission forms available from the Chaplain now!

Please note: This Friday is the closing date for registrations for Loop Camp, so if you are interested please grab a registration form this week (from the Chaplain’s Room).

I hope you all have a great week...and see you at the Fete!

### ***ON THE RADAR***

***Shine Girls:*** This week is your last week, so make sure that you don't forget to head to the Chaplain's room straight after you are let out of class on Tuesday afternoon!

### ***Yr 5-7 Loop Camp: Registrations close this Friday!***

Like adventure? Enjoy challenges? Want to hang out with friends (inc. Mr James)...ALL week?

Where? Peregrine, 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:*** 'Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.'

**Mr James  
School Chaplain**

### **P&C NEWS**

**5 days to go to FETE 08!!** Thank you so much to all those who have volunteered their time on fete day, or have already helped out in some way already. As always though, we need more volunteers. Stall convenors need your help!!

**CHOC TOSS AND PICK A CHICK DESPERATELY REQUIRE MORE CHOCOLATE, PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN. CHOCOLATE OF ANY SHAPE OR SIZE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

**RAFFLE!!** Don't forget to return your raffle tickets. Only \$2 a ticket with some really great prizes.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR RIDE BAND PASSES!! CHEAPER NOW THAN FETE DAY.** UNLIMITED RIDES ON FETE DAY. WE HAVE GREAT RIDES COMING AND YOU KNOW THE KIDS ARE GOING TO WANT TO GO ON THEM. EACH RIDE ON THE DAY WILL BE \$5 OR \$6. THE RIDE BAND MAKES A LOT OF SENSE. See the ladies in the office for yours - only \$30.

***Have you noticed the new turf where the temporary tuckshop was?*** We are so very grateful to **ROCHEDALE TURF** their kind donation of all that turf so we aren't in a dust bowl for the Fete. We seriously cannot thank Rochedale Turf enough, so if you ever need turf for your home please see the lovely people at Rochedale Turf. Thank you to Mr Anderson, Peter Ireland and the group of Grade 7 boys for helping lay the turf. Thank you also to Kathy Morrison for organizing it all. The area looks so much better.

### **SWIMMING SQUAD**

I am very pleased to announce the return of Mr Mat (Mat Van Doren) to the position of coach. For those who don't know, Mr Mat was our swim coach for squads a few years ago. He is a wonderfully encouraging and highly qualified coach for children and adults

alike. Come and meet him when squad returns after the holidays.

## **HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT FETE 08!!**

Anne Dee, P&C President. Tel: 0402114544 or 33425253

### **Learn to Swim – Position Vacant**

The P&C are inviting applications for the position of Learn to Swim Teacher for the upcoming swimming season. All applicants must have current Austswim accreditation, Blue Card, CPR and insurance.

Please submit your application, marked:

#### **Learn to Swim**

**Att: Bronwyn King**

either directly to the school office, or mail to PO Box 697, Rochedale South, QLD 4123 by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Bronwyn King

Swimming Co-ordinator 0409 727 557

### **GROCERY WHEEL UPDATE**

This is it! The last week to bring in Groceries. Tomorrow will be the last day we will be collecting and we would like to thank all those students who have donated items for the Grocery Drive.

Last week was big! and I feel tomorrow will be even bigger. It's an "Anything Goes" week. You decide what you'd like to bring in. Cans, packets, soft drink, chocolates what ever you feel like.

Last week 2I & 6L won icy poles for their class effort. This week we will know who has won the Pizza Party, the ice cream cake and the chocolate coated ice blocks.

Let's hope this is the BIGGEST WEEK!!  
Sara & Kim

### **FATHERS DAY STALL**

On behalf of the Rochedale State School P & C Assoc. I would like to thank all

the families who supported the Father's Day Stall and hope the Dads all enjoyed the gift that their child chose for them.

Thank you so much to Jo and Sandra for your help on Thursday and to Sylvia and Amanda for your help on Friday. You guys know how hectic it was and it would not have run as smoothly without your help.

Kath R

### **CRAFT STALL**

I would like to start pricing Craft items tomorrow (Tuesday), starting from 8:45 in the hall. I need as many helpers as I can get so please come along even for an hour – it really does make a difference.

Kath R

### **Book Stall – Fete**

I am still 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 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 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.

## **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](mailto: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)

### **Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed**

If you can spare 2 hours, once a month, helping the people in our community, please phone 3341 9861.

Rochedale/Springwood Meals on Wheels Inc, 19 Nerida Street, Rochedale QLD 4123.