

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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October

- 14 & 15 IBO Visit
- 15 Year 4 Instrumental Music Info Evening
National Ride to Work Day
- 20 Pupil Free Day
- 22-27 Book Fair
- 28 P & C Meeting
- 30 Rhapsody 4 Combined Band Tour
- 31 World Teacher's Day

November

- 4 Melbourne Cup Day
- 7 Interschool Sport Finishes
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 27 Instrumental Music Evening

December

- 2 Year 1 Swimming Carnival
- 3 Year 2 Swimming Carnival
- 4 Year 3 Swimming Carnival
Christmas Carols 6.30pm
- 5 Orientation Rochedale S.H.S.
- 2, 3, 4 Year 7 Activity Week
- 8 Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival
- 9 Year 7 Graduation
- 12 Final Day Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'Do not cut down the tree that gives you shade.'

'Judgements prevent us from seeing the good that lies beyond appearances.'

"Blink, and it's over..."

quipped one Year 7 student this morning when asked, 'How was your holiday?' I guess two weeks passes quite fast when you are having fun. By the sounds of students and staff, the September/October break was a roaring success. Everyone has had a well earned rest before the 10-week spurt towards the finishing line. The lack of rain has created a somewhat parched look, a look we unfortunately have to get used to until summer rains – (coming later this week according to forecasters) - again restore the emerald green fields and well nourished gardens. The jacarandas are in full bloom signalling annual university exams, high school graduations and last, but not least, our own seniors' graduation and rite of passage as we bid them farewell in a couple of months' time. While Christmas Concerts, Graduation, End of year Report Cards recur every year, the 'events' are just as welcomed by participants and spectators. When I look at my desk calendar, I see the Melbourne Cup, Remembrance Day and a host of other happenings around the school, all sprinkled throughout this 10-week term which began today. The water in our pool is warm and inviting, making ideal conditions for our ongoing swimming program between now and Christmas.

An irreplaceable loss

From time to time our school families meet with tragedy. At the time of writing our last newsletter prior to the holidays, we were informed of the possibility of the death of one of our students, Daniel Menrath. Parents will no doubt recall the letter I sent to all families on the following day informing them that Daniel and his parents were involved in a light plane crash where there were no survivors. A funeral service was held for Daniel and his parents during the holidays and a number of staff and school families were able to attend. I would like to thank Mr James (school chaplain), Mrs Conroy and Mrs Calder for being pillars of strength for the children in Daniel's class and their families. As I stated in the letter, students will have varied reactions to the loss of a peer. I would encourage parents to contact the school if they have any particular concerns about your child. I would ask all families to remember Daniel and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

Prep, Prep and more Prep

Today sees Rochedale State School formally offer places to our eager Prep families for 2009. Staff has spent today and will no doubt be on the phones tomorrow contacting individual families to offer one of the 105 Prep places at Rochedale. We look forward to meeting our new students and their families in the coming weeks.

Twelve months on ...

As I listened to the news last night I shuddered when I heard the news stories about several fires that occurred in various homes and business around Brisbane. I recalled that it was only 12 months ago that our school suffered a similar fate with the fire in D Block. As I sit at my desk penning this column, I can glance out of the office window and admire the 'new' D Block.

I have included the newsletter column from last year as a final page to that chapter in our school's history.

Business as usual! said the sign outside Rochedale State School last Friday morning. A somewhat cryptic message if you drove past without casting a roving eye inside the school grounds. Those who did would have seen that our recently refurbished, state-of-the-art D block was gutted by fire. It was around five o'clock on Thursday afternoon that a fire broke out, destroying within minutes the upper part of the building and its valuable contents.

Quick response by the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service prevented the fire from engulfing adjacent buildings. However, water damage to the tuckshop and uniform shop was extensive. Both these facilities will temporarily operate from demountable buildings brought on site.

Likewise, as the bell chimes for first lesson today, we will operate the Year 6/7 classes from classrooms brought onto our site by Q-Build, furnished and equipped to handle the emergency situation caused by Thursday's fire.

It is often said that emergencies bring out the best in people. On hearing of the fire on radio and television news, many of my Staff came to work on Friday morning. Moreover, members of the Rochedale community rallied around with offer of help, as did Education Queensland, who immediately sprang into action, while Q-Build –

with military precision and planning – oversaw the erection of barrier fencing around the affected D block and the speedy erection of alternative teaching facilities.

Will we bounce back? Of course, we will! No lives were lost; bricks and mortar can be replaced. The slogan "Business as usual" has appeared before. It's part of the Aussie spirit. In 1974 it hung over the public bar in the Port Office hotel as it did in the Breakfast Creek Pub as the barmen served the thirsty, waist-deep in water during the infamous Brisbane Floods. Our business at Rochedale is education and that is what's on the menu today and throughout Term 4 to which I welcome everyone back.

And that is the way I see it....

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

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

Mon

20/10 **Pupil-Free Day**

Tues

21/10 **Help Needed Today**

Wed

22/10 Cathy O Tracy S

Thurs

23/10 Anne W Angie L

Fri Interschool Sport

24/10 Kylie P Kath R Amanda G

Mon
27/10 Anne D Amanda R
Tues
28/10 Michelle D
Wed
29/10 Kylie P
Thurs
30/10 Cathy O
Fri Interschool Sport
31/10 Kylie P Georgina F Kylie S
Mon
3/11 **Help Needed Today**
Welcome back everyone! This term will go quick, only 10 weeks.

Bathing Caps

Swimming season has started again. We will be only stocking lycra caps in blue for \$6.50.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Memory Cards
Outside Activity	Volleyball

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea	Wraps & Fruit
Craft	Paper Bag Octopus
Outside Activity	Little Athletics
Cooking	Choc Chip Slice

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea	Choc Chip Slice & Fruit
Craft	Marble Painting
Outside Activity	Fly

Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Clay
Outside Activity	Obstacle Course

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Mural
Outside Activity	Capture the Flag

Also available every day –
Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games,
Colouring-in and Computers.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed themselves immensely over the last two weeks and that you have come back ready for Term 4. I managed to come back in one piece and from what I have seen already, so did the rest of Rochedale State School. I'm sure that Mr. Smith will be pleased.

I went on Loop Camp over the holidays with a couple of Rochedale students and we had one of the best weeks of our lives! We went to the beach and did a scavenger hunt and watched movies and played Singstar and had a really good time. We made lots of new friends too and can hardly wait for the next camp.

Rochedale's Chaplaincy programs are starting up again (see info below) and with the end of the year in sight, I'm sure that Term 4 is going to be over before we know it. I hope I get the chance to spend at least some of it with as many Rochedale students as possible. Make sure that if you see me, you say hello and tell me about your holidays! See you soon.

ON THE RADAR

Shine: The Shine Program starts again next week, so if you are in Year 6 or 7 and you are of the female persuasion, come and grab a permission form. It will run every Tuesday afternoon after school for 7 weeks and I know all the girls who did it last term had an awesome time. Don't miss out!

Strength: The Strength Program also starts up next week and there are still vacancies for Year 7 boys. It will run every Monday afternoon after school for 7 weeks and it is a lot of fun!

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!

Mr James School Chaplain

Thought for the day: "Happiness often comes through doors that you didn't know you had left open."

P&C News

Next meeting, Tuesday, 28th October at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone has had a wonderfully relaxing holiday. This term we have many exciting events with a disco and carols night. And don't forget the Warehouse Shopping Tour (details below), a perfect time to go and get that Christmas shopping done.

Swimming is back and Swim Club will be starting this Friday night, come along and join the fun!!

SWIM SQUAD STARTS TODAY!!

Mr. Mat our coach is back and ready to coach our swimmers. Come join us. Information flyers were sent home last term, but:

Monday to Thursday:

Junior Squad: 3.15pm – 4.05pm, Intermediate Squad: 4.15pm – 5.15pm, Senior Squad: 5.15pm – 6.45pm

Adult Squad (Tuesday and Thursday) 6.45pm-7.45pm.

For more information, please call Bronwyn King (P&C Rep) on 3341 2828

LEARN TO SWIM: Unfortunately at this time we have been unable to find a new Learn to swim teacher, but we are still trying. As soon as this is rectified I will let you know!!

Shopping Warehouse Tour: Come join the fun on Nov 1st. 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

Jet Star Fundraiser – We are now collecting Jet star boarding passes!! If you fly with Jet star 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. Thank you.

Anne Dee, P&C President. Tel: 0402114544

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 17th September.

Bronwyn King

Swimming Co-ordinator 0409 727 557

Rochedale State School Amateur Swimming Club sign on from 6:00pm, on Friday 10th October 2008.

Is your child interested in swimming competitively in a social environment? If so we invite you to join Rochedale State School Amateur Swimming Club. Club nights held each Friday from 6:15pm during the summer school terms. Sign on/registration is on this Friday, October 10th from 6:00pm at the Rochedale State School Activity Building (694 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale). For more information contact Al Dee on 3342 5253 or Louise Brier on 3841 0278.

UNIFORM SHOP

Welcome back to everyone! Our opening hours are on Thursday 2:00 - 3:15pm and on Friday 8:00 - 9:00am.

BACK TO SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

If you will be requiring new uniforms for your child/ren for 2009, you can either purchase uniforms or you can lay-by. Please note the lay-by terms and conditions: - There will be a \$1.00 fee for every transaction and must be finalised on Friday, 5th December.

If you are unable to visit the Uniform Shop on our usual trading hours, you may visit our Website and print out an order form, complete it and submit to the Office. I will then process your order and will advise you of when to pick it or deliver it to you child/ren's class.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you have uniforms that no longer fit your child/ren - you may sell this at the Uniform Shop. Terms and Conditions apply. Just a reminder that we no longer accept white emblem uniforms to sell, only the embroidered ones. Please also note that we can only sell second hand uniforms that had been purchased at the Uniform Shop. Please ensure that all uniforms are washed and in good condition prior to selling. There are no refunds on second hand uniforms. Once all your uniforms are sold, the P&C Treasurer will send you a cheque.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me through the school's email link:- Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au

Thanks Mari-shell S.
Uniform Convenor

For Sale

- Alpha Fluid Hybrid Medium-framed bike – 21 gears. Very good condition - \$200. Phone 0414 425 931

Christian Religious Education (CRE) News
EVER CONSIDERED CRE TEACHING?

**Our School CRE team
will have a few gaps in 2009.**

*We would love to have you join our
team!*

FREE Intro Course on Friday Oct 10

*Learn everything you need to know
to get started in the classroom!*

(Free Comprehensive Training will be available Feb 2009)

FLEXIBLE ½ hour lesson time slots

*Timing of lesson is worked out to suit
the class teacher and the CRE teacher*

(Class teacher always present during CRE lesson)

COMPREHENSIVE Teacher's Manual

*Ecumenical Curriculum with clear instructions,
background notes and different options*

REQUIREMENTS

*Minister's Letter of Recommendation, Blue Card,
½ hour per week to teach and some time to prepare!*

Contact: Robynne Turner for more information

Phone: 3219 9771 or 0408 785 494

Email: camrob@iprimus.com.au