

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
- 16 Auskick Starts 3pm Prep – 3 Only
- 17 Combined Band Concert – Rochedale High
- 20 Pupil Free Day
- 22 Yr 7 Parliament House Excursion
- 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

'Don't ask for fewer problems, ask for more wisdom.'

'Speaking without thinking is like shooting without taking aim.'

All systems go

is a popular phrase used in the launch of space vehicles from the Apollo program to latter day space shuttles. It signifies that 'all things are in place' for the big event. Moving from space exploration to educational frontiers, we will be visited this week on Wednesday and Thursday by two members of the International Baccalaureate accreditation team. Rochedale State School, already at the vanguard of public education in Queensland, will soon adopt the IBL model of educational delivery, putting us on par with leading schools not only in the rest of Australia, but beyond its borders. Ann Beruldsen from St. Leonard's College, Victoria will be accompanied by Mario Gauci, Associate Regional Manager, Asia Pacific, IBO. Our two distinguished visitors will talk to our staff, visit classrooms and prepare our school for the next, important step in our authorisation journey. Far from a rubber stamp authorisation, the IBO logo is a hard earned recognition bestowed only on those educational institutions that measure up to its exacting standards. I feel confident that Mrs. Beruldsen and Mr. Gauci will have a productive visit which in turn will further enthuse Staff and Students towards this desirable evolution in the history of Rochedale State School.

I recall with some amusement

An old British sit-com from the 70's *Are You Being Served*, the classic 70's style humour and double entente. A bit player – if there is such a thing in acting – was Old Mr. Grace, the patriarch of the firm. His repetitive, and may I suggest, endearing term to Staff at Grace Bros. Store was "You've All Done Very Well," before being escorted back into the lift... Well, have I got reason to plagiarise Old Mr. Grace, or what? The National Testing Program NAPLAN, the test our Years 3, 5 and 7 undertook earlier has now been assessed. Our boys and girls at Rochedale State School not only performed above the Queensland State mean, but also exceeded the mean National results! No, I think I need 2!! on this occasion. Bravo, students and staff. The tests are important indicators along the way to success, my friends. Moreover, the impressive results mirror the great results we continue to yield from the Year 2 Net. While I don't look at all like Old Mr. Grace, I hope you forgive me if I exclaim on Assembly next Friday: "You've All Done Very Well!"

After so much good news

I am sad to have to inform some parents that our Prep Year 2009 is full. While unfortunate in the extreme, we have had to turn away a number of parents and their children in order to meet our enrolment capitation for 2009. I trust that parents will find accommodation in other schools for their Prep age children. The popularity of our Prep program has exceeded all expectations and I feel sure those lucky children who commence their educational journey here at Rochedale State School will enter a premium learning environment.

Liam Smith
Principal

CURRICULUM CORNER

Writing is a very important skill for students to develop. But when you stop to think about how you write, you realize how difficult a skill it can be. For children when they are beginning to write there are a lot of things they need to remember. Not only do they need to remember what they are going to write, but also the sounds in the words that are being written down and then how to write that letter.

Different ways that you can assist your child are:

- Encourage your child to be a risk taker and have a go at writing when opportunities arise.
- Let them see you write.
- To write unknown words down, let them see you use a dictionary or strategies to have a go at writing these words down.

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

14/10 Michelle D

Wed

15/10 Kylie P

Thurs

16/10 Amanda C

Fri Interschool Sport - Help Needed

Today

17/10 Richelle H 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**

Tues

4/11 Shirley L

Wed

5/11 Cathy W Sue V

Thurs

6/11 Douglas K Amanda C

Fri Michelle F

7/11 Kylie P Kath R

Thank you Mitchell, Tamika and Ashleigh for your help last week.

Bathing Caps

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

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea	Sandwiches & Fruit
Craft	Fish Kites
Outside Activity	1, 2, 3, Home
Cakes	Cooking

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea	Cakes & Fruit
Craft	Hair Decorations
Outside Activity	Red Light, Green Light

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Masks
Outside Activity	Wulijini

Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Under the Sea Mosaics
Outside Activity	European Handball

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Slime
Outside Activity	Ball Games

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

Library News – Term 4 Week 2

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.

Book Fair - October 22nd until October 27th .

Books will be available for viewing and purchasing from 8.00-8.45 am and 2.50 – 3.30pm. Students will be allowed to view but not purchase the books at big lunch during book fair .Books purchased through Book Fair means that the school library will be able to purchase more books. Also this year, every book purchased will earn a raffle ticket which will go into the draw to win book prizes.

Please note - The school does not handle EFTPOS transactions so purchases must be cash or cheque (payable to Ashton Scholastic).

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Guess what? Today is my one year anniversary as Chaplain of Rochedale State School! It is encouraging to think of what we've been through as a School in that time and I certainly feel privileged to have been a part of it. I am looking forward to my second year as Chaplain as much, if not more so, than I did my first. I also want to thank everyone who helps out in any way, shape or form with any activity associated with the Chaplaincy Program. It certainly couldn't happen without your support. Have a great week!

ON THE RADAR

Shine: The Shine Program starts on Tuesday, and there are still a couple of places left. If you

are in Year 6 or 7 (or the parents) and you are of the female persuasion, come, and if you have a permission form, make sure it comes back to school on Tuesday. Don't miss out!

Strength: Due to low numbers, the Strength Program will be shortened to 5 weeks and will start on October 27th provided there are enough students who want to participate. Grab a permission form from the Chaplain ASAP!

RPC: RPC stands for Rochedale Prayer Crew and it is a 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

IS THIS YOUR CAR?

The safety of our students at Rochedale is very important to us, and one area that is a big worry for us is the drop-off area at 3pm! Too many people ignore common sense, the red lights and the road rules by queuing through the intersection and across the pedestrian crossings. This behaviour puts our students at risk! Please think about the safety of our students (especially **your** children) whenever you drive past our school!



Auskick

Auskick will be starting this week for grades Prep – 3. You should have received a flyer with enrolment information on Friday. Please note that Auskick starts on Thursday, not Friday as it was stated on the form. Students are to bring their enrolment form with them to the oval at 3pm on Thursday.

P&C News

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

SWIM SQUAD IS BACK!! Mr. Mat our coach is back and ready to coach our swimmers. Come join us.

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

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL AMATEUR SWIM CLUB

COME JOIN THE FUN OF OUR HANDICAP RELAY THIS SATURDAY.

Entry forms were sent home last week and are available at the office. You don't need to be a member of swim club to participate. It is a social, fun day. You don't need to be fast, you don't even need to swim!! You can walk the length of the pool, just so long as you can do it at the same speed each time. Consistency is the name of the game. You just need a team of 4 people. We have the canteen open with the BBQ. We have trophies and lucky lane prizes. For more information call Allan Dee on 0420 960 046

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

Scholastic Book Club

Book club catalogues are handed out on a Thursday and we request that **orders only be returned with payment on the following Wednesday to the class teacher.** Please do not return prior to this day as teachers cannot be responsible for keeping money in their classrooms and **Book Club should not be handed into the office.** Please provide correct money and have the child's name and class are at the top of the order form. All cheques made payable to Scholastic Australia. Thank you for your cooperation.

UNIFORM SHOP

Confirmation of your child/ren's enrolment for 2009 should have been received. The Uniform Shop will be opening extended hours to cater for parents who wish to purchase uniforms. Starting this Thursday until 31st October we will open from 2:00 - 3:30pm and Friday we will open from 8:00 - 10:15am.

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

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 new transaction and must be finalised on Friday, 5th December. When ordering please allow for growth spurts during the 6 weeks holiday period.

PREP HATS - SLOUCH GOLD HATS

We are now stocking 55cm hats.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you have uniforms that no longer fit your child/ren - you may sell these 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 Scott
Uniform Convenor

Giveaway

- Adorable 5 month old Corgi x Chihuahua. Beautiful nature, loves kids. First to see will take home. Phone Sharlene 0415 357 766.

Jewels of Beauty – Health & Beauty Course

New course starts up on Friday, 17th October and is open to all Yr 6/7 students. Course details should have been handed to parents during last week. Parents, if you have not received a copy of course details, please obtain one from the School Office. Enrolment forms and Parental Permission forms are also available from the Office.

For enrolments please contact Joyce Park on 0415 835 064 or email me at jjewell57@bigpond.com. Course fees are \$40 + \$20 for products and equipment = \$60. Don't miss out! Its great fun and there is heaps to learn about Beauty! Also you will receive a Certificate of Achievement at completion of the course. See you there!

Christian Religious Education (CRE) News - CRE Teacher vacancies in 2009

We have a couple of 'gaps' in our 2009 CRE program in the Grade 6 and Grade 7 year level and perhaps a gap in the Grade 4/5 year level for a CRE Teacher and definitely a CRE Helper.

If you belong to a local church and have thought about getting involved in your child or grandchild's school why not mix them both and

join our CRE team next year? Requirements include a blue card, a letter of accreditation from your minister, ½ an hour each week to teach and some time to prepare the lesson.

We provide comprehensive teacher manuals, FREE training, a flexible timetable, orientation, help and support. Please contact Robynne Turner, the CRE Co-ordinator for more information on 3219 9771, 0408 785 494 or email camrob@iprimus.com.au.

Parent's Prayer Group

The Parent's Prayer Group is up and running for the term. We meet each Wednesday afternoon **in the ESL room or Chaplain's room** *just near* the area between the Grade Three classrooms, from 2.30pm till 2.45pm.

The Parent's Prayer Group is non-denominational and we would love to welcome anyone who would like to join us on an occasional or regular basis.

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 Grade 3 Classrooms. Prayer Points can be anonymous.

Enquiries, please call
Carolyn 3841 2933 or
Robynne 3219 9771

Priestdale Scout Group Garage Sale

A garage sale will be run by the Priestdale Scout Group on Saturday 18th October from 7am - 1pm. It will be held at Priestgully Park on Priestdale Road (M5 on pg 222 in UBD). There will be lots of toys, clothes, books and much more!