

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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October

- 22 Yr 7 Parliament House Excursion
- 23 Reader's Cup FIVE! Macgregor Primary
- 22-27 Book Fair
- 28 P & C Meeting
- 2I & 2M Lilydale Farm Excursion
- 29 2S & 2W Lilydale Farm Excursion
- 30 Rhapsody 4 Combined Band Tour
- 31 World Teacher's Day

November

- 1 Swimming Club Carnival
- 4 Melbourne Cup Day
- 7 Interschool Sport Finishes
- 8 School Disco
- 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.
- Year 3 Bush Christmas Theatre
- 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

'Procrastination is the thief of time.'

'Continual drips hollow out a stone.'

There is scarcely a day without mention of parliaments – big or small – around the world. Between now and the first Tuesday in November, most eyes will be focused on America and the new leader which will head the most powerful nation over the ensuing four years. On the home front parliaments' composition alter intermittently with elections at various times in all our States and Territories. This is why it is vitally important for our Year 7 students to not only know the democratic process itself but to visit the hallow halls of parliament here in Queensland. Built shortly after the formation of Queensland as a separate Crown Colony in 1859, the building sits proudly in George Street with an impressive outlook over the City Botanical Gardens. The member for our area, Phil Reeves, M.L.A., is hosting our Year 7 students on this occasion, as they learn about the pomp and ceremony of Parliament, the history of the building, the significance of its library and general facilities. Phil Reeves is a keen supporter of our school. Year 7 will be seated in the public gallery and be able to hear and see the day-to-day operation of a busy unicameral house such as that in Queensland. Every child should visit Parliament House at least once. Who knows, such a visit may inspire a career in politics later on down the track.

An influx of new students has been noticed since the beginning of Term 4. We all remember how daunting the prospect was to be the "new kid on the block" be it school, neighbourhood or whichever social interaction area we were introduced to in our youth. 'Children adapt quickly,' say many. This is true. However, it takes time and effort on everyone's part. New students to our classes here at

Rochedale benefit greatly from the tandem approach of assimilation practiced by our teachers and students. Long gone are the days in public education when a child was told “sit over there and be quiet.” At Rochedale the new child gets the opportunity to talk about herself/himself, describe where they come from, where they live now, what their interests are etc. Class peers then make a wonderful effort to include the new student in their activities. No one eats alone at Rochedale; no one plays alone at Rochedale. Human kind is by nature a gregarious lot, something not lost on students and staff at our school. I take the opportunity to welcome the new group of students, most of whom will stay with us for several years and one day graduate with our Year Seven scholars.

“**Mind your manners,**” yelled many mothers in the 1950’s as their little Johnny or Mary rode the bike out the front gate towards the State School down the road. Today the reminder might sound quaint, almost foreign as if belonging to a black and white flick from the 50’s. How wrong! Manners are as important today as they were back then... or even a century before then. Manners are at the heart of a successful society, on the macro level and a successful school on the micro level. Manners, like Mathematics, English and Grammar need to be taught [and taught well]. I am always perplexed to meet the occasional parent who can invest an inordinate amount of time teaching her dog to sit, to beg, to roll over and bark on command, but fails to teach her child to say *Thank You, Good Morning or Good Afternoon*. Thankfully, the rigid dog trainers are in a minority. Indeed, the manners at Rochedale State School are commendable. Yes, I know we are biased, however, when praise comes from outside I am the first to share it. As I mentioned in last week’s column we had two visitors from the Bacchalaureate accreditation team at Rochedale State School. While ‘business’ clearly dominated their visit the guests were afforded an opportunity to mingle with our students and staff. While many topics were noticed, I am pleased to report that the Bacchalaureate couple’s over-arching impression of our school population was that it “exhibited

great manners.” The general tenor of the school ‘at work and play’ exhibited harmonious relations. In other words, they liked what they saw. Remember the old adage... ‘first impressions...’? Perhaps mothers around Rochedale still stand at the door, waving their children off in the morning, repeating “Mind your manners!” because I am pleased to put on paper that the overwhelming majority of our students do.

The Sun’s rays in the Sunshine State are getting stronger as we approach summer. Just as we do not allow Teachers in the play ground without hats, we do not allow students. The harmful rays do untold damage to the students’ skin. We aim to protect students by enforcing our strict “no hat=no play” rule. UV protection cream and sun glasses are necessary on many occasions when children will be outdoors for extended periods. As always, I trust you remember that all measures we take here at Rochedale State School are in the interests of your children.

Date for your diaries: School Disco Saturday 8th November. Junior (Prep – Yr 3): 5:30pm – 7pm. Senior (Yr 4-7): 7:15pm – 9pm.

And that’s the way we see it, mid-way through October...

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.

Wed	22/10	Tracy S		
Thurs	23/10	Cathy O		
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 Melissa T
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 Interschool Sport
7/11 Michelle F Kath R
Kylie P

Mon
10/11 **Help Needed Today**

Tues
11/11 Michelle D

Wed
12/11 Kylie P

Thurs
13/11 Kathy M

Fri
14/11 Kylie P Melissa T Sylvia B

Mon
17/11 Kaye S

Tues
18/11 **Help Needed Today**

Wed
19/11 Tracy S

Thank you Michelle, Kathy, Richelle and Year 7's for your help last week. It was certainly appreciated.

Bathing Caps

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

Foreign Coins

We are receiving a lot of New Zealand \$1 and \$2 coins. Unfortunately the bank will not accept them. Please to do not hand these over at the tuckshop.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea **PUPIL FREE DAY**
Craft
Outside Activity

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea Dip, Crackers & Fruit

Craft Sea Animal Weaving
Outside Activity Stuck in the Mud

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter
Craft Door Signs
Outside Activity Bridge Ball

Thursday

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

Friday

Afternoon Tea Wraps & Fruit
Craft Foam Fridge Magnets
Outside Activity Gymnastics

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

Library News – Term 4 Week 2

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-Our special visitor Geronimo Stilton is unable to make it to our school this week. Ashton Scholastic sends its sincerest apologies. The school does not handle EFTPOS transactions so purchases must be cash or cheque (payable to Ashton Scholastic).

Overdues- As it is getting towards the end of the year we are starting to remind children about their overdue books. Reminder notes have been sent out and unfortunately we have had to send some invoices for very overdue books. Please check with your child to see if their book is on the overdue list.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

It seems that I every time I turn around there is a new student joining our school, and I got to thinking. The secret must be out! Rochedale is the best school in the world! Obviously we all knew that, but others must be figuring it out too. That has to be why there are more and more parents wanting their children to come to school here! So, my word of advice to all the students

at Rochedale is...count yourself as privileged. You go to the best school there is, and you don't have to 'join the queue' to get in. Make it count by appreciating your school, and your teachers too, because a lot of hard work goes into making a school this good!
Have a great week!

ON THE RADAR

Shine: The Shine Program started last week, but there is still room for girls that would like to participate. If you are in Year 6 or 7 (or parents), and you are of the female persuasion, come and grab a permission form from the Chaplain!

Strength: Due to low numbers, the Strength Program will be shortened to 5 weeks and will start on October 27th provided there are enough Year 7 boys 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
School Chaplain**

Thought for the day: 'Kindness is a language, which the blind can see and the deaf can hear.'

IS THIS YOUR CAR? 2 FOR THE PRICE OF 1!
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!



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

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

Christian Religious Education (CRE) News

Considering CRE Teaching in 2009 at Rochedale??

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. We will have a CRE teacher gap in Grade 7 next year.

We are also looking for a 'CRE Helper' for a Grade 5 class. A helper supports the CRE teacher during the lesson, especially during the workbook activities...no weekly preparation involved!!

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

A Parent's Prayer Group meets each Wednesday afternoon **in the ESL room/Chaplain's room** *just near* the area between the Grade Three classrooms from 2.30pm till 2.45pm.

We get together for an informal time of prayer for the school community. All welcome.

Enquiries, please call
Carolyn 3841 2933 or
Robynne 3219 9771

🎁 Advance Notice!! 🎁

At Rochedale State School November is our...
Christmas Hamper 'Food & Gift Drive' month.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to help make Christmas that little bit extra special for families doing it tough in our local area.

Our amazing donations of Christmas food, treats and gifts are organized by our local St Vinnies into 'hampers' and delivered to those in need, just before Christmas. More info in next week's newsletter!

Returning to the workforce?

Ladies, are you thinking of returning to the workforce? Give Geoff a call at Cold Rock on 0427 760 144 he may have the position you're looking for!